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## **2019 Human Relations Commission Minutes**

### **Regular Meetings**

February 20, 2019

April 17, 2019

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## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – CITY OF CHANDLER

MINUTES of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chandler, Arizona held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, Arizona 85225.

### Commission Members Present

Sharyn Younger	Ozetta Kirby
Shannon Begay	Shen-Yi Michelle Chang
Chris Love	M. Trini Bruniard
John Anguiano	Shahzad Amjad

**Absent:** Victor Hardy  
Kelly Vickrey

**Guests:** None

**Staff Present:** Niki Tapia, Community Resources & Diversity Supervisor  
Priscilla Quintana, Management Assistant  
Commander David Rammer

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mission statement: "To promote mutual respect and inclusion in Chandler".  
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 5, 2018

Commissioner Shen-Yi Michelle Chang made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2018 and Commissioner Ozetta Kirby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

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### 4. ACTION ITEM

None

5. **BRIEFING ITEMS**

A. **Unity Event Reports 2019**

Ms. Tapia shared with the commission that the wrap-up meeting with event partners had recently taken place, but first she was interested in hearing what the commissioners thought of these events.

Chair Younger began by saying that she attended the Klezmer Festival, Klezmer Concert, attended the Film Festival red carpet and movie premier, along with a few movies. Commissioner Younger added that she was excited to see how each year it gets better.

Commissioner Anguiano also attended the Film Festival red carpet, along with other Unity events. He said the premier movie was a good choice.

Commissioner Kirby was impressed with how big the Multicultural Festival was this year and was happy to have attended the movie premier.

Ms. Tapia added the East Valley Jewish Community was pleased with both events and is already thinking about next year's festivities. Ms. Tapia said the partnership with the International Film Festival will continue because of its continued success. Meanwhile, the MLK Candlelight Vigil celebration will most likely be incorporated with the Multicultural Festival, due to the low attendance.

Chair Younger added that this year the Unity walk was once again, well attended.

Ms. Tapia, said that the City of Tempe was approached by "One Community" showing interest in partnering with the all the Unity Walk participants to make this a bigger and better event.

B. **25th Anniversary Multicultural Festival -2020**

Ms. Tapia shared with the commission that 2020 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Multicultural Festival and that the plan is to make it bigger and better than past years. Ms. Tapia added that a request for funds specifically for this celebration has been made. She also said that there is a possibility that PayPal may be a sponsor for this event. Ms. Tapia said that an event this big could cost as much as \$30,000 to run.

Commissioner Amjad asked if the City has approached other large corporations about partnership.

Ms. Tapia shared that she has been working on creating a sign-up link on the City website for potential new partners. Adding that if the commission knows of anyone interested or needing more information about a partnership, she would be happy to meet with them.

Chair Younger suggested sponsorship packets be made for the commission to share with potential partners.

C. HRC Retreat

Ms. Tapia asked HRC, in place of their May 22 meeting, would they be interested in having a retreat at the new museum, located on Price Rd. She said that this would be a good opportunity for HRC to discuss goals, and meet new members. Ms. Tapia said she would ask City Educational Facilitator, Beth Chepelsky to assist with the retreat.

Commissioners agreed that this retreat should take place instead of a regular meeting. They agreed that this is a good time for new commissioners to become acquainted with the commission.

D. Police Updates

Commander Ramer said that the media recently ran a story about an issue that happened about a year ago when someone made a swastika out of paper targeting the Jewish community. Police investigations were done and it was concluded that no other incidents had been found. As a result, of no further incidents and no leads on this the investigation was closed.

Commander Ramer said the library hosted an event where drag queens came out to read to children and members of the community showed up to protest. He said police had to interfere because the protesters were blocking the entrance of the library. After this, the situation was controlled.

E. Diversity Updates

Ms. Tapia said this year, for the first time the City of Chandler Police and Fire Department will be participating in the Pride Parade with the Diversity office. Lastly, in efforts to keep up with all of the Diversity events, staff will send calendar reminders.

