

City of Fort Collins Human Relations Commission (HRC)
April 13, 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, Colleen Conway, Johanna Ulloa Girón, Jimena Sagas, Victor Smith and Joseph Somodi,

Absent: Susan Mathre, Nancy Tellez and Laura Vetrano

Guest Presenters:

- **Attorney Kimberly Baker Medina – Immigration Issues**
- **Cheryl Distaso – Proposed Amendment Regarding Immigration Status**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

Community member Maria Castro presented information about immigrants' long work days to support their children and, because of fear of retribution, the hesitancy to report unlawful incidents.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- **Attorney Kimberly Baker Medina and Cheryl Distaso** presented the history of immigration issues in Colorado. A Proposed Amendment to Chapter 13 of the City Code to add a New Article III Concerning Discrimination based on Immigrant Status and a list of key points about the Community Trust Ordinance draft was presented.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Members discussed and voted unanimously to support the **Community Trust Ordinance** in a memo to City Council.
- Members voted to present the **Community Trust Ordinance** to City Council if that action could be supported by HRC parameters.
- Members offered to take the **Community Trust Ordinance** proposal to various groups and individuals in an effort to educate community members about the issue.
- Colleen Conway gave insight into the interviewing process behind the opening for the **Equal Opportunity and Compliance Manager** position, City Manager's Office.

CLOSING

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 7:36 p.m.

The **Next HRC meeting** will be Thursday May 11, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the CIC Room, City Hall West.