



Human Relations Commission
Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 6:15 pm
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams



Summary Minutes

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 6:18 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Manuel Guzman, Chair	Mayor
Melissa Gomez	Ward 2
John Dalton, Vice Chair (arrived 6:30pm)	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 May 11, 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Webb-Vignery, duly seconded by Commissioner Smith, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (Vice Chair Dalton arrived 6:30pm), **to approve the May 11, 2022, Summary Minutes.**

3. Call to the Audience

None

4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Guzman acknowledged the recent mass shootings in Buffalo, New York and Uvalde, Texas and advised all members to be mindful of this approach taken regard these tragic events, even in regard to how police are operating in our schools.

Commissioner Smith asked if the Mayor's Office had made any mention regarding the tragedy in Buffalo, or the shooters manifesto? Chair Guzman stated that he had on only seen the Mayor's comment on policy points regarding illegal guns. He suggested to those Commissioners not currently on the Mayor's distribution list, t get on, and receive updates from the Mayor.

5. Commissioner's Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Webb-Vignery advised the commission regarding Pima County Interfaith will be reaching out to the Legislature concerning Educational Funding. Additionally, she stated that she had a concern regarding a Baptist Miniters in Texas preaching against LGBTQ.

Vice Chair Dalton announced his arrival (6:30pm).

Commissioner Molina advised the commission regarding Bisbee Pride, to be held on June 18 and 19, 2022.

Chair Guzman provided information regarding the upcoming Dia de San Juan Ceremony at the Mission Gardens on June 24, 2022 at 6pm.

Commissioner Smith advised the commission regarding the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration at Kennedy Park on June 18, 2022, from 11am to 9pm.

Commissioner Gomez advised the commission regarding the Father's Day luncheon on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

6. Commissioner's Report and Discussion

a. Rosa Parks and Ray Davies Funds – Commissioner Molina

Chair Guzman advised the Commission that he would like a Presentation of Certificated from Mayor and Council to recipients of the Ray Davies/Rosa Parks Scholarships in August. Will confirm at next meeting.

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

Dr. June Webb- Vignery advised the Commission that St. Francis in the Foothills has been addressing issues regarding LGBTQ. She would like to see these issues included with Strategic Planning.

Chair Guzman stated that he has reached out to the City Attorney's Office to ensure that recent changes at Legislative level are on their radar.

Commissioner Gomez stated she had a concern regarding the reversal of Prop 208, and how this will affect special populations.

Chair Guzman suggested the Commission start to establish more communication with Mayor and Council regarding priority items for the HRC.

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

Commissioner Molina advised the Commission that the June 2022 GLBT Commission was cancelled. He also stated that he has advised the GLBT Commissioner that he will need to be replaced, as he GLBT Liaison to the HRC.

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

8. Action Regarding 2020 Census Undercounts

Commissioner Gomez stated that she actively attempting to schedule a meeting with Council Member Cunningham's Office, to discuss this data.

Commissioner Webb-Vignery advised the Commission that Pima Association of Governments (PAG) maintains these records, if needed.

9. Immigrant Welcoming City / Refugee Advocacy

Chair Guzman advised the of the recent Supreme Court Ruling regarding Border Agents being able to enter a person's home without a warrant, within 100-mile radius of the border. He cited Eggbert v Bull, Case No. 21-147. He stated that these need to be in the forefront for the Commission as this is going to require advocacy for all voices to be heard.

10. Housing / Rental Rates

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

11. Invitation of Police Chief Kasmar to attend HRC

Chair Guzman advised the Commission that he will resend the invitation to Chief Kasmar.

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

Chair Guzman advised the Commission that the Recorder's Office has had scheduling conflicts. He will advise the Commission of any updates regarding her attending a future meeting.

Chair Guzman stated that Agenda Item 15 (below) would better fit under this Item, and asked it be moved to Item 12.

13. Invitation of Laurice Walker, City of Tucson Equity Officer to attend a future HRC meeting

Chair Guzman advised the Commission that he has not followed up on this invitation. He will follow up after this evenings meeting.

14. Invitation of Lydia Otero, City Historian to attend a future HRC meeting

Chair Guzman advised the Commission that Ms. Otero is no longer the City Historian. He said that he will find out who is and will contact for an invitation.

15. Legislative Changes that Affect the Community

The Commission has decided to move this item to item 12 (above).

16. Vacancy and Advisory Positions

Chair Guzman advised the Commission that Ward 1 still has a vacancy for member. He reminded the Commission of the possible candidate for this position, who has shown interest in participating in the HRC.

17. Future Agenda Items

The Commission discussed their calendars and decided to cancel the July 2022 HRC meeting, as it is anticipated there will be no quorum for July.

18. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

Next HRC meeting will be Wednesday, August 10, 2022.