



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
February 10, 2025
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and in-person
MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairwoman Jeannette Shepherd called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. Other members present were Co-Chairwoman Jeanne Lipman, Commissioners Laney Jasso, Regina Holzmeister, Amber Greene, Jennifer Nicolae, Fatima Groom, Kimber Watson, and 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 December 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Co-Chairwoman Lipman moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Lasso. Minutes were approved unanimously among the commissioners present.
 - b. Introduction of new Commissioner, Lilly Martin:
 - i. Commissioner Marting was absent.
 - c. Presentation of Housing Solutions Department and Homeless Solutions Department by Juliana Kitten, Assistant City Manager:
 - i. Assistant City Manager talked about her professional profile and her interest in housing and homelessness. She started with the City of Greeley two years ago. At that moment, the City of Greeley didn't have a homelessness service program. Assistant City Manager introduced the Housing First Model to the City of Greeley and its benefits if implemented correctly and efficiently. Up to this moment, the City of Greeley has served 60 unsheltered people, including providing wraparound services. The number of people who have deserted the program is very small, and the reasons are early death or moving out of the city. "Unfortunately, people who have experienced homelessness tend to die 25 years earlier," commented Julianna Kitten. Several grants have been used to provide homelessness services, including the Outreach Team and the Homeless



Solutions Team, which focus on rapid rehousing needs to prevent people from becoming homeless. This assistance is provided via vouchers and also includes mental health services.

- ii. Housing Solutions Department: This department determines the type of housing available in Greeley and presents various options for zoning, permitting fast-track housing development, and other related issues.
- iii. Commissioner Watson asked several questions about how seniors and people with disabilities can apply for financial assistance to support their housing needs since many can't qualify for vouchers or the mobile houses and RVs are becoming more expensive. Commissioner Chairwoman Jeannette Shepherd commented about the struggles that mobile homeowners face since landlords keep raising land prices even when the land amenities do not reflect any improvements. Providing educational training to prevent people from losing their homes due to foreclosure was also suggested.

d. HRC Strategic Planning Session:

- i. There was no time to discuss further planning.

e. Next steps:

- i. Chairwoman Shepherd and Commissioner Watson requested to schedule one-on-one meetings with Assistant City Manager Juliana Kitten or assignees to discuss housing-related issues further. City Staff Liaison Nelvis Alvarez will facilitate emails to schedule meetings, including follow-up on the housing department website link updates as requested by Commissioner Lipman.
- ii. HRC members will receive information via email about attending the Camping Ban Community Meeting on Feb 19, 2025, at the LINC Library from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Assistant City Manager Juliana Kitten encouraged HRC members to attend to hear the community's voices.
- iii. Chairwoman Shepard moved a motion to host a table at the 'Camping Ban Community Meeting' and provide information about the Human Relations Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by all Commissioners. City Liaison Nelvis Alvarez will provide copies of the flyers to hand out during the meeting.

V. Member Updates:

- i. There was no time to discuss members' updates.

VI. Commissioner Chairwoman Shepherd declared the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next Human Relations Commission hybrid meeting will be held on March 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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Jeannette Shepherd, Chair

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Nelvis Alvarez, Staff Liaison