



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

June 13, 2022

Zoom Conference

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Roger Muller called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Other members present were Commissioners Krissy Bhanji, Jerry Harvey, Jacob Sutton, Julie Lewis, Fatima Groom, Jeanne Lipman, Regina Holzmeister, Jennifer Nicolae, and Councilwoman Deb Deboutez; ex-officio members Ron Heil and Janet Flaughner were also in attendance; City staff liaison Sam Haas was present.
- II. **Land Acknowledgment Statement:** *We hold this meeting on the traditional lands of the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho peoples, as well as all other tribes that are historically tied to the State of Colorado. We value and respect the history and culture of our native and indigenous peoples, and as a community, we celebrate the legacy of the Elders and those who have been stewards of the land throughout the generations. The HRC is seeking the council of Native communities, to prioritize their voices, and offer a more complete view of the region's past, present, and future.*
- III. **Citizen Input:** There were no guests.
- IV. **Items of Business:**
 - a. Introduction of new HRC Members
 - i. New HRC members Gina Holzmeister and Jennifer Nicolae introduced themselves.
 - ii. Ron Heil and Janet Flaughner will serve as ex-officio members of the HRC until new positions open for them to apply to.
 - b. [Reviewed B&C vacancies.](#)

As vacancies are shared the HRC will work to increase the promotion of opportunities and seek to solicit candidates as appropriate. The HRC can use the provided template and/or customize as needed. The intent is to use personal connections and invitations to help increase the city's applicants and thus participation in boards and commissions.
 - c. Strategic Planning:
 - i. Make informed recommendations to City Council on Human Relations issues:
 1. Build awareness among HRC members about community issues – Ask that HRC members commit to attending a set amount of community meetings. First step is to identify the groups that the HRC should reach out to.
 2. Make sure the HRC is aligned on Council priorities; bring community concerns to Council. Include a standing agenda item to share current Council discussions.



3. Create annual calendar of proclamations and plan to creating 3 videos a year tied to proclamations.
- ii. Evaluate activities of City administration and foster programs:
 1. Seek updates from relevant partners (United Way, etc.) and support their work.
- iii. Conduct education programs that increase goodwill among citizens, help eliminate discrimination and open new opportunities for all citizens in all phases of community life.
 1. Work on partnering with different organizations and do an activity or "Tell Me More" video tied to proclamations.
 2. Do more education on the election and policies that are on the ballot. Find different channels to get to certain populations.

V. Member Updates:

- a. Area Agency for Aging – Narrowed down to four domains and smaller committees. Will hopefully have a plan for the city soon. (Context: City Council approved that AARP have livable communities, so the Area Agency for Aging is working through a plan to get a 3-5-year plan written).
- b. The League of Women Voters will be sponsoring candidate sessions. This will be an opportunity to learn about issues.

VI. Next Meeting Items:

- a. Approval of May minutes
- b. Approval of proclamations calendar
- c. Election of new Chair
- d. Discussion of outreach to local organizations present at FEMA meeting
- e. City Council issues/priorities
- f. Presentation of Speak Up Greeley platform

- VII.** Motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Bhanji. All commissioners present voted in favor. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is on July 11, 2022, at 4:00 pm.


Chair