

City of Fort Collins Human Relations Commission (HRC)
January 12, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

Council Liaison: Council Member Bob Overbeck

Staff Liaison: Director of Social Sustainability Beth Sowder

Recorder: Jayne A. Smith

Present: Kimberly Allison, Coleen Conway, Victor Smith, Joseph Somodi, Nancy Tellez and Laura Vetrano.

Absent: Susan Mathre, Jimena Sagas and Johanna Ulloa Giron

Guest Presenters: Beth Bruno – A Face to Reframe

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input. Citizen Tom Shoemaker observed.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Beth Bruno, the Founder and Director of ***A Face to Reframe*** gave a presentation about human trafficking in Larimer County with a focus on youth, high school age community members, and anti-trafficking efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

To acquaint new and existing HRC members, introductions were made. New HRC members in attendance were Kimberly Allison, Joseph Somodi and Laura Vetrano. New member Susan Mathre was absent.

To help orient new members, Chair Smith presented general information about the HRC including the **organizational structure, standing committees**, and the **role** of the HRC.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Planning for the **2017 Retreat** was summarized.

Commissioners discussed the types of cases accepted for City sponsored **Community Mediation**. Chair Smith will arrange informational presentations to the HRC and explore options for possible recommendations.

The **Sanctuary City** movement was discussed. Members will research the possibility of hosting an informational session re: options for cities.

A question about whether **social media** had been used to publicize HRC projects prompted a discussion re: promotional methods used for HRC events.

CLOSING

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 7:04 p.m.

The **Next HRC meeting** will be Thursday, February 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the CIC Room, City Hall West.