

City of Fort Collins Human Relations Commission (HRC)
August 10, 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
Joseph Somodi and Nancy Tellez

- **Absent:** Susan Mathre

Guest Presenter: Janet Freeman – Fort Collins Equity and Inclusion Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Agenda Review: The meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Special Input: Council Member **Bob Overbeck** acknowledged the HRC work and dedication.

Public Input:

- **Carol Thomas** was introduced as the **Equal Opportunity & Compliance Manager** for the City.
- **Chris J. Johnson – Executive Director, Bike Fort Collins** spoke about striving for a community bike culture with social inclusion and no barriers in our city.

Guest Presentation:

- **Janet Freeman – Fort Collins Equity and Inclusion Coordinator** portrayed her position with the City of Fort Collins promoting inclusion and equity for residents and visitors.

Discussion Topic:

- HRC 2018 Work Plan Revisions are due in September; any changes may be sent to Colleen for completion.
- FoCo Speaks Out. The tentative summary of events was presented and marketing was discussed.
- The Annual Awards Ceremony. Proposed changes to the nominee Information form and awards were discussed.
- Human Right to Water Panel. A request has been made for the HRC to recommend a panel member. The recommendation was made.
- The Aurora HRC has expressed an interest to collaborate with Colorado HRCs to plan a Symposium for summer of 2018.
- Options for 2018 EOC plans were discussed.
- Jimena suggested moving the Committee Reports to the top of agenda and removing the Work Session Report.
- Jimena asked commission members to monitor relevant issues, including community comment, at City Council meetings and take notes.

Closing: A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 7:37 p.m.

The **Next HRC meeting** will be Thursday September 14, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the CIC Room, City Hall West.