



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

April 12, 2021

Zoom Conference

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Commission Chair Muller called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Other members present were Commissioners Lonnie Eakle, Ron Heil, Jerry Manzer, Christian Garcia, Ramon Reyes, and Janet Flaughter. City staff liaison Kelli Johnson was present.
- II. **Citizen Input:** There were no guests.
- III. **Items of Business:**
 - a. Approval of March 8, 2021 minutes
A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Eakle, seconded by Ron Heil. Motion passed unanimously with the other commissioners present. 7-0.
 - b. Reviewed B&C vacancies.
No vacancies at this time. It was noted that Commissioner Eakle and Garcia have terms expiring in May.
 - c. Review of Land Acknowledgement Statement (LAS) – the Commission revisited the purpose of a LAS. In March, a subcommittee convened to draft a statement that was presented to the Commission for review.

Greeley Human Relations Commission PROPOSED Land Acknowledgement Statement 3/17/21

We hold this meeting on the traditional lands of the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho peoples, as well as all other tribes that are historically tied to the State of Colorado. We value and respect the history and culture of our native and indigenous peoples, and as a community, we celebrate the legacy of the Elders and those who have been stewards of the land throughout the generations. The HRC is seeking the council of Native communities, to prioritize their voices, and offer a more complete view of the region's past, present, and future.

The Commission further discussed the need and desire to not only adopt a LAS, but to identify action steps that embed the statement's purpose and intent into the Commission's work. Suggestions included reaching out to Dr. Charley of UNC and inviting them to a session with the Commission, potentially hosting an additional Tell More More forum. Before inviting Dr. Charley and /or students to a meeting, a subcommittee will work to identify the Commissions' objectives for inviting them to a meeting. The Commission discussed a desire to explore current issues, concerns, and cultural climate and attain a more profound understanding before hosting a community forum. Commissioner Muller will organize the subcommittee to organize goals and objectives before

reaching out to Dr. Charley. Ron H – moved to approve the LAS, Commissioner Eakle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- IV.** Staff member Johnson offered an overview of the current engagement survey. Commissioner Heil shared information on an upcoming LWV forum. An invitation will be forwarded to the Commission.

Commissioner Heil also shared that the application to have Greeley designated as an Age Friendly Community has been sent to AARP.

- V.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is May 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm.


Chair