

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

7:00PM

VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.
 - a. **ROLL CALL:** Chair G, Brewer, Commissioners; K. Grimes, M. Puentes, West, Y. Terretta, and J. Rodriguez
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** K. Grimes and Y. Terretta, All in Favor, Aye, Opposed,–Nay.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Comm. Puentes, and seconded by Comm. Hovde to approve the minutes of October 16 and November 20, 2019. The minutes of October 2 were tabled.
- 4) **PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE**
- 5) **OLD BUSINESS –COMMISSION 2019 ACTIVITIES/INITIATIVES REVIEW**
 - A) **DINNER AND DIALOGUE** – A discussion ensued regarding costs. Comm. Grimes reported that the CRC partnered with Unity Temple, Dominican University, OPRF Museum, and Live Café in collaborative dinner events. There was a dinner for the CRC and the Board of Education, District 97, Restorative Justice Conference, and 4 home dinners for a total of 11 dinners.
 - B) **RACIAL EQUITY**
 1. **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION GRANTS**

A discussion ensued regarding funding for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Grants. Two were already funded. The CRC decided to review the final application for review and funding. Comm. Hovde was asked to recuse herself for the discussion/ratings regarding the application. The CRC took time to review the application and provide their individual ratings. In summation, the score was 136 out of 150.

The CRC collectively decided to award “Race Conscious” an amount of five hundred dollars. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor – Aye, Opposed – Nay, So Moved. Chair Brewer announced that he would turn in all rating sheets with the scores.

2. FAIR HOUSING RESEARCH

Comm. J. Rodriguez posted information regarding her Fair Housing Research via the CRC emails. She reported that she would have more information in the Spring. Comm. Rodriguez discussed her interview session with Trustee Taglia. She stated it was a really good conversation, he needs very special outlines. He is open to the process and on board with GARE.

A) 2020 WORK PLAN

The 2020 work plan has the 2019 completed Initiatives attached. This was submitted as part of the 2020 work plan Review.

B) RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING

Chair Brewer announced that he would speak with the HR Director in terms of the Racial Equity Training; in addition to scheduling a discussion/meeting with Mayor Anan regarding membership. Mr. Melton reported that VOP has joined GARE.

7) ADJOURN

With no further discussion, a motion by Comm. Puentes was made to adjourn and seconded by Comm. Terretta. So moved. The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next Special meeting will be scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2020 instead of the regular meeting date of February 19, 2020.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Andrea F. Mance