



AGENDA
HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 – 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER

___ David Dove

___ Cynthia Flores

___ Chris Givan*

___ Paula Hopkins

___ J.W. Martin, Jr.

___ Olivia Martinez

___ Linda Perrin

___ Natasha Russell

___ Mike Sullivan**

STAFF LIAISON: Meryl Dye, Assistant City Manager

*** Chairperson ** Vice Chair-Person**

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY AUDIENCE – Please limit your remarks to five (5) minutes and to items NOT on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2016 MEETING

4. REPORTS

- A. HHRC Attendance Record
- B. Informal Complaint Report – None for April 2016

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Review of HHRC Goals & Activities
 - o Status of HHRC Request to City Council for Staffing
 - o Reports on Women’s Show (April 23, 2016) and Cinco de Mayo Celebration (May 7, 2016)
 - o Monthly Meeting with Police Chief/Sheriff
- B. Other

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS

- A. Commissioners
- B. Staff

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: June 15, 2016 – 4:00 p.m. – City Hall, Council Conference Room



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HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Council Conference Rm

1. **Call to Order** – Present: David Dove, Chris Givan (Chair), Paula Hopkins, J.W. Martin, Linda Perrin, Natasha Russell, Mike Sullivan and Meryl Dye (staff liaison). Absent: Cynthia Flores and Olivia Martinez.
2. **Oral Communications from the Audience** – There was no audience.
3. **Election of Officers** – Sullivan made a motion to nominate Chris Givan as Chairperson. Perrin seconded the motion, and Givan accepted the nomination. The motion passed. Martin made a motion to nominate Mike Sullivan as Vice-Chairperson. Perrin seconded the motion, and Sullivan accepted the nomination. The motion passed.
4. **Minutes** – Dove made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016. Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.
5. **Reports** – Dye shared an attendance report. There was one (1) informal complaint for March, 2016, involving an African American male in his 60's who was terminated from his job of 35+ years for breaching employee confidentiality, which he denies. Dye assisted the Complainant in filing a race, sex, and age complaint with the Kansas Human Rights Commission.
6. **Unfinished Business** –
 - **Letter to City Council for HHRC Staffing** - Givan shared a second draft letter to the City Council requesting reinstatement of the Human Relations Officer position. HHRC members offered several changes to the letter. Hopkins made a motion to accept the letter with the changes discussed and for Chairperson Givan to present the letter to the City Council. Dove seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Sullivan voting against the motion.
 - **Women's Show (April 23rd)** Perrin organized volunteers to staff a booth for the Women's Show, and Dye reviewed handout materials for display at the booth.
 - **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** – Perrin will follow-up with Martinez about passing out materials during the event.
7. **New Business** – Dye reported that she attended the **April meeting with Police Chief Dick Heitschmidt and Sheriff Randy Henderson**. Also in attendance from the HHRC were Olivia Martinez and Cynthia Flores. Other attendees included Dr. Hence Parson, Dr. Femi Ferreira, Darrell Pope, Don Legg, Danny Flores, Richard Wickliffe, Frances Garcia, and Michael Hill, Jr. of the Sheriff's Office. Discussion centered on challenges in law enforcement recruitment, funding for school resources officers and an upcoming **Unite 2 Ignite event** on May 14th to show a movie titled *The Anonymous People* at 6 p.m., with a panel presentation following at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by several community prevention and recovery support groups, the event will be held at the Fox Theatre, 18 East 1st, in Hutchinson.
8. **Communications** – There were no other comments.
9. **Adjournment** – Sullivan made a motion to adjourn, and Perrin seconded the motion for adjournment.

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

Next Meeting – May 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Conf. Room

