



The Human Relations Commission

Members Meeting Minutes

Location: Telecommunication due to Covid-19 Safer at Home Order

June 16, 2020

Rabbi-Jay Sherwood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were:

Rabbi Jay Sherwood	Chair
Kim Sannes	Secretary
Alex Morlang	Treasurer
Kelley Pomis	Member
Delia Busby	Member
Leona Lopez	Member
Stan Friedman	Member
Albert Troisfontaines	Member
Candace Woods	Member
Anjuli Kapoor	Alternate
Ellen Johnson-Bay	Alternate
Arlisha Lawson	Alternate
Catherine Duarte	Colorado Springs City Liaison

1. Call to Order

2. Digital meeting tips and etiquette

3. Approve May 2020 minutes

4. Opportunity for citizen comment – three minutes per person

- Citizens Project, Deb Walker 719-331-xxxx appreciates HRC taking up police accountability and transparency
 - Not ready to name structure that would appropriate moving forward, but researching best approach
- Angelique - calling regarding black lives matter
 - Concern with response time to police
 - Landlord put bed bug infested mattress next to window, police didn't come
 - Fender bender in the parking lot, police took 3 hours to respond, didn't come until white lady called
 - Supervisor did not respond back after saying they would follow up
 - Felt dispatch took complaint as a joke
 - Equal protection,
- Daniel Campana - helped with Citizen Accountability Advisory Board Proposal
 - Allows for public comment, more involvement/increased relationship between LEO and community
 - Youth led and community based recommendations

5. Election of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

- Candace moved to postpone elections to next month

6. Black Lives Matter protests / Police Transparency & Accountability discussion

a. Overview of the current situation

- Great unrest brought on by police murder of George Floyd
- Institutionalized racism and police brutality
- Locally De'Von Bailey last summer
- HRC to address issues facing COS, including policing and

b. CO SB 217 – update on content and legislative action status

- Approved by state senate, to be signed by gov't
- Affects COS, some dates
- Bans chokeholds, gives limits on tear gas, non-lethal projectiles
- Use body cameras and released within 21 days
- Addresses police immunity
- Fleeing felon portion of the bill is not clear, need to understand what the new language means

c. Austin Group / The People proposal(s) to City Council

- Two proposals brought forth by citizen groups, Rabbi Jay provided for meeting
- These proposals are both being presented today, no compromise between the two groups for joint proposal
- Austin Group
 - President will appoint special counsel or commissions to terminate with president terms
 - Appointed group will research best practices and recommendations
 - Been working for several years to change COS city council
- The People proposal
 - Create a commission for police advisory board
 - Less autonomy from City politicians

d. Position Paper to City Council

- Prepared by Rabbi Jay, attached to meeting invite email
- Clergy meetings happened before the new police chief installed, and have not resumed to date. Also had separate quarterly meetings for POC church leaders and white church leaders. Proposal to make one meeting monthly, with greater church leader involvement
- Stan - eliminate the first page of the draft, get right to it. Jump into proposals. Not in agreement with 4 points. HRC representative on the board or commission that's created rather than police/clergy dialogue. 3 takes a stand on expanding police depts programs. Move to look evaluate the two citizens proposals
- Angelique - has a proposal that city council has not responded to, asked HRC to present it.

7. Schedule summer brainstorming session

8. Other business

9. Adjourn

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Kim Sannes
Secretary