



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, March 14, 2022**

**Scottsdale Fire Station 602 Community Room  
7522 E Indian School Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**PRESENT:** Emily Hinchman, Chair  
Janice Shimokubo, Vice Chair  
James Eaneman  
Marty Day  
Hannellie Mendoza  
Stuart Rhoden  
Lawdan Shojaee

**STAFF:** Jackie Johnson  
Kelly Corsette  
Brent Stockwell

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Hinchman called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**1. Approval of minutes from the February 14, 2022 meeting**

COMMISSIONER EANEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 14, 2022 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER DAY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR HINCHMAN, VICE-CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, COMMISSIONERS DAY, EANEMAN, MENDOZA, RHODEN, AND SHOJAEV VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**2. Presentation and discussion and possible recommendations regarding the Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders Organization**

Jason C. Wong, Chairman of the Board, Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders, gave a presentation outlining the purpose and goals of the Asian Corporate and Entrepreneur Leaders Organization, which originated in 2006. The organization focuses on professional leadership development, community engagement, and mentoring with the goal of helping Asian American professionals engage in the community and develop a sense of community activism at a leadership level. The Arizona branch currently has approximately 300 members, which includes collegiate chapters at Arizona State University, University of Arizona, and Grand Canyon University.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Wong said that there was no response from the Governor's office to the letter he wrote last year regarding anti-Asian hate in Arizona. He noted that the organization is engaging in ongoing education and has support at the state and federal levels.

**3. Presentation, discussion and possible recommendations regarding the Human Relations Commission's 2022 Strategic Initiatives**

- a. Goals, recommended tactics, and timeline for priority initiatives:
  - i. Continue Community Town Halls

Commissioner Rhoden said that he hopes to have a Town Hall event in early June, focusing on the topic of LGBTQ. He suggested that although it will be summer time, high school students be invited to participate in hopes that they will know that there is also a standing invitation for the fall event.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling of the June Town Hall, attracting a more diverse audience, and determining how many Town Halls should be held each year. It was agreed that a follow up, "post mortem," of this and all previous events would be beneficial in determining what is working and how to move forward in pursuing town Halls in the future.

A PowerPoint presentation, highlighting follow up analysis of all past Town Halls and the MLK event will be agendaized for the next meeting.

ii. Other updates

Commissioner Eaneman said that he recently met with Mr. Corsette and Ms. Johnson regarding internal communications. He anticipates that Mr. Corsette and Ms. Johnson will have an internal communications plan outlined within the next four to six weeks. He noted that communication to the news media, focusing on the ADO, is in its fourth iteration and is expected to be ready for review by the end of the week. A presentation focused on community groups is in its third iteration and should be completed within the next ten days.

Ms. Johnson said that public information staff is currently working on a press release regarding the anniversary of the ADO.

**4. Updates, discussion and possible recommendations regarding recent and upcoming diversity and inclusion-related activities and incidents impacting the City of Scottsdale**

Ms. Johnson gave a brief update on the upcoming Juneteenth celebration, which will be held at Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts. She noted that the group who organizes the event in partnership with the City has changed its name from “Generation Black” to “Change the Lead”. The groups focus is now on education opportunities for youth. She anticipates that the City will need to provide more support than in past years. A meeting is scheduled to discuss specific needs and where the group is currently in their planning efforts.

**5. Identification of Future Agenda Items**

Upcoming meetings will include:

- Town Hall follow up
- Juneteenth follow up
- Marketing and Communications update

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022.

**6. Adjournment**

COMMISSIONER EANEMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER RHODEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR HINCHMAN, VICE-CHAIR SHIMOKUBO, COMMISSIONERS DAY, EANEMAN, MENDOZA, RHODEN, AND SHOJAE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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