

Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes

August 21, 2014

Chair Schuneman called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Olgy Diaz, Nicci Montgomery, Richard McGrue III, Darion N. Reese, April Sanders, Fred Schuneman, Lucas Smiraldo, Larry Strege, Christopher Winters, Christina Zinkgraf

Commissioners Absent: Vazaskia Caldwell, Alice Currie, John Wallace

Staff Present: Marya Gingrey, William Yi

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Agenda Approval

Chair Schuneman called for a motion to amend the HRC Business Meeting Agenda of August 21, 2014. A motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the agenda to include "Healthy Tacoma" and "Ferguson, Missouri" under New Business.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the HRC meeting minutes for July 17, 2014.

New HRC Business

- Selection of 3rd Quarter Human Rights Champion Award Recipient
 - A motion was made, seconded and carried to hold the 3rd Quarter Human Rights Champion Award.
- Healthy Tacoma
 - A motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize Chair Schuneman, Commissioner Smiraldo and Commissioner Diaz, with Manager Gingrey's assistance - on the HRC's behalf - to draft a letter addressed to the City Council on the HRC's behalf by September 5. In accordance with Tacoma Municipal Code 1.29.020(5), the HRC recommends that the City Council invite Healthy Tacoma to a City Council Study Session to hear the same information that was presented at the August 21, 2014 HRC Study Session and engage in active discussion. The HRC further requests that the City Council direct staff to conduct research, including engaging with community and business stakeholders, regarding the feasibility of implementing the recommendations submitted by Healthy Tacoma.
- Ferguson, Missouri
 - A motion was made, seconded and carried to draft a boilerplate letter that will address alleged human rights violations by a public agency against the

citizens that it represents in light of potential fallout from either the remote activities or the ones that take place in the City of Tacoma by September 11. The boilerplate letter would be the standard response of the HRC, protecting Tacoma community members and advising City Council in accordance with Tacoma Municipal Code 1.29. The HRC would do research – pending the outcomes of the allegations – that would populate this letter. This letter will allow the HRC timely action once an investigation is undertaken and the facts come out.

Chair's Report

- No report.

Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner Smiraldo talked about the Laureate Listening Project.
- Commissioner Montgomery's final open mic this year is going to be at B Sharp Café on Friday, August 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM.
- Commissioner Winters talked about community engagement.

Staff Report

Marya Gingrey

- The current NCS Interim Director is Nadia Chandler Hardy.
- Marya Gingrey, referring to the Report of Case Closures, stated that during this period, we closed one case as a No Reasonable Cause Finding:
 - HRC 4697 – Sanders v. Harborview Manor ABHOW, et. al.
- There was also one Administrative closure:
 - HRC 4704 – Mister v. Highland Crest Investments, et. al.
- The 10th Annual Health Awareness Conference will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the STAR Center.

Director's Report

- No report.

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Action Items: