

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
April 17th– 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners Grimes, Zapler, Benkert, Kill, Puentes, Hovde, Rodriguez, Moore

ABSENT: Commissioner Green

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Kill motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Puentes providing a second.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kill motioned, Zapler provided a second.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Yoko Turreta observed the meeting to determine her interest in serving on the commission. Trustee elect Peddokatla also attended the meeting. Commissioner Moore informed the group that June would be her last meeting due to her election to the District 97 School Board.

Dinner and Dialogue Report: Commissioner Grimes discussed the May 13th date for the CRC Dinner Dialogue session. The event is slated to start at 6pm to 9pm and will afford the members an opportunity to get better acquainted. Grimes also discussed the collaboration with Unity Temple that resulted in four successful dinners. She also discussed the collaborative dinner held with Dominican University. There was discussion about how the dinners are serving as bridges between communities. Regular dinners that focus on smaller groups are being scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Parade Activity: Chair Zapler will set up a planning meeting to develop final plans for parade activity. Commissioner Puentes offered to research production of t-shirts for commissioners to wear for parade activity.

Day in Our Village: Chair Zapler will set up a planning meeting to discuss festival activities for the event at next meeting.

Racial Equity Progress: Commissioner Benkert discussed ongoing activity that resulted from meeting with Village Manager on CRC recommendations. There was discussion of having the rewritten diversity statement presented and adopted at the board meeting on

May 6th. The rewritten draft was distributed to the group for review. There was a motion to accept the draft as written with all commissioners in favor. In terms of moving forward, there was consensus that working with the Village Manager would be most appropriate.

Work Plan Activity: There was general discussion on work plan activities and assignments. Commissioners are aware of their assignments and will report activity as appropriate.

Adjourn: Commissioner Moore motioned, second by Commissioner Kill.