6. **MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

7. **CALENDAR**

Feb 21 – State of the City, 6pm, Chandler Center for the Arts

Feb 22 – Chandler Men of Action Banquet, 6pm, Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Feb 24 – Sema Breakfast, 10am, Sema Community Center

Feb 25 – Violins of Hope, 10 am, Chandler Center for the Arts

Feb 25 – Chandler City Council, CEC Recognition, 6pm, Chandler Chamber

Feb 28 – Dispelling the Myths: The Angry “Other”, 6:00-8:00pm, Sema Community Center

March 13 – Anna Frank, 6:00pm, Chandler Center for the Arts

March 16 –Volunteer Fair, 11:00 am- 2:00 pm, Downtown Library Cooper room

April 17 – HRC regular meeting, 6 pm, Neighborhood Resources Office

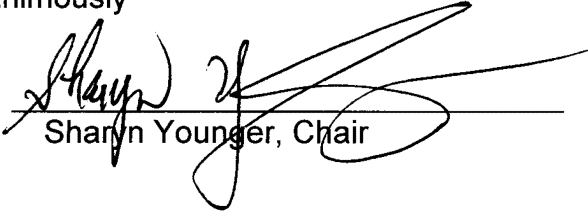
8. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of the Chandler Human Relations Commission adjourned at 7:23 pm. Motioned by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Chang. Motion passed unanimously

By:

  
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Sharyn Younger, Chair

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – CITY OF CHANDLER

MINUTES of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chandler, Arizona held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, Arizona 85225.

### Commission Members Present

Sharyn Younger	Ozetta Kirby
Shannon Begay	M. Trini Decker
John Anguiano	Shahzad Amjad
Victor Hardy	Kelly Vickrey
Jacob Bello	

**Absent:** Shen-Yi Michelle Chang (Unexcused)

**Guests:** CM Sam Huang  
Assistant City Attorney, Breena Meng

**Staff Present:** Breena Meng, Assistant City Attorney  
Niki Tapia, Community Resources & Diversity Supervisor  
Priscilla Quintana, Management Assistant

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mission statement: "To promote mutual respect and inclusion in Chandler".  
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 20, 2019

Commissioner Vickrey made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019 and Commissioner Ozetta Kirby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

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### 4. ACTION ITEM

None

### 5. BRIEFING ITEMS

#### A. Introduction of Assistant City Attorney

Breena Meng recently joined the City of Chandler and will be representing the Fire Department, Neighborhood Resources and Transportations. She said she recently moved here from Colorado where she worked with first responders. She added that while working in Colorado, she worked a couple high profile cases.

B. 2019 Dia De Los Muertos and 2020 Multicultural Festival Sponsorship

Opportunities

Ms. Tapia introduced Gilbert Ochoa and Carmela Ramirez from Creative + Cultural to talk about sponsorship for Dia De Los Muertos and Multicultural Festival.

Mr. Ochoa began his presentations by sharing how their participation in last year's events came to flourish. He said C+C first began working with the Diversity office during the Dia de Los Muertos event. He added the event was funded greatly by Creative + Cultural because they believe residents are interested in community events.

Ms. Ramirez talked more about the sponsorships opportunities available to those interested in becoming sponsors. Ms. Ramirez said the City of Chandler is a fast growing city that can benefit from cultural events held in their own "backyard". She encouraged members to share this information with anyone they may know.

Ms. Tapia asked Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Ochoa what the end goal of sponsorship is and how the subcommittees can help.

Mr. Ochoa said that the total cost of this year's Dia De Los Muertos event will cost \$20k and the 2020 Multicultural Festival is going to cost \$30k. This includes an educational and entertainment program for families to enjoy.

Ms. Ramirez offered for the Creative + Cultural team to assist committee members with approaching potential sponsors and educate them on the benefits of participating.

Councilmember Huang asked how the attendance at the Jazz Festival was so much higher than the Multicultural Festival.

Ms. Ramirez said Multicultural Festival does not have the funds to promote the event like the already established Jazz Festival. The hope is that sponsorship for these events come in to help.

C. HRC Retreat

Ms. Tapia said the Human Relation Commission will host a retreat on May 22 at the Chandler Museum. The retreat will be facilitated by City of Chandler Development Coordinator, Beth Chepelsky. She asked for everyone to make it a point to be attend the retreat adding that the hope is to work on updating the mission statement and goals of the HRC.

D. Police Updates Diversity Updates

Commander Ramer was not in attendance.

F. Diversity Updates

Ms. Tapia briefed the commission on upcoming events such as the Operation Back to School Kick-Off event at the Local restaurant on April 18. She said this event would focus on inviting new sponsorship and to thank past sponsors. Ms. Tapia invited the commission to attend the Sister Cities Spaghetti Social at Congregational Church of the Valley on April 26. She informed the commission that the City of Chandler has an official Census Complete Count Committee that

will focus on educating the community on the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. Lastly, Ms. Tapia said Chandler Unified School District will host their first Equity Symposium June 5 and 6 and she would like to HRC to have a presence at the event.

