



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
August 12, 2024
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and in-person
MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairwoman Jeannette Shepherd called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. Other members present were Commissioners Terry Anderson, Kimber Watson, Fatima Groom, David Reyes/Enrique Benavidez, and Jeanne Lipman; City staff liaison Nelvis Alvarez was present.
- II. **Land Acknowledgment Statement:** *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.*
- III. **Citizen Input:** There were no guests.
- IV. **Items of Business:**
 - a. Approval of HRC May 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Minutes were approved unanimously among the commissioners present.
 - b. Introduction of new HRC member for District 6:
 - i. Commissioner David Reyes introduced Enrique Benavidez. Enrique will serve as the District 6 representative at the HRC when Commissioner Reyes is unable to attend.
 - ii. Commissioner Benavidez works at the Family Center District 6 and volunteers at the Frente de la Lucha organization. He is excited to be part of the HRC.
 - iii. Chairwoman Jeannette Shepherd informed Commissioner Benavidez about the HRC's role. We want to be present at community events, give a voice to the voiceless, and potentially do some fundraising to support disadvantaged students. Co-chair Lipman added that the HRC wants to partner with other organizations. It is important to maintain regular attendance in order to host the HRC meetings.
 - c. Rescheduling HRC meetings
 - i. Commissioner Kim proposed to take a vote. Commissioner Lipman motioned to return the meeting back from 5 PM to 4:00 PM.
 - ii. Commissioners voted five out of six in favor of changing the meeting time back to 4:00 PM, maintaining the hybrid model.



d. Community Events

- i. Commissioners discussed the possibility of hosting tables or booths at community events. Some of the reasons for attending these events are to increase awareness about the HRC, address food insecurity, and support voting registration.
- ii. Commissioners discussed the possibility of creating a flyer to provide information about various voting registration links.
- iii. Commissioner Kimber Watson mentioned she would reserve a spot for the HRC members at the AIMS event on September 4, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All commissioners agreed to attend the event.
- iv. HRC liaison Nelvis Alvarez was requested to provide a list of events for Commissioners to register for to cover the September booth and several other booths at events around the city.

- V. Commission Chair Jeannette Shepherd declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next Human Relations Commission hybrid meeting will take place on September 9, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

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Jeannette Shepherd, Chair

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Nelvis Alvarez, Staff Liaison