

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2010

Attendance: Sue Beecher, Neil Chikazawa, Craig Conrad, Tobias Guzmán, Bryndi Peif, and Staff representatives Sharon McCabe, John Pantaleo, and Police Captain Jack Statler

Public: Ed Phillipsen

The large number of HRC vacancies was discussed. Members requested that staff contact new member Robert Flores regarding his non-attendance and give him a deadline to respond or advise that his non-response would be accepted as his resignation from the Commission. Members were requested to conduct personal outreach and ask people to be part of HRC. It was further discussed that the ability for the Commission to take next steps in responding to Council direction will require a full and committed membership.

The Commission discussed options for an individual scheduled but unable to attend this meeting regarding her concern with treatment received at a local establishment. Members provided a number of suggestions and requested that Tobias Guzmán contact this individual to discuss the issue on behalf of the Commission.

Realizing Our Community requested that a representative from the HRC serve on Women of the ROC. Bryndi Peif was appointed to serve in this capacity and will contact Maria Sanchez to obtain additional information.

The Commission requested that staff advise Police Chief Garner that they accepted his offer for a report on police operations and to schedule the presentation for an upcoming meeting.

Membership – Robert Flores has not responded to e-mail or phone calls. Commission members requested that Ms. McCabe send him a letter advising that his

Reach out to people individually and ask people to be part of HRC. To take next step of responding to Council direction, need a full board.

Phillipsen suggested that Images be used as an advertising tool – mission, goals.

Comp Plan – HRC – Community Development has a “how to” formula for developing a five year master plan.

Outreach, commitment, UNC retreat

Craig – what do we need to do to ensure that the HRC mission is carried out in Greeley – his suggestion was that if people feel valued as a person, accepted for who they are, and feel safe to say what they need to say – that is the page the HRC is on and should move forward with this. Tobias expressed that he felt a road map needed to be developed to implement the plan.

Colorado Progressive Coalition survey – HRC should be able to conduct their own less biased survey.

Planning session – several date options were discussed. Tobias suggested that someone he works with at UNC could facilitate this discussion and will communicate with HRC members when a date is set.

Although the individual scheduled to attend this meeting regarding her concern with treatment received at a local establishment did not show up, additional information was provided. The Board had several suggestions to provide to this individual regarding her concerns and requested that Tobias give her a call to discuss the issue.

Maria Sanchez, Realizing Our Community, had requested a representative from the HRC me involved with Women of the ROC. Bryndi agreed to make contact with Maria and serve on this committee as the HRC representative.

A letter from Jerry Garner, Police Chief, offering to provide a report to the Commission regarding Police activities was reviewed with the Commission. Members requested that Ms. McCabe schedule this for an upcoming meeting.