

MINUTES

**REGIONAL HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
EXCHANGE
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008
Human Resources
Pinnacle Training Room
7575 E. Main Street
Scottsdale, Arizona**



PRESENT: Enid Seiden, Chair, Scottsdale
Jeff Jameson, Scottsdale
Kuros Lame, Scottsdale
Linda Simmons, Scottsdale
Tracy Buelna, Chandler
Patricia Krueger, Gilbert
Diane D'Angelo, Phoenix
Ken Jhori, Phoenix
Janey Pearl, Phoenix
Steve Perez, Phoenix
Ted Wilson, Phoenix
Colleen Byron, Tempe
Joe Mann, Tempe
Linda Ritland, Tempe
Fentress Truxon, Tempe
Janis Webb, Tempe
Patricia Young, Tempe

ABSENT: Richard Woerth, Commissioner
Carol Padwe, Commissioner

LIAISONS PRESENT: Linda Walton, Scottsdale
Reginald Ragland, Phoenix
Leah Powell, Chandler

**OTHERS
PRESENT:** Mary Manross, Scottsdale Mayor
David Ellison, Scottsdale Assistant City Manager
Harry Garewal, Hispanic Chamber
Mrs. Harry Garewal

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Valley-Wide Human Relations Committee was called to order by Chair Seiden at 6:05 pm.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Seiden invited all present to introduce themselves.

3. **WELCOME**

Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross welcomed the Commissioners to Scottsdale on behalf of the City Council and expressed her appreciation for their work.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

5. **PRESENTATION, "The Positive Impact of Hispanics in the Valley over the past 100 years"**

Mr. Harry Garewal, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, presented highlights of the Hispanic culture in the Valley, both historically and currently.

6. **"STATE OF THE VALLEY"**

Patricia Krueger reported that in Gilbert the Arts Commission had merged with the Human Relations Commission and is now called the Culture and Arts Commission.

7. **Unity Walk Update**

Leah Powell noted that Tempe will be hosting the Regional Unity Walk for 2009. All of the Valley Commissions are encouraged to have a representative on the planning committee. The location under consideration is the park near Tempe City Hall and the tentative date is February 28, 2009.

8. **REPORTS FROM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONS**

Commissioner Simmons of the Scottsdale HRC reported that two new commissioners were appointed, Jeff Jameson and Kuros Lame. She further shared about the Cross Cultural Communication Series and some of the negative citizen feedback received on one of the programs "Islam and Muslims: Seeing the Similarities, Understanding the Differences".

Chandler reported on the Anne Frank Exhibit where there were over 30,000 people in attendance.

The Gilbert Human Relations Commission is planning a community fast on the Cesar Chavez holiday that will be broken in a celebration with Phoenix.

Phoenix Human Relations Commission reported on the school literacy program and the community centers' presentations to promote the branding of the Commission. The Brown Bag series in June will be on Health Disparities among cultural groups.

Tempe Human Relations Commission is updating its brochure and informed the group of a point of interest that there is no statute for hate crimes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Tempe will be hosting the next Regional meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Walton
Scottsdale Human Relations Commission
Staff Liaison