



**Human Relations Commission**  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 6:15 P.M.  
Mayor and Council Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
255 W. Alameda Tucson, Arizona



## Legal Action Report

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dalton at 6:15 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

William Hibbs	Mayor
Manuel Guzman, Vice Chair	Ward 1
John Dalton, Chair	Ward 3
Rev. Raven Gaston	Ward 4
Dr. June Webb-Vignery	Ward 5
Jean Steve Mfuranizima	Advisory Member (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)
Tamara Statman	Advisory Member (arrived at 6:17 p.m.)

**Absent:**

Angelica Hibbs	Ward 2
Maddy Urken	Ward 6

**Staff Members Present:**

Andie Ochoa, Secretary	City Clerk's Office
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**Guests Present:**

None

### 2. Approval of Summary Minutes: February 13, 2019

It was moved by Commissioner Rev. Raven Gaston, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners Angelica Hibbs and Maddy Urken, absent), to approve the February 13, 2019 Summary Minutes.

**3. Call to the Audience**

None

**4. Working with the Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador**

Discussion held regarding upcoming art exposition that will take place in April for El Salvadoran artist, Nestor Serrano Pacas. Assistance is still needed on finding location to exhibit art.

It was moved by Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners Angelica Hibbs and Maddy Urken, absent), to officially co-sponsor the art exposition with the Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador.

**5. Testimony to the United States Commission on Civil Rights**

Discussion was held regarding submitting a recommendation statement to Mayor and Council concerning child separation.

No action taken.

**6. Allocation of Human Relations Commission Materials and Possessions**

Chair John Dalton updated commission on materials and possessions HRC had stored. Discussion held on donating materials/possessions to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation for display; Chair John Dalton has been in contact and has had discussion with Katherine Cullition-Gonzalez, Esq., Director of Office of Civil Rights Evaluation and Pamela A. Dunston, Administrative Services Chief.

No action taken.

**7. Discussion Regarding Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues**

Commissioner William Hibbs updated commission on possible meeting dates for GLBT; possible meeting dates would be March 28<sup>th</sup> or April 4<sup>th</sup>.

No action taken.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion**

### **a. Rosa Parks & Ray Davies Scholarship Funds**

Discussion was held, no action taken.

### **b. Strategic Planning**

Discussion was held, no action taken.

### **c. Diversity Report**

No report given.

### **d. Human Rights Standards in Procurement**

No report given.

## **9. Subcommittee Restructuring and Creation**

Discussion was held regarding the potential creation of a GLBT subcommittee, restructuring of the current subcommittees, and possibly creating a subcommittee regarding gender issues.

No action taken.

## **10. Summary of Current Events**

Vice Chair Manuel Guzman reported the following:

Cesar Chavez March & Rally, Saturday, March 30, 2019, 8:30 a.m., starting at Chavez Park and ending at Rudy Garcia Park.

Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery reported the following:

The League of United Latin American Citizen's will be holding their annual Youth Leadership Conference at Pima Community College's West Campus. The conference banquet is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> and will be honoring Mayor Rothschild and Chair of Tohono O'odham Nation.

Chair John Dalton reported on the following:

Met with Katherine Culliton-Gonzalez, Esq., Director, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation and Pamela A. Dunston, Chief, Administrative Services of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on personal trip to Washington D.C., March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, discussed potential involvement with HRC.

Met with Benjamin Manirakiza, First Counselor, with the Embassy of the Republic of Burundi on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, discussed potential involvement with HRC.

Met with Yuki Kadono, Second Secretary, and Kai Abe McGuire, Congressional Coordinator, of Embassy of Japan on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, discussed potential involvement with HRC.

Attended event with the Consular Corps of Arizona, on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Advisory Member Jean Steve Mfuranizima reported the following:

City Wide Prayer Gathering, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., at Reid Park Bandshell, off of Country Club and 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

#### **11. Vacancies & Advisory Positions**

Chair John Dalton gave an update; one advisory position and the GLBT representative are currently vacant.

#### **12. Special Recognition Requests**

Advisory Member Jean Steve Mfuranizima requested the following:

Special recognition to Christ Church United Methodist for their work involving asylum seekers from different countries.

#### **13. Future Agenda Items - Information Only**

- GLBT update
- Subcommittee Restructuring and creation
- Working with Consulate General of El Salvador for art exposition
- Testimony to United States Commission on Civil Rights
- Allocation of materials and possessions of Human Relations Commission
- Welcoming City Immigrant Status (Sanctuary City)

#### **14. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.