Ms. Younger mentioned the participation in the Pride Parade adding that for the first time Police and Fire had active participation and the overall number of Chandler participation has grown.

Ms. Kirby said she recently attended an event at Hamilton High School where Kwame Alexander, young adult author, spoke to students about not giving up on your dream.

**6. MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Tapia shared that this would be Ms. Vickrey's last meeting. She thanked Ms. Vickrey for her years of service to the commission.

Ms. Vickrey thanked staff and the commission and expressed how much she enjoyed serving on the commission. She added that even though she will no longer serve on the commission, she is available to help at events.

**7. CALENDAR**

April 18 – Operation Back to School

April 26 – Sister Cities Spaghetti Social, 6pm, Congregational Church of the Valley, 240 S. Cooper Rd.

May 2– East Valley JCC, Yom Hashoam, 12pm, East Valley Jewish Community Center

May 16 – HRC Regional Meeting, 5pm, Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West, 3830 N. Marshall Way

May 16 – Yom Ha'Atzmaut, 5pm, East Valley JCC, 908 N. Alma School Rd.

May 22 – HRC Retreat, Chandler Museum, 5pm 300 S. Chandler Village Dr.,

Aug 21– HRC regular meeting, Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Ave.

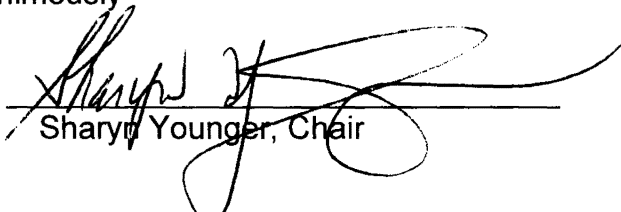
**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Chandler Human Relations Commission adjourned at 6:58 pm. Motioned by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Kirby. Motion passed unanimously

By:

  
Sharyn Younger, Chair



## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – CITY OF CHANDLER

MINUTES of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chandler, Arizona held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Chandler Museum Saguaro Room, 300 S. Chandler Village Dr. Chandler, Arizona 85225.

### **Commission Members Present**

Sharyn Younger	Ozetta Kirby
Shannon Begay	M. Trini Decker
Shahzad Amjad	Victor Hardy
Jacob Bello	Tyler Conway

**Absent:** Shen-Yi Michelle Chang  
John Anguiano

**Guests:** Joseph Curbelo, Chandler Resident

**Staff Present:** Beth Chepelsky, Organizational Development Coordinator  
Niki Tapia, Community Resources & Diversity Supervisor  
Priscilla Quintana, Management Assistant

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mission statement: "To promote mutual respect and inclusion in Chandler".  
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of April 17, 2019

Commissioner Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019 and Commissioner Amjad seconded the motion. The commission approved the minutes of April 17, 2019.

### **3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC**

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### **4. ACTION ITEM**

None

### **5. BRIEFING ITEMS**

A. Introduction of New HRC Members – Tyler Conway and Joseph Curbelo

Commissioner Younger introduced new HRC members Tyler Conway and Joseph Curbelo.

Commissioner Conway said he currently works at Paypal in the Commercial Risk and Underwriting Department and is lead staff in Paypal Pride, an affinity group of the LGBTQ community. Tyler said he has worked with the City of Chandler and Chandler Chamber in the past and is excited to continue to work with both in the future.

Commissioner Curbelo said he is currently a real-estate broker. He served on the Human Services Community for 6 years and is happy to be serving on the HRC.

## **6. RETREAT**

### **A. Welcome and Introduction**

Ms. Tapia gave a brief introduction on the history of the HRC. She shared the commission was originally created in the 70's and sometime between its beginning and 1996, the commission had disbanded. In 1997, City of Chandler residents became upset with the joint operation between local law enforcement officers and Federal authorities that had been accused of arresting individuals based off the color of their skin. This prompted the re-establishment of the HRC in 1997 with now Mayor Hartke as Chair of the commission. The goal of the commission at that time was to re-establish relationships with the community and since that time, has worked diligently with Chandler Departments, The School District and Community groups to re-establish that trust. The commission celebrated 20 years since being re-established, and the HRC has been actively involved in many community events.

### **B. Goals of the Retreat Presented by Chair and Vice-Chair**

Chair Younger shared with the commission that the purpose of the HRC retreat is to discuss the goals, vision, mission and objectives of the HRC. Vice-Chair Decker added that although they attend different events, they don't know each other well, and this retreat could help the commissioners get to know each other better.

