



# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

February 2, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FIRST FLOOR

CSAC – COMMUNITY ROOM

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Members present by roll call: Andy Ainslie, Merton B. Tice, Jr., Diane Cleveland, Mel Siyo, Jamie Al-Haj and Lin Jennewin

Absent: Jaqueline Gerry

Also present: Assistant City Attorney Jess Rogers, City Council Liaison Lisa Modrick, and Legal Administrative Secretary, Jamie Anderson.

Ainslie called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Cleveland moved to adopt the agenda. Second by Tice, Jr., Motion carried.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2017 MEETING**

Tice, Jr., moved to approve the January 5, 2017 minutes. Second by Cleveland. Motion carried.

*Modrick arrived at 2:02 p.m.*

### **CASE STATUS UPDATE- CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Rogers reported there are three employment complaints drafted. Two of the complaints are in need of signatures, the deadline for these complaints are at the end of the month. The third complaint has been drafted and sent to the complainant for review, Rogers is waiting for approval.

### **DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN JANUARY**

No one attended meetings in January.

Modrick informed the Commission of the Collective Impact meeting "Haven for Hope" being held today at 3 p.m. at the Dahl Fine Arts Center. The speaker presenting is Gilbert Gonzales from San Antonio, Texas. The presentation is geared toward helping individuals with mental health issues, disabilities, and who are homeless. Ainslie asked that whoever attends this meeting to give a report at the March 2, 2017 meeting.

Modrick mentioned Ritchie Richards put on Vigils for the homicides that recently occurred in our community. Modrick stated Richards has been a great leader spiritually in bringing the community together.

*Al-Haj and Jennewein arrived at 2:04 p.m., Jennewein left at 2:05 p.m.*

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND 2017 PLANNING**

- a) Presentation Planning – Ainslie and Gerry presented at the Rushmore Rotary. Ainslie reported the presentation went very well, in attendance was Linda Rabe the CEO of the Chamber of Commerce. Linda suggested she would like the presentation before the board of the Chamber of Commerce in the near future. Siyo contacted Whitney Rencountre on presenting to the Ateyapi Program. Siyo will be presenting on February 22, 2017 at the Rapid City Central High School.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Did not meet. Ainslie presented his first Semi-annual report as Chair to the Legal and Finance Committee. Ainslie provided copies to the commission of the report that was presented.

*Siyo left at 2:45 p.m.*

#### **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- a) Recommendations for future projects and associated costs – suggestions on future projects can be emailed to the Chair if needed.

#### **LIAISON REPORT**

Modrick updated the Commission on City Council happenings:

Modrick complimented Ainslie on his presentation of the Semi-Annual report he presented to the Legal and Finance Committee. Modrick suggested Ainslie present the Semi-annual report to the City Council this coming Monday, she feels it will really help the Human Relations Commission become better well known.

#### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Anderson stated the current budget amount is approximately \$1,000

#### **SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT HRC MEETING.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

Al-Haj moved to adjourn. Second by Cleveland. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 2:49 p.m.