

NORMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

January 27, 2014

The Norman Human Rights Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Complex located at 201 W. Gray Street on January 27, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were duly posted 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Jose Dela Cruz, Kay Ham, Tamara Pullin, Teresa Turner and Harry Wright

ABSENT: Commissioners Mary Drywater, Jeff Hughes, Marjaneh Seirafi-Pour and Cheryl Wattlely

STAFF PRESENT: Kristina Bell and Jayme Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE JANUARY 27, 2014, MEETING.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the agenda of the January 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Turner, and the question being approving the agenda of the January 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Ham, Pullin, Turner and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the agenda of the January 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2013, NORMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING.

Commissioner Wright moved that the minutes of the August 26, 2013, Human Rights Commission meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Turner;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Human Rights Commission minutes of August 26, 2013

and the question being upon approving the minutes of the August 26, 2013 meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Ham, Pullin, Turner and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the minutes of the August 26, 2013, meeting were approved.

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Item 4, being:

DISCUSSION OF NORMAN ADVOCATES FOR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS.

The Commission discussed information received previously from Norman Advocates for Accessible Transportation. The Commission decided additional research and information was necessary to take action at this time.

Commissioner Dela Cruz moved that further action on this item be tabled until the next meeting of the Commission, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Pullin; and the question being to table action on this item until the next meeting of the Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Ham, Pullin, Turner and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and an item on the discussion of Norman Advocates for Accessible Transportation solutions will be on the agenda of the April 28, 2014 meeting of the Human Rights Commission.

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Item 5, being:

CONSIDERATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION.

The Commission reviewed a draft of a proposed Proclamation celebrating Black History Month. Following discussion, the draft was amended.

Commissioner Wright moved that the amended Proclamation celebrating Black History Month be approved and forwarded to City Council to be placed on the February 11, 2014 agenda, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Turner.

Items submitted for the record

1. Proclamation celebrating Black History Month

and the question being approving the amended Proclamation celebrating Black History Month, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Ham, Pullin, Turner and Wright

NAYES: None.

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the Black History Month Proclamation, as amended, will be forwarded to City Council for presentation at the City Council meeting on February 11, 2014. Additionally, the Chair volunteered to contact Dr. George Henderson to see if he is available to accept the Proclamation on behalf of the City of Norman.

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Item 6, being:

#### DISCUSSION OF INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE DISCUSSION.

The Commission discussed holding an Inclusive Community Dialogue forum in the near future. Several topics were discussed. The Commission decided to schedule an Inclusive Community Dialogue forum to discuss the topics of hunger, homelessness and poverty. The Commission set the timeframe for this forum to be early summer, 2014.

Commissioner Pullin moved that an Inclusive Community Dialogue forum should be planned for early summer, 2014, to discuss the topics of hunger, homelessness and poverty be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Wright; and the question being upon approving the scheduling of an Inclusive Community Dialogue forum for early summer, 2014, on hunger, homelessness and poverty, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Ham, Pullin, Turner and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried. Commissioner Pullin offered to research a venue, Commissioner Wright volunteered to contact local agencies working with these issues, and Commissioners Pullin and Turner volunteered to draft potential questions for presentation at the next meeting of the Human Rights Commission.

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Item 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Dela Cruz discussed contacting Chelle Luper Wilson as a possible speaker for the Interfaith Breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 2015. Commissioner Dela Cruz will contact Ms. Wilson regarding her availability. Commissioner Ham will also discuss future keynote speakers with Dr. George Henderson.

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Item 8, being:

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Dela Cruz moved that the January 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission be adjourned, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Turner; and the question being adjourning the January 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Dela Cruz, Ham, Pullin, Turner and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the January 27, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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