



SUMMARIZED MINUTES

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2016

Civic Center Library
3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

- PRESENT:** James Campbell, Chair
Ragan Grossman, Vice Chair
Laurie Coe, Commissioner (telephonic)
Daria Lohman, Commissioner
Andrew Song, Commissioner
Joseph Ettinger, Commissioner
- ABSENT:** Ricoh Danielson, Commissioner
- STAFF:** Sharon Cini
- GUESTS:** Florita Campbell

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes from the May 16, 2016 meeting

COMMISSIONER SONG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 16, 2016 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER LOHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER DANIELSON WAS ABSENT.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Presentation, discussion and recommendations to staff liaison to propose possible amendments to Human Relations Commission bylaws at August 8, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Cini distributed a copy of the Human Relations Commission bylaws, highlighting section 106, G, and the recommended amendment, which would bring the bylaws in alignment with the City Code, requiring that any committee of any board or commission shall not create a subcommittee unless authorized by City Council.

It was the consensus of the Commission to agendaize an action item to amend Section 106 of the Human Relations Commission bylaws during the August 8, 2016 meeting.

4. Presentation, discussion and recommendation to staff liaison regarding proposal for sponsorship from Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leadership (ACEL) conference on July 8-10, 2016

Ms. Cini reviewed the proposal from Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leadership (ACEL) for city representatives to attend a conference from July 8th through the 10th. The proposal includes a request for sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000, which would give the City of Scottsdale community partner status, recognition on all social media, City logo on their website and in the conference program, a mention during the conference, an information booth for the duration of the conference, and five full access passes for the duration of the conference.

COMMISSIONER SONG MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR SPONSORSHIP FROM ACEL. COMMISSIONER ETTINGER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER DANIELSON WAS ABSENT.

5. Presentation, discussion and recommendation to staff liaison regarding a plan of action for Commissioner annual activities

- Veterans

Commissioner Ettinger requested that the discussion be tabled.

- Bullying

Commissioner Lohman reported on the meeting with the Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) director for student support services. SUSD has a diversity plan and it would be beneficial for the group to see the matrix and implementation plan. Commissioner Song noted that he and Commissioner Lohman would like to suggest to Mayor Lane that the City adopt a diversity and bullying proclamation.

Brief discussion ensued regarding working with SUSD and the possibility of adopting a proclamation.

COMMISSIONER SONG MOVED TO DIRECT COMMISSIONER LOHMAN AND

HIMSELF (COMMISSIONER SONG), WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MS. CINI, TO DRAFT A DIVERSITY ANTI BULLYING PROCLAMATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION AT A LATER DATE. VICE-CHAIR GROSSMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER DANIELSON WAS ABSENT.

- Native Americans

Commissioner Ettinger said that from a historical standpoint Pocahontas celebrated diversity and he suggested that offering education on her practices would be a good focus for the topic of Native Americans.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of finding a topic that would be inclusive of the City of Scottsdale's neighboring Native American communities and current diversity efforts. Commissioner Coe indicated that she would like to have a meeting with Commissioner Ettinger to discuss relevant options.

- LGBT

Vice-Chair Grossman reviewed the plans for the SMOCA One Year of Love Event, celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality. The event is free and is scheduled for June 26th starting at 11:00 a.m. There will be three presenters and a 20-minute Q&A panel discussion. The event will focus on Mel Roman's *Coming Out Under Fire* exhibit. She asked for Commissioners to volunteer to work during the event.

Commissioner Lohman stressed the importance of LGBT events to the Scottsdale Community.

Ms. Cini noted that in light of the recent terror event, there will be increased security. The Diversity Office is co-sponsoring the event.

- Interfaith

Chair Campbell had no report.

6. Staff updates regarding recent and upcoming diversity events and activities

Ms. Cini said that she attended the Haitian Flag Day event. The City of Scottsdale was mentioned as a supporter during the event. The Diversity Office will keep in contact with them in the coming months.

Ms. Cini reported on the meeting about the Pat Tillman Veteran's Center, noting that City involvement in a mentoring project has been discussed as a possible long-term goal.

7. Report from the Chair

Chair Campbell said that he will be chairing the Philippine Independence Day Celebration scheduled for June 19th. Admission is free and all are encouraged to attend.

He attended the City of Scottsdale workforce diversity event, Asian-Pacific American Heritage celebration. Ms. Cini thanked Chair and Mrs. Campbell for referring a cultural performing artist and educator for the event.

8. Commissioner Items, including diversity activities attended

Commissioner Lohman attended a candlelight vigil at the Pride Center in Phoenix in commemoration of the recent terror attack in Orlando, Florida.

She suggested having a discussion of an event directed at bringing awareness and educating the citizens of Scottsdale about transgender issues, including the transition process and social transition for children and adults. Educators and other relevant community members could be offered incentives to attend.

Discussion ensued regarding the idea of a LGBT event focused on the topic of Transgender. Vice-Chair Grossman expressed interest in holding events in a format other than a panel discussion Civil Dialogue. Ms. Cini noted that the soonest an event could be planned would likely be in spring 2017.

Further discussion about a possible Transgender education event will be agendaized for the August meeting.

Commissioner Song said he looks forward to continuing to work with SUSD on the issue of diversity and bullying concerns. He also provided updates on his community involvement by being a judge as part of a pageant held June 11th.

Commissioner Ettinger acknowledged the significance of the passing of Muhammad Ali and offered condolences to the Orlando terror attack victims' families.

9. Discussion regarding the draft agenda for the next meeting, and dates, times and topics for upcoming meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz