City of Aurora
Human Relations Commission

March 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present
Susan Sosa Bachmeier, Bertha Baillie, Michelle Evans, Vincent Gaddis, Sheila Gray, Symone Lewis, Ryan Maley, William Small

Absent
Zachary Draves, Robert Lundquist, Tony Martinez, Mae Smith (Chairperson), Kristen Ziman (ex-officio)

Call to Order and Roll Call
Vice Chair Small called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.
Ryan Maley took roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

New Commissioner
Symone Lewis introduced herself as a new member of the Commission. Dr. Lewis is a clinical psychologist and was Officially appointed Feb 12, 2019.

Minutes Approval
Ms. Baillie moved the minutes from the January 10, 2018 be approved. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Indigenous People’s Day
Mr. Draves was not present. Vice Chair Small discussed the inaccurate press release from Indivisible Aurora. He noted that Chairperson Smith had received a communication that a retraction was posted to the web site. It was unknown if the retraction was distributed in the same manner as the press release.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (Maley and Small)
Ms. Baillie discussed the Know Your Rights campaign included a know your rights cards. The card is intended to inform Aurorans of their rights.
The card is modeled on a similar card from the Illinois Attorney General. The card contains contact information for ICIRR, the Commission and the Illinois Attorney General. ICIRR has given approval for the use of their logo and contact information. The Aurora Police Department has not approved the use of their logo.

The card is intended to be distributed via and advertisement in the Aurora Public Library newsletter and would reach 67,000 households. Ms. Baillie shared samples printouts of the card and demonstrated how the card would be two half pages printed back to back in the newsletter.

Commissioners discussed various details of the card. Ms. Bachmeier suggested including a number for immediate legal help such as the National Immigrant Justice Center. Commissioners agreed. Commissioners discussed the need the need for contacting families and having a plan for action. They expressed a desire to have some instruction to call the family, but this was not as critical as other material. Ms. Baillie will take an action to make the edits discussed.

Ms. Baillie discussed the costs to print the advertisement. Two half page ads in a single issue would total $3,152 and a $95 ad creation fee for a total of $3,247. The ad would appear in the May issue if the ad is submitted by April 22, 2019.

Commissioners discussed the follow-up campaign including follow up events at the Library where space would be available at no cost.

Mr. Maley moved that ad be approved with changes discussed and $3,300 be allocated for placing the ad in the Aurora Public Newsletter. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Event Participation (Gray and Baillie)**
No report.

**Marketing (Evans and Ziman)**
No report.

**Training and Community Education (Sosa-Bachmeier, Smith, Lundquist)**
Ms. Sosa Bachmeier reported on the naturalization clinic previously discussed was held. Ms. Baillie attended. There were 66 applicants at the event. Ms. Baillie commented that it was an amazing and inspiring event.

**Aurora Police Data 2016 – 2018 and Training**
Chief Ziman was not present. The topic was not discussed.

**Set Dates for Meeting**
No information was available. The Commission will rely on Chairperson Smith to propose or set dates.
Wilkinson Family Tribute Event
Mr. Maley reported that Chairperson Smith had previously committed to attend a Wilkinson Family Tribute Event to be held at the Aurora Public Library on July 13. No details were available, and it will be discussed next meeting.

Aurora Pride Weekend
Ms. Ballie reported that Pride Weekend will be held on June 7, 8 & 9. Event includes a 5K run/walk at around Lincoln Park. The goal is to attract 350 participants. A Pride Marketplace will be held at Water Street Mall. Sunday morning will include the second Annual Pride Parade.

More details will be discussed at future meetings.

Other Business
Mr. Maley reported that the all City Boards and Commissions meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday March 21.

Next Meeting
Vice Chair Small reminded commissioners that the next meeting of the Commission will be April 11, 2019.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Maley