### **C. Teambuilding Activities Focused on Purpose**

Beth Chepelsky introduced the first activity. Commissioners introduced themselves before moving to the next activity.

### **D. Review and Revision of Mission Statement**

The commission decided to update the current mission statement to meet the current HRC goals. All of the HRC members came up with a word bank and were tasked with coming up with a new mission statement that the commission would later vote on.

### **E. Discussion Regarding Impactful Events from Each Member's Perspective Tabled for later meeting.**

### **F. Discussion Regarding Possible New Way to Align Members to Projects**

Tabled for later meeting.

G. Develop Next Steps

Tabled for later meeting.

H. Closing

Ms. Tapia asked commissioners to come up with a mission statement and email it to Ms. Quintana by June 13. Ms. Quintana will create a spreadsheet with all of the suggestions and send it to the commission to vote on during the next meeting.

I. Adjourn

**7. CALENDAR**

- A. June 5 & 6 - Chandler Unified School District Summer Equity Symposium, Hamilton High School, 7:30 a.m., 3700 S. Arizona Ave. **(must register)**
- B. June 12- Census Trusted Voices Forum, Boys and Girls Club, 3:00 p.m., 300 E. Chandler Blvd.
- C. June 14 - Juneteenth, Chandler Center for the Arts
- D. July 9-22 -Sister Cities, Tullamore Students, Visiting Various City Locations
- F. July 20 - Operation Back to School , Chandler High School, 6:30 a.m., 350 N. Arizona Ave.
- G. Aug 21 - HRC regular meeting, Neighborhood Resources Office, 6:00 p.m. 235 S. Arizona Ave.

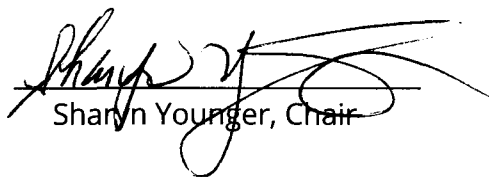
**8. MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Chandler Human Relations Commission adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motioned by Commissioner Conway and seconded by Commissioner Kirby. Motion passed unanimously

By:

  
Sharyn Younger, Chair

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – CITY OF CHANDLER

MINUTES of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chandler, Arizona held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City of Chandler Council Chamber Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

### **Commission Members Present**

M. Trini Decker	John Anguiano
Joseph Curbelo	Shannon Begay
Jacob Bello	Tyler Conaway

**Absent:** Shen-Yi Michelle Chang (Unexcused)  
Sharyn Younger (Excused)  
Ozetta Kirby (Excused)  
Shahzad Amjad (Excused)

**Staff Present:** Beth Chepelsky, Organizational Development Coordinator  
Breena Meng, Assistant City Attorney  
Niki Tapia, Community Resources & Diversity Supervisor  
Priscilla Quintana, Management Assistant

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mission statement: "To promote mutual respect and inclusion in Chandler".  
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of May 22, 2019

Commissioner Conaway made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2019 and Commissioner Anguiano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC**

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### **4. RETREAT CONTINUE FROM MAY 22, 2019**

#### **A. Discussion Regarding Impactful Events from Each Member's Perspective**

HRC members were asked to share some of their most impactful events they have attended as HRC members. The events included: PRIDE parade with police and fire participation, Dia de Los Muertos, Special Event funding, Chandler High monthly Diversity and Inclusion sessions, Multicultural events, SEMA foundation community dinner, International Film Festival, Dr. MLK Jr. Vigil, and Regional HRC meetings.

## **B. Discussion Regarding Possible New Way to Align Members to Projects**

Vice Chair Decker shared with the HRC an idea of creating subcommittees within the HRC to work specifically with different cultural groups. This would allow for HRC to attend more events and later share those results with the rest of HRC in regular meetings.

Ms. Tapia said she would send out a list of different organizations, where HRC members can sign up to be liaisons to those groups and provide support as needed.

Commissioner Conaway asked how the subcommittees would be broken up and what HRC members would attend what events.

Vice Chair Decker said two HRC members would be assigned to organizations.

Ms. Tapia added that if subcommittees are created, commissioners should keep in mind that meeting minutes, agendas, and meeting quorums occur as part of the public meeting process.

## **C. Develop Next Steps**

### **5. ACTION AGENDA**

#### **A. Approval of HRC Mission Statement**

Ms. Tapia, shared with the commission that the mission statement had not been updated since 1999 and although the core mission is the same with new commissioners it would be nice to update it. HRC members received a printout that included the mission statement ideas submitted at the April retreat. They were asked to read each one and vote on their top three choices.

