



MINUTES
HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – Council Conference Rm

1. **Call to Order** – Present: Chris Givan (Chair), Paula Hopkins, Olivia Martinez, Natasha Russell, Mike Sullivan and Meryl Dye (staff liaison). Absent: David Dove, Cynthia Flores, J.W. Martin, Jr., and Linda Perrin.
2. **Oral Communications from the Audience** – Teresa Wynn was welcomed as an audience member. She learned of the HHRC at the booth during Cinco de Mayo.
3. **Minutes** – Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2016. Sullivan seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. **Reports** – Dye shared an attendance report. There were no informal complaints for the month of April, 2016.
5. **Unfinished Business** –
 - **Letter to City Council for HHRC Staffing** - Givan reported that he shared the HHRC's request for staffing to the City Council on June 16th. Copies of the letter were distributed. Dye said the City Council will hold a study session to review the General Fund budget at 8 a.m. on June 16th at City Hall. Mike Sullivan also provided a letter to the City Council voicing objections to filling the staff position. With Sullivan's permission, Dye distributed copies of the letter. Hopkins questioned Sullivan why he did not share with the HHRC that he was going to provide a letter. Sullivan said he wanted to explain to the City Council why he voted against the staffing request. Hopkins noted that Sullivan's letter reads "Human Relations Commission" under his signature, and said Sullivan was not representing the HHRC.
 - **Women's Show (April 23rd)** Givan reported that Martin, Dove, Martinez, Perrin, Hopkins and himself staffed the booth at the Women's Show.
 - **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** – Martinez reported that Perrin, Russell and herself staffed the booth at the Cinco de Mayo event.
 - **Monthly Meeting with Law Enforcement** – Dye reported on discussion during the May meeting with Sheriff Henderson (Chief Heitschmidt was absent). The group talked about how it might become a formal commission or board, and its role in law enforcement matters. Martinez, Hopkins and Flores also attended the meeting.
6. **New Business** – none.
7. **Communications** – Givan urged HHRC members to attend meetings of the **Reno Co. Resource Council** which will meet on May 24th at noon upstairs at the Public Library. Martinez and Hopkins said they attended the **Unite 2 Ignite event** on May 14th. There were no other comments.
8. **Adjournment** – Sullivan made a motion to adjourn, and Hopkins seconded the motion for adjournment.

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

Next Meeting – June 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Conf. Room