



Minutes of the City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Office of Diversity and Human Rights

2nd Floor, Suite 201, City Hall

One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87103

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair, Enrique Aguilar, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. (MST) on Tuesday, May 20, 2013.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Robert Poyourow

Ms. Dusadee Sarangarm

Ms. Hwa Soon (Sue) Thorson

Mr. Enrique Aguilar

Mr. Gary Williams

STAFF PRESENT

Doris Duhigg, Board and Assistant City Attorney

Mr. Gabriel J. Campos, Human Rights Officer, Office of Diversity and Human Rights

Ms. Annabelle J. Romero, Deputy Director, Office of Diversity and Human Rights

Shannon Triplett, Office of Diversity and Human Rights

2. Vice Chair Enrique Aguilar's motion to approve agenda for May 20, 2014 passed unanimously with correction to the word minute which was spelled as "minuets."
3. Vice Chair Enrique Aguilar's motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 passed unanimously with correction to Annabelle Romero's title as Deputy Director, not "Deputy Directory."
4. Swearing in of New Member

Mr. Gary Williams was given the oath of office by Assistant City Attorney Doris Duhigg. Mr. Williams signed the oath and Annabelle Romero notarized it. Gabe Campos presented Mr. Williams with a certificate. Mr. Williams gave a brief description of his background and career.

5. Director's Report

Gabe Campos presented a summary and excel spreadsheet on cases handled by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights, a list of projects/collaboration and training/events. Four sample case efforts were discussed including the Haven Behavioral Senior Care; KiMo Theater Report, Mr. Campos' Diversity, HR and ADA presentation material and a report on an investigation of a passenger complaint against a City of Albuquerque bus operator.

Robert Poyourow suggested that bus operator's employee history should not be included in the investigative report. Doris Duhigg, Assistant City Attorney, concurred with Mr. Poyourow that the report should not have had any employee history and that it can be reported but it is important how it is reported. Mr. Gary Williams raised a question as to whether he should recuse himself from receiving the information on this case because he knows the complainant well. Ms. Duhigg said Mr. Williams did not need to recuse himself from receiving the report.

Ms. Dusadee Sarangarm asked if the public could request information on complaints and Ms. Duhigg responded yes, through the IPRA process, but often certain information will be redacted like someone's personal address, social security number etc. Ms. Duhigg added that employee files are not available to the public.

6. Public Comment

The Board did not receive notification of public comment.

7. New Business/Announcements

Robert Poyourow talked about attending the Mental Health Meeting in North West Taylor Ranch. He said there were lots of people mostly health care providers, UNM, and APD officers. The consensus early in the meeting was that they would not deal with the shooting on the hill. Discussion was about general problems to diagnosing and providing support for the mentally ill and health care community, support of police and those directed to intervene. He added discussion centered on problems in schools, where the mentally ill should be. He noted that there were "libertarian strains" regarding people's rights but that parents want more intervention and there was little support to people wanting to intervene. Mr. Poyourow stated that the meeting was very positive of uniformed services and schools, and overall thought it was a fine meeting. Gabe Campos informed there will be two more Mental Health meetings in Valencia and Sandoval Counties. Gabe will send a copy of the final report to the Board when it is completed.

Enrique Aguilar talked about the New Mexico Wheel Chair Tennis at Jerry Cline Tennis Facility. Mr. Aguilar met with the City of Albuquerque regarding this effort and they offered to make changes to facility which is ADA but does not work for tennis athletes. He stated that the City needs more ADA adjustments and is taking bids to correct them. Mr. Aguilar added that he is in the process of drafting a proposal to the City for the purchase of chairs for players -- Cost of a chair is about \$2500. Mr. Aguilar is meeting with the Albuquerque Journal to talk about this effort.

Other comments by Mr. Aguilar were regarding the current issues with APD.

Robert Poyourow inquired whether the Police Oversight Commission (POC) will be strengthened with the resignation of several members and if the Human Rights Board will have augmented powers if the POC is ineffective or no longer existent. Ms. Duhigg added that there are still three POC members.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice Chair Enrique Aguilar reminded everyone of the next Regular Meeting of the Board on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Albuquerque's Office of Diversity and Human Rights, at City Hall, One Civic Plaza NW, 2nd floor, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

READ AND APPROVED:

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Mr. Gabriel Campos
Secretary to the Board

Ms. Erin Olson
Chairperson of the Board

Date: May 20, 2014