



**MINUTES**  
**HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2016 – Council Conference Rm**

1. **Call to Order** – Present: David Dove, Cynthia Flores, Chris Givan (Chair), J.W. Martin, Olivia Martinez, Natasha Russell, Mike Sullivan and Meryl Dye (staff liaison). Absent: Paula Hopkins, Linda Perrin.
2. **Minutes** – Dove made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015. Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.
3. **Reports** – Dye shared an attendance report and gave a reminder of the attendance rule. There were no informal complaints for December, 2015. Dye assisted a complainant from November in filing a formal race and sex discrimination complaint with the KS Human Rights Commission.
4. **Review of HHRC Goals** – HHRC members discussed goals and strategies from the October 2015 goal setting session. Dye said city manager John Deardoff has suggested that HHRC Chair Chris Givan meet with the Mayor along with Dye and himself to discuss the manner in going forward to request staff. HHRC members agreed the meeting should take place. Russell suggested that program information that was shared in the past should be shared again with the Mayor. Dye shared an outline used by another human relations commission for organizing tasks to be completed under each goal. Members discussed some ideas that could be completed right away to raise awareness about the HHRC and nondiscrimination laws, as well as to build partnerships within the community to assist in outreach and education.
5. **New Business** – Members discussed starting plans to participate in upcoming events such as **Black History Month** (February), **National Fair Housing Month** (April), **HCC's Diversity Day** (April) and **Cinco de Mayo** (May). Martinez requested that tickets be purchased for HHRC members for the **NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet** in the fall.
6. **Communications** – Martinez and Russell commented on this year's community events for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Russell requested a HHRC volunteer to attend and report on meetings of the Hutchinson NAACP.
7. **Adjournment** – Martin made a motion to adjourn, and Sullivan seconded the motion for adjournment.

Minutes Prepared by Meryl Dye, Assistant City Manager (Staff Liaison)

**Next Meeting – February 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Conf. Room**