



Human Relations Commission
 Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6:15 pm
 Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams



LEGAL ACTION REPORT

Pursuant to safe practices during COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person meetings are cancelled until further notice. The meeting was held virtually to allow for healthy practices and social distancing. The meeting was accessible at provided link to allow for participating virtually and/or calling in.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Guzman at 6:27 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Manuel Guzman, Chair	Mayor
Melissa Gomez	Ward 2
John Dalton, Vice Chair	Ward 3
Cedric Smith	Ward 4
Dr. June Webb-Vignery	Ward 5
Adrian Molina	GLBT

Absent:

Alisha Quadri	Advisory Member
Devon Henderson	Advisory Member

Staff Members Present:

Jaime Corrales	City Clerk's Office
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Guests Present:

None

2. Introduction of new HRC Member; Melissa Gomez, Ward 2.

Commissioner Gomez introduced herself to the HRC and gave a brief summary of her background. All Commissioners welcomed her and gave a brief introduction and background summary.

3. Approval of Minutes: February 16, 2022

It was moved by Vice Chair Dalton, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, to approve the **February 16, 2022**, Summary Minutes.

4. Call to the Audience

None

5. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Guzman advised the HRC of the following upcoming events:

The University of Arizona Religious Council will be hosting a COVID19 Memorial on March 23, 2022, from 9am to 10am, and again from 1pm to 2pm.

The Cesar Chavez Holiday Coalition will host a vigil for laborers lost during the COVID19 pandemic, on March 31, 2022, at 6pm at the Rudy Garcia Park (5001 S. Nogales Hwy). There will be a community Ofrenda and the alter will be built by members of the community.

6. Commissioners Summary of Current Events

Reports were provided by Vice Chair Dalton and Commissioner Webb-Vignery. Additionally, Vice Chair Dalton, provided the following event information:

The Vice Chair Dalton through the University of Arizona will be hosting a talk with the Ukrainian Ambassador tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2022, 6pm, to meet with the Russian Studies Department.

7. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

a. Rosa Parks & Ray Davies Scholarship Funds

No discussion was held. No formal action taken.

b. Strategic Planning

No discussion was held. No formal action taken.

c. Diversity Report

Commissioner Smith indicated that he has contacted Pima County regarding some of the information he has been trying to obtain to provide a report to this commission.

He stated he was advised to utilize the Pima County/City of Tucson websites. Pima County asked for clarification on the information he is requesting. He indicated that he would resubmit through Pima County and follow up with The City of Tucson.

He will follow up with this Commission, once he has obtained the data he needs.

No formal action was taken.

d. Human Rights Standards in Procurement

Vice Chair Dalton advised he has forwarded information to the Jaime Corrales, City Clerk support staff. He has asked Jaime to share these documents with the HRC as resource materials related to Human Rights Standard in Procurement.

No formal action was taken

8. Update Regarding Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues

Commissioner Molina stated that the GLBT recently attempted to meet, but he did not attend that meeting.

Vice Chair Dalton stated that the GLBT Commission did not establish quorum.

9. Census Data Analysis Discussion

Chair Molina stated that there had a been a number of factors that affected the Census. The Pandemic, policy decisions related to citizenship and loss of funding for door walkers.

He stated that minority communities are disproportionately affected by these undercounts and how this is going to exacerbate funding levels that are already in place. He asked if there were ways to be heard in conversation; possibly a way for Mayor and Council to advocate at the Federal level on behalf of Tucson, to explain that it is not fair to use those counts, but rather, use extrapolations instead; looking at trends with more current data?

Commissioner Webb-Vignery suggested reaching out to the City of Tucson Legislative Liaison, to possible reach State and Federal Levels.

No formal action taken.

10. Invitation of Police Chief Kasmar to attend HRC

Chair Guzman stated that he has contacted Chief Kasmar's office. He asked the HRC, collectively, when would they like to see the Chief attend a future HRC meeting. The Commission agreed that they would like to see him attend as soon as possible.

Chair Guzman stated that he would follow up with a formal invitation to the Chief. He asked that once confirmation of his attendance was received, to please add this as an agenda item to the April 13, 2022, HRC meeting. He also asked that the City Clerk's Office please share meeting details with Chief Kasmar's office.

11. Vacancy and Advisory Positions

Chair Guzman combined Agenda Items 11 and 12 – as these are related.

12. Letter to Mayor and Council Regarding HRC Vacancies:

Chair Guzman stated that he has had communication with the Ward Offices with vacancies. He stated that there was a current application for Miranda Hicks to join the HRC, this was forwarded to Ward 1.

Commissioner Molina's also expressed his desire to join the HRC and resign his position to the GLBT. It was suggested that he complete the BCC application on the City of Tucson website; this would be processed and forwarded to the Ward 6 Offices, as they currently have a vacancy.

Jaime Corrales will follow up with Chair Guzman and Commissioner Molina when his application has been received, processed, and forwarded to Ward 6. Chair Guzman also suggested that Commissioner Molina reach out directly to Ward 6 and express his interest in representing Ward 6 in the HRC.

13. Future Agenda Items

- Rename item 9 to "**Action Regarding 2020 Census Undercounts**"
- Immigrant Welcoming City / Refugee Advocacy
- Housing/Rental Rates

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Next HRC meeting – April 13, 2022, at 6:15pm