

## Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes 3/19/2019

1. Call to order at 9:05
2. Attendance: Courtney Stone, Rabbi Jay Sherwood, Delia Armstrong, Kelley Pomis, Leona Lopez, Arlisha Lawson, Kim Sannes, Alex Morlang
3. Introductions of old and new HRC Commissioners
4. Approval of February and March minutes to take place in April
5. Updates and Information:
  - a. Catherine Duarte: April is Fair Housing Month, and there is a Story telling Event at Sand Creek Library. Catherine asked for support facilitating story telling April 19-22. April 19 is from 2-5pm; April 20 is from 3-5pm; April 21 is from 1-3pm; April 22 is from 5-8pm.
  - b. Rabbi Jay – Update of citywide interfaith group. The first event, ‘We Stand Together’ is Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. More events to come.
  - c. Kelley – Thanked members for facilitating the Superintendent forum for District 2
  - d. Courtney – Discussed the successful annual update presentation to City Council and highlighted the efforts to secure a Fair Housing Coordinator position for Colorado Springs. Also, stated Brenda Dukart has stepped down from her commissioner position after many dedicated years serving with the HRC.
6. 2019 HRC Objectives and Timeline –
  - a. Reviewed HRC responsibilities calendar
  - b. Municipal election in April. City Council Forums and other opportunities to attend but do not attach HRC’s name to election or candidates. Debrief on City Council election in April. Could affect support for the Fair Housing Coordinator position.
  - c. Fair Housing Data collection/funding: possibly use students at local colleges/surveys. Discussed funding for FH position-Looking at \$60-100K?
  - d. Strategic Planning set for May 21 from 8-10:30am. Kim to bring coffee, bagels
  - e. Ethics training set for June meeting
7. Elections
  - a. Rabbi Jay Sherwood - Commission Chair
  - b. Arlisha Lawson – Vice Chair
  - c. Kim Sannes - Secretary
  - d. Alex Morlang - Treasurer
8. Next steps
  - a. FH data collection and attend April facilitator events at Sand Creek Library
  - b. Reach out with events and activities to fellow commissioners
  - c. Invite Jesse Pocock from Inside Out Youth services – local representative on Colorado Civil Rights Commission
  - d. Invite Reagan Foster from Rise Coalition
  - e. Prepare for strategic planning meeting in May
9. Adjourn 10:30