

**Human Rights Commission  
Business Meeting  
Minutes**

**November 16, 2017**

**Commissioners Present:** Lorenzo Cervantes, Kelsey Fischer, Brad Bates, Jen Haggard, Rebecca Stith, Maria Villalpando Ramos, Hermenia Jackson

**Commissioners Absent:** Joseph Kloby

**City Staff Present:** Andreta Armstrong, ChiQuata Elder

**Commissioner Stith called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.**

**Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.**

**Agenda Approval**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the HRC Business Meeting Agenda of November 16, 2017.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the corrections to HRC Study Session and Business Meeting minutes for August 17, 2017.
- A motion was made, seconded, carried to table corrections of the September 21, 2017 till December meeting. Staff member ChiQuata Elder was given a sheet with corrections for the tabled September Study Session and Business Meeting minutes.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to make the following corrections to the October 19, 2017 minutes: Commissioner Fisher was present and Commissioner Villalpando Ramos was absent at the Study Session and the Business Meeting.

**New HRC Business**

- Commissioner Bates presented information on written proposed 2018 Work Topic: Charitable Medical Care: Disparate Access Based on National Origin (& Language).
- Commissioner Bates presented information on written proposed 2018 Work Topic: Homelessness
- Commissioner Stith presented information on written proposed 2018 Work Topic- Amending 1.29 to add categories of immigration status, citizenship, and primary language
- Commissioner Haggard presented information on oral proposed 2018 Work Topic: Racial Equity initiative with an initial focus on public education
- A vote was taken to choose three Work Topics for 2018, and the top three Work topics chosen as follows: Charity Care, Racial Equity, and Amending 1.29 (tie vote between latter two).

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried for the 2018 Work Topics to be Charity Care, Racial Equity, and Amending 1.29 with Homelessness as a backup.
- A motion to appoint a task force for each topic was not passed. After discussion the Commissioners decided to wait till the next Business Meeting to appoint task forces and chairs when new Commissioners are on board.
- Task Force for New Commissioners Bootcamp was formed with Commissioner Bates as Chair and Commissioner Cervantes as Assistant Chair. The Task Force will report out at the December meeting.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Commissioner Stith is Chair, Commissioner Bates is 1st Vice Chair, and Commissioner Haggard is 2nd Vice Chair

### **Chair's Report**

- None

### **Commissioner's Report**

- None

### **Staff Report** (*Andreta Armstrong*)

- Case closures – Employment and Public Accommodation
  - HRC 482 – Green v. Pinnacle Property Management (Settlement Agreement, No action needed)
  - HRC 4786 – Wilson v. Tacoma Public Schools (Withdrawal with Private Settlement)
  - HRC 4811 – Greene v. Pallett Services, Inc. (Pre-Finding Settlement)
- Case closures – Housing
  - Young v. Mark Twain- Disabilities- Service animal charged as pet. No verification pet fee paid. Settlement \$175 and to move.
- Commissioners asked about the revised RACK (outreach) cards and when it will be available. Andrea stated that they are not yet completed. Commissioners also want to know if they will be available in other languages such as Spanish.
- Commissioners want to be reminded of City issues such as proclamations and other actions, meetings, and events concerning the Commission or human rights so that they can attend.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### **Action Items**

Officers were elected and 2018 work topics were chosen.