



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Meeting Summary
May 11, 2022

PARTICIPATANTS:

Commission Members Present:

Angelo Arredondo, Chair; Amelia Knight; Susan McNaught