



Human Relations Commission
Wednesday, May 11, 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 Vice Chair Dalton at 6:22 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:

Angelica Cota	City Clerk's Office
Jaime Corrales	City Clerk's Office

Guests Present:

None

2. Approval of Minutes: meeting of April 13, 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Webb-Vignery, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, and carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, **to approve the April 13, 2022, Summary Minutes.**

3. Call to the Audience

None

4. **Chairperson's Summary of Current Events**

Chair Guzman acknowledged the renaming of the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall to the Linda Ronstadt must Hall and the importance of naming local spaces after the pioneering families of Tucson.

5. **Commissioner's Summary of Current Events**

Reports were provided by Vice Chair Dalton and Commissioner Webb-Vignery.

6. **Commissioner's Report and Discussion**

a. **Rosa Parks and Ray Davies Funds – Commissioner Molina**

No report was given. No discussion held. No formal action taken.

b. **Strategic Planning – Vice Chair Dalton**

No report was given. No discussion held. No formal action taken.

1. **Strategic Planning Priority Items to focus on as a Commission**

Commissioner Smith asked for clarification on this item. Chair Molina advised him that this would be for any action that would further the Commission's mission. He suggested that the Commission gather information to present to the Mayor and Council.

c. **Diversity Report – Commissioner Smith**

No report was given. No discussion held. No formal action taken.

d. **Human Rights Standards in Procurement – Chair Guzman**

No report was given. No discussion held. No formal action taken.

7. **Update Regarding Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issue**

No report was given. No discussion held. No formal action taken.

a. **Appointment of HRC Exchange Commissioner to the GLBT Commission and GLBT Exchange Commissioner to the HRC**

Discussion was held regarding Vice Chair Dalton's reappointment to the GLBT. It was decided that Vice Chair Dalton will continue to serve as the Exchange Commissioner to the GLBT.

It was moved by Commissioner Gomez, duly seconded by Commissioner Molina, and carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, **to appoint Vice Chair Dalton to the GLBT as Exchange Commissioner.**

8. **Action Regarding 2020 Census Undercounts**

Commissioner Gomez advised the Commission that she is currently working on a report detailing the information provided at last month's meeting.

9. **Immigrant Welcoming City / Refugee Advocacy**

No discussion held. No formal action taken.

10. **Housing / Rental Rates**

Commissioner Smith stated that he recently read an article regarding housing in metropolitan areas and how minorities could not afford to live in these areas.

Chair Guzman suggested that all Commissioners reach out to their respective appointees and express that this is a subject that the HRC is actively looking at, and how housing is an important topic for discussion and action.

11. **Invitation of Police Chief Kasmar to attend HRC**

Chair Guzman informed the Commission that a formal invitation to Chief Kasmar had been sent. He unfortunately was unable to attend as he had a prior commitment scheduled for May 11, 2022. His office has a list of all future HRC meetings for 2022. A follow up invite will be made later.

12. **Invitation of Pima County Recorder Gabriella Cazares-Kelly to attend a future HRC meeting**

Commissioner Webb-Vignery requested that the Pima County Recorder be invited to a future HRC meeting to discuss recent changes in the Legislature regarding voting, and how this will impact the community.

Chair Guzman will draft a letter inviting Pima County Recorder Gabriella Cazares-Kelly to attend a future HRC meeting and will forward the City Clerk's Office for distribution.

13. **Vacancy and Advisory Positions**

Vice Chair Dalton stated that there are currently two members assigned to the HRC as Advisory Members, who no longer participate in the HRC. He asked if it were possible to re-fill these positions?

a. **Letter to Mayor and Council Regarding HRC Vacancies**

No discussion held. No formal action taken.

14. **Legislative Changes that Affect the Community**

Commissioner Webb-Vignery asked if someone could provide the HRC with an explanation of the Legislative changes affecting the GLBT Community, regarding the 14th Amendment and Privacy.

Chair Guzman suggested possibly someone from the City Attorney's Office.

15. **Future Agenda Items**

Invite new COT Equity Officer, Laurice Walker to attend a future HRC meeting
Invite Dr. Lydia Otero, City Historian to attend a future HRC meeting

16. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm

Next HRC meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022