



2020 Human Relations Commission Minutes

Regular Meetings

February 19, 2020

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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 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m., City of Chandler Council Chamber Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Commission Members Present

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| M. Trini Decker | John Anguiano |
| Joseph Curbelo | Tyler Conaway |
| Jacob Bello | Shahzad Amjad |
| Shannon Begay | Ozetta Kirby |
| Sharyn Younger | |

Absent: Shen-Yi Michelle Chang (Unexcused)

Staff Present: 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

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Commissioner Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2019 and Commissioner Amjad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

(Members of the audience may address any items on the agenda. State statute prohibits the Human Relations Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Human Relations Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow-up on any questions you raise.)

4. ACTION AGENDA

a. Approval of the 2020 HRC Meeting Dates

Chair Younger presented the 2020 HRC meeting date calendar to the commission. Ms. Tapia explained why there were only six meeting dates, adding that the months no meetings are scheduled are because there are community events that are taking place and HRC should attend.

Chair Younger asked for a motion to approve the 2020 HRC meeting date calendar. Motion made by Commissioner Conaway and seconded by Commissioner Kirby.

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 25th 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

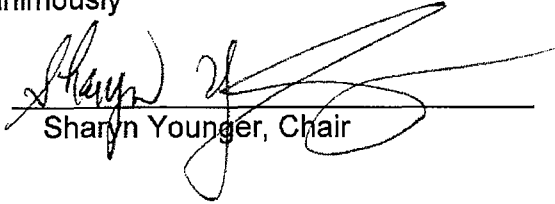
8. INFORMATION ITEMS

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:



Sharyn Younger, Chair