

NORMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

July 28, 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 July 28, 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 Lupe Davidson, Jose Dela Cruz, Mary Drywater, Daniel Dukes, Kay Ham, Amyie Kao, Marjaneh Seirafi-Pour

ABSENT: Commissioners Tamara Pullin and Harry Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Kristina Bell and Jayme Rowe

OTHERS PRESENT: Two guests: Joy Pendley and Ansel Pendley-Griffin

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE JULY 28, 2014, MEETING.

Commissioner Seirafi-Pour moved to approve the agenda of the July 28, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Drywater, and the question being approving the agenda of the July 28, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Davidson, Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Ham, Kao and Seirafi-Pour

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the agenda of the July 28, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2014, NORMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING.

Commissioner Seirafi-Pour moved that the minutes of the January 27, 2014, Human Rights

Commission meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Drywater;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Human Rights Commission minutes of January 27, 2014

and the question being upon approving the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Davidson, Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Ham, Kao and Seirafi-Pour

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the minutes of the January 27, 2014, meeting were approved.

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Item 4, being:

INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS.

As new appointees, Commissioners Davidson, Dukes and Kao introduced themselves and shared information regarding their backgrounds and interests in the Commission. As Chair, Commissioner Ham, with assistance from Ms. Bell, presented the ethics policy along with information regarding projects, activities and responsibilities of the Commission.

Item 5, being:

DISCUSSION OF NORMAN ADVOCATES FOR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS.

As no one was in attendance to present additional information on this topic, Commissioner Dela Cruz moved that further discussion on this item be tabled until a future date, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Seirafi-Pour; and the question being to table further discussion on this item until a future date, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Davidson, Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Ham, Kao and Seirafi-Pour

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the item was tabled to a future date to be determined.

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Item 6, being:

DISCUSSION OF INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE.

The Commission confirmed the plan to hold an Inclusive Community Dialogue forum in the near future to discuss the topics of hunger, homelessness and poverty. The Commission will schedule the forum to coordinate with Crop Walk in October, 2014.

Additional discussion was held regarding the format and the possibility of partnering with other agencies and groups to facilitate the forum. Commissioner Davidson offered to contact the library regarding a location and date. Commissioner Ham will contact Commissioners Pullin and Wright who had volunteered at a previous meeting to contact other agencies and draft potential questions for discussion at the forum.

Since the next meeting of the Human Rights Commission is not scheduled until after the suggested date of the Inclusive Community Dialogue, it was decided that a Special Meeting of the Human Rights Commission should be called for August 27, 2014.

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Item 7, being:

DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD:

The Chair gave an overview of the Human Rights Award. Since the Award will be presented at the City Council meeting on December 9, 2014, the nominations will be made available to the Commissioners prior to the October 27, 2014 Human Rights Commission meeting so a decision can be made by the Commission at that meeting with regard to the nominee who should receive the Award.

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Item 8, being:

DISCUSSION OF INTERFAITH BREAKFAST SPEAKER:

The date of the 2015 Interfaith Breakfast will be January 19, 2015. This will be discussed in more detail at the October 27, 2014 meeting. The Chair mentioned that Commissioner Dela Cruz was

researching the possibility of Chelle Luper Wilson as a possible speaker.

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Item 9, being:

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PROCLAMATIONS:

The Chair discussed upcoming Proclamations to be presented to Council. Those discussed were Latin/Hispanic Heritage month which is mid-September to mid-October, Native American Heritage month in November and Asian/Pacific American month in May. There will be further discussion of future Proclamations at the Special Meeting in August.

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Item 10, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

There was no miscellaneous discussion.

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Item 11, being:

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Drywater moved that the July 28, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission be adjourned, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Dela Cruz; and the question being adjourning the July 28, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Davidson, Dela Cruz, Drywater, Dukes, Ham, Kao
and Seirafi-Pour

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the July 28, 2014, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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