



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

July 11, 2022

Zoom Conference

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Roger Muller called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. Other members present were Commissioners Krissy Bhanji, Jerry Harvey, Jeanne Lipman, Regina Holzmeister, Jennifer Nicolae, David Reyes, 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. There were no new HRC members to introduce.
 - 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. Approval of May 9 HRC Meeting Minutes
 - i. A motion to approve the May meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Bhanji and seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion was approved unanimously among commissioners present.
 - d. Approval of June 13 Meeting Minutes
 - i. With the small revision of a sentence in Section IV, a motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Lipman. Motion was approved unanimously among commissioners present.
 - e. Approval of Proposed Amendments to Proclamations and New Proclamations Calendar



Background Information: During the summer of 2021, City Council reached out to City Clerk's Office to work with the HRC to draft and approve recommended changes to the proclamation approval process and calendar of proclamations. The calendar lists pre-approved proclamations and streamlines the process. Once approved by the HRC, the proposed policy and calendar will be sent to the City Clerk's Office and the HRC staff liaison will help them shepherd it through for approval by City Council.

- ii. Commission Chair Muller entertained a motion to approve the recommendations for the proclamations process and calendar. The motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Bhanji. Motion was approved unanimously by all commission members present.
- f. Election of new Commission Chair
 - i. Running unopposed, Commissioner Harvey spoke to the direction he would like to see the Commission move toward under his tenure.
 - ii. Current Chair Muller entertained a motion to elect Commissioner Harvey as the new chair of the Human Relations Commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Bhanji and seconded by Commissioner Lipman. The motion was approved unanimously by all commission members present.
- g. Assignment of HRC officers to liaise with local organizations
 - i. HRC members reviewed and added to a list of local organizations focused on human relations topics. HRC members volunteered to reach out to and build relationships with identified organizations.

V. Member Updates:

- a. Area Agency for Aging – The City of Greeley, City of Evans, and Garden City are members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The group has narrowed down to four domains and smaller committees (transportation, housing, socialization and communication). They will develop a 3-5-year plan for the community.
- b. The League of Women Voters is hosting a picnic on July 23 at Sanborn Park. Anyone can register to attend.
- c. District 6 is getting ready to start another school year and is hosting a kick-off event on August 6 at Island Grove.

- VI.** 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 August 8, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

Chair