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Director

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES December 9, 2021 4:00 PM -5:00 PM

This meeting took place via teleconference. The City secured phone number which was 1-605-468-8035. The login code is 14462619.

Present via telephone: Vice Chair Walter, Commissioner Lorraine Israel, Commissioner Jackie Santiago

Staff: Karen Taylor, Kimberly Taylor

Meeting Commenced: 4:14 p.m.

- Call to order at 4:14 p.m.
- Introductions made- Director of Equity & Opportunity, Karen Taylor asked each commissioner to introduce themselves and state how long they have been on the commission.
 - Mr. Walter Butler stated that he has been a commissioner for over 20 years starting with Former Mayor Eddie Perez's administration
 - Lorraine Lee Israel stated that she has been a commission for 9 year, appointed in 2012
 - Jacqueline Santiago stated she was appointed as a commissioner in 2019
- Motion made by Chairman Butler to accept minutes for May 13, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Israel. Motion passed.
- Karen asked the commissioner to think about goals for the commissioner and she would be reaching out to each of them for their personal goals and contributions that they would like to make.
- Karen advised the commissioner of the importance of the Human Relations Commission due to the historical nature of why the commission was established. She wants the commissioners to thinking of a new way this commission can go within the scope of the ordinance. She stated that the Office

of Equity and Opportunity was working on building an infrastructure and developing working partnerships with other City departments. Karen also stated that there are plans to collaborate with internal and external partnerships for Black History and Women History Month. Karen gave some ideas that the commission could work on i.e.

- Mental Health/Social Crisis
- Working with the youth-Oral History/Intergeneration collaboration

■ Elections will be tabled. Karen stated that she would like to get more members appointed. Kim advised the commission that she was currently working with Town Clerks Office to make sure information about the commissions that were aligned to the Office of Equity & Opportunity is accurate. Kim also asked make sure that they were also register voter should they decide if they would like to be reappointed. Kim also to them that she would be contacting the Mayor's Office and Town Clerk on what the current process is for reappointments.

■ Karen thanked commissioners for their commitment to the Human Relations Commission and also thanked Commissioner Israel for her participation in the Juneteenth Celebration at Bushnell Park.

■ The next Human Relations Commission meeting January 13, 2022.

■ Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Sanitago. Meeting adjourned 5:01 pm

Respectively submitted,
Kimberly Taylor, Liaison