

Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013

Commissioners Present: Cruz Mendoza, Rebecca Domagala, Charisa Homan, John Phung, Michele Naar-Obed, J Scot Bol.

City Staff: Bob Grytdahl

Guest: Jade Seallye

Excused Absences: Heather Yun, Margie Nelson, Cynthia Strange, Sheryl Boman Schneider, Robert Kaner

Unexcused: Scott Yeazole, Em Westerlund

Secretary not in attendance. Notes kept by J. Scot Bol and Charisa Homan and typed by Charisa Homan

1. The meeting was called to order by Michele Naar-Obed, Vice Chair.
2. Discussion on how the by laws were amended last year with regard to arrival of new members and voting in new officers. By-laws to be found on city website.
3. There were not enough commissioners present for a quorum. We decided to have a discussion meeting, although it was understood that there would be no voting and everything would be tabled until next month.

4. Listening Sessions

Discussion on possible partnering with the American Indian Commission, possibly the second week in April to schedule first session. Possibility of video taping sessions. We discussed working with the momentum of the Un-Fair Campaign.

The initial discussion was that of inviting community members to attend listening sessions where community members would voice their needs and concerns. It then turned to attending already scheduled community meetings as guests and focus on strategic planning. Marketing would be a big deal if we were to schedule meetings and invite community centers.

5. Think Kids

Identify groups working or wanting to work on issues of education and race and also individuals who believe in this concept and encourage them to run for School Board. Concern about conflict of interest when the idea of working on school board elections was brought to the table.

Inquire to universities as to how teachers are being educated with regard to these issues.

6. Communication among Commissioners – Events are not being shared with each other. Email communication has dwindled. Human Rights Commission Facebook page. We have

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one! Charisa will look at the page and determine how to “join” the page and share with other commissioners so that we have a central location to post events. Scott Yeazle is the page administrator – contact him.

7. Bob Grytdahl – Institutional racism awareness and strategic planning is important for us to accomplish anything.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charisa Homan

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