

City of Fort Collins Human Relations Commission (HRC)
June 9, 2016, 5:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Location: CIC Room, City Hall West, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Council Liaison: Council Member Bob Overbeck **Staff Liaison:** Beth Sowder **Recorder:** Michele Scalva

Present: Myles Crane, Johanna Ulloa Girón, Joseph D. Leske, Jimena Sagas, Preety Sathe, Victor Smith, Nancy Tellez

Absent: Colleen Conway and Mary Vivo

Guest and Community Members: Council Member Bob Overbeck and Kimberly Chambers, NoCo Pride Director

Meeting Highlights Summary

1. Councilmember Overbeck discussed issues re: Short Term Rentals and accessibility.
2. HRC approved a motion to advise Council re: a budgeting proposal for equity and inclusion Program Manager positions.
3. HRC approved a motion to advise Council re: discussion for a Short Term Rental Licensing ordinance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

The agenda was **unanimously approved** with a minor change in the order of Meeting Business topics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May meeting minutes were **unanimously approved**.

PUBLIC INPUT

Council Liaison Overbeck thanked Commissioners for their ongoing contributions, and review of short-term rentals and other issues related to the sharing economy. He encouraged the Commission to continue considering the needs of disabled community members and how the City can work to make the community more accessible and inclusive to all residents and visitors. He asked Commissioners to review the presentation topics for a National Americans with Disabilities Conference he is attending, and to share suggestions for issues they think are relevant to the City.

Kimberly Chambers, Director of NoCo Pride, announced **LGBT PRIDE Pride OUTside on July 23rd** in Civic Center Park.

A motion for the HRC to announce *LGBT PRIDE Month* at the June 21st Council Meeting was **unanimously approved**. Commissioners Sagas and Ulloa Girón will attend and make the announcement.

MEETING BUSINESS

Requests for HRC Support: **A motion** to explore creating a process template of when and how the HRC formally supports community organizations was **approved with one abstention**.

June Forum Feedback: The forum survey feedback will be shared after it is compiled. **A written forum presentation summary will be submitted to the *Coloradoan* for requested publication.**

HRC Awards Event Update: Tabled to the July meeting.

Community Equity Initiative Input: Chair Smith shared the Initiative's draft mission statement and stated the Initiative plans to reach out to the community after further clarifying its purpose.

Agenda Planning: Kimberly Chambers offered to provide equality training to the HRC. It will be scheduled during a regular HRC meeting with date pending.

Multicultural Retreat: The Retreat is scheduled for September 24-25, 2016. Details are on the City's Social Sustainability web page: <http://www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability/retreat.php>.

BFO Gathering/Council Memo: **A motion** to send a memo to Council in support of a budget offer for additional City Staff for community equity and inclusion work was **unanimously approved**.

Short-term Rentals: Commissioners reviewed the information and City Questionnaire re: *City Short-term Rentals*.

A motion to write a memo to Council asking them to consider how the proposed guidelines will affect the renters of the accommodations was **unanimously approved**.

UPCOMING Events/Announcements

Other per Commissioners:

Poudre River Library is hosting *Imaginanates*, an event that explores cultural heritage and identity through art.

Homeless Awareness Month is being hosted by Poudre Library in November 2016.

Community members in support of reinstating the PSD Family, Community and Equity Coordinator Position spoke at a recent School Board meeting. A Facebook page has been created to support the reinstatement effort.

A letter regarding the elimination of the PSD Family, Community and Equity Coordinator Position will be sent on behalf of the HRC.

CLOSING/Call for Adjournment

Commissioners **unanimously approved** adjournment at 7:40 pm.

Next HRC meeting is Thursday, July 14th at 5:30 pm in the CIC Room, City Hall West.