The votes were tallied up and as the top result of the commissioners votes was option *D-To elevate and celebrate the diverse population of Chandler through ongoing engagement in multicultural, educational, inclusive programs so that everyone in the community is valued and has the opportunity to thrive.*

Commissioners discussed the selected mission statement and decided to make minor changes to the mission statement selected. Commissioner Bello expressed concern that leaving the word programs may create questions from the community asking what type of programs are offered by HRC. Vice Chair Decker asked if changing the word from programs to efforts would sound better. Commissioner Conaway suggested the mission statement not be written in past tense as a standalone mission statement. Changing it to begin with elevating and celebrating as opposed to elevate and celebrate.

Commissioner Anguiano motioned to approve:

*Elevating and celebrating the diverse population of Chandler through ongoing engagement in multicultural, educational and inclusive efforts so that everyone is valued and has the opportunity to thrive.*

As the Human Relations Commission Mission Statement and seconded by Commissioner Conaway. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **BRIEFING**

7. **MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

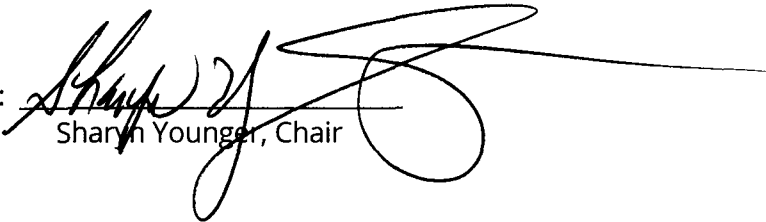
8. **CALENDAR**

- A. For Our City Breakfast, August 29, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at Crossroads Nazarene Church
- B. Nuestras Voces Youth Mariachi Showcase, October 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Chandler Center for the Arts
- C. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mariachi & Folklorico Festival, October 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Chandler Center for the Arts
- D. HRC regular meeting, October 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. City of Chandler Council Chambers, Conference Room
- E. For Our City Day, October 26, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at Chandler Manor Neighborhood on Alma School and Knox

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The regular meeting of the Chandler Human Relations Commission adjourned at 6:56 pm. Motioned by Commissioner Anguiano and seconded by Commissioner Begay. Motion passed unanimously

By:

  
Sharyn Younger, Chair

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – CITY OF CHANDLER

MINUTES of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chandler, Arizona held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City of Chandler Council Chamber Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

### **Commission Members Present**

M. Trini Decker	John Anguiano
Joseph Curbelo	Tyler Conaway
Jacob Bell	Shahzad Amjad
Shen-Yi Michelle Chang	Ozetta Kirby
Sharyn Younger	

**Guests:** Mayor Kevin Hartke

**Absent:** Shannon Begay

**Staff Present:** Beth Chepelsky, Organizational Development Coordinator  
Breena Meng, Assistant City Attorney  
Niki Tapia, Community Resources & Diversity Supervisor  
Priscilla Quintana, Management Assistant

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mission statement: Elevating and celebrating the diverse population of Chandler through ongoing engagement in multicultural, educational and inclusive efforts so that everyone is valued and has the opportunity to thrive.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of August 21, 2019

Commissioner Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2019 and Commissioner Jacob Bello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC**

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### **4. ACTION AGENDA**

None

### **5. BRIEFING ITEMS**

#### **A. Mayor Hartke Remarks**

Chair Younger introduced Mayor Hartke and asked him to share some remarks with

the commission.

Mayor Hartke thanked the commission for their time and talent as they serve on the Human Relations Commission. He shared that he would be attending other board and commission meetings and sharing a similar message with the others.

Mayor Hartke shared his history as it pertained to HRC adding that this commission was particularly dear to his heart because he served and Chaired the first HRC. This during the time the City of Chandler was going through some difficult times. He added that during his time serving on the HRC, the commission was of great support to the Multicultural Festival, by working closely with the library in making it stronger.

Mayor Hartke handed out a copy of the 2019-2024 Strategic Framework and highlighted the focus areas noted in the presentation; Infill and Redevelopment, Innovation and Technology, Mobility, Neighborhoods, and Quality of Life. He then ended by inviting the commissioners to attend the next State of the City where he will be thanking all of the City of Chandler Boards and Commission members for their time and commitment.

Chair Younger asked Mayor Hartke, if there was anything in particular that the commission should be paying attention to.

Mayor Hartke said the commission does a good job celebrating the uniqueness and culture in Chandler and supporting the Multicultural Festival therefore, he doesn't have a specific task for the commission.

Commissioner Kirby asked what Mayor Hartke would tell residents that are concerned about the lack of low-income housing.

Mayor Hartke said the City recently completed a Needs Assessment where many shared the same concern. He added that the City of Chandler is working closely with local organizations to collaborate on projects that can bring affordable housing to Chandler as well as seeking opportunities to update existing Public Housing. He added that by opening the new extension to the freeway, it will allow for people to commute from areas that have more affordable housing. Adding that he understands this is not a solution but it could help some. He ended by saying that, as part of his personal commitment to the City, he welcomes opportunities for new jobs in the City.

Vice Chair Decker said she liked the presentation but was wondering why education was not highlighted.

Mayor Hartke said that although the City of Chandler works closely with Chandler Unified School, the City has no direct jurisdiction over CUSD and the decisions they make and will do the best to address any concerns.

## **B. Dia De Los Muertos**

Ms. Tapia said the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Dia De Los Muertos Celebration will be held



November 1, 2019, and encourage everyone to attend and share event flyers with everyone. Ms. Tapia shared the press release along with the entertainment lineup. She said this is the first year adult beverages will be available to purchase if desired. Ms. Tapia also asked commissioners to volunteer to work the HRC booth adding this is a great opportunity to talk to the community.

#### **C. Celebration of Unity 2020 Event Updates**

Ms. Tapia shared that the Celebration of Unity events kick-off with the Creative Expression Competition for all Chandler students followed by the East Valley Jewish Community Center event, January 9, 2020 at Chandler Center for the Arts, followed by the International Film Festival and the 25<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Festival. Ms. Tapia added that this year adult beverages would be available for purchase. Another new addition to this event, is we will be having access to the Chandler Community center for additional performance and vendors. She ended by asking the commission to share sponsorship opportunities

#### **D. Police Updates**

Commander Travis Feyen said he would be attending HRC meetings in place of Commander Ramer who was recently promoted. He then briefed the commission by stating he was happy to report that no hate crimes had been reported in 2018 or 2019. He invited the commission to ask questions if they had any.

Chair Younger asked if the recent incident involving a hit and run was any reason to believe it was hate related.

Commander Feyen said no and updated the commission on the latest details related to the incident.

#### **E. Diversity Updates**

Ms. Tapia briefed the HRC on the decision made by the Diversity office to sponsor the first Chandler Young Professionals event. She said the City of Chandler median age group is 37 and these individuals are in need of professional outlets and a place to network with other young professionals. She added that the diversity office was excited to be a part of this. Ms. Tapia then shared that the City of Chandler is promoting the upcoming 2020 census, adding that for the first time, census surveys will be completed online. She also said the City's biggest focus was the undercounted population and working with "trusted voices" to encourage everyone to participate. Adding that HRC is considered a trusted voice and should encourage everyone to participate in the census.

Chair Younger shared a list of the Diversity Advisory Groups with the commission and asked the commissioners to select the group they would like to serve as a liaison to. This would allow for HRC to interact and learn more about each group and let them know the commission is available for them to talk to when they have questions or concerns.

The commission then selected the group they would be working with. (see attachment)

**6. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

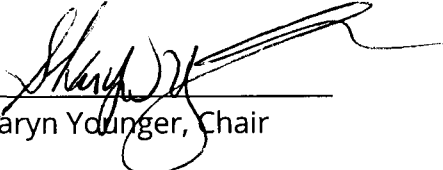
**7. CALENDAR**

- A. Multicultural Festival Planning, October 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Neighborhood Resources Conference room
- B. Baha'i Celebrating the Bicentenary of the birth of the BAB, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at SoHo63 Dia de Los Muertos, November 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chandler Downtown Stage
- D. East Valley Jewish Community Center Speaker Series, October 31, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at East Valley JCC
- E. Dia de Los Muertos, November 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Chandler Downtown Stage
- F. Southwest Sister Cities Tea, November 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cotton Room at Tumbleweed Recreation Center
- G. Mayor on the Move, November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary School
- H. Elie Wiesel & Primo Levi, November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Chandler Center For the Arts
- I. HRC regular meeting, December 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. City of Chandler Neighborhood Resources, Conference Room

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The regular meeting of the Chandler Human Relations Commission adjourned at 7:01 pm. Motioned by Commissioner Chang and seconded by Commissioner Kirby. Motion passed unanimously

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sharyn Younger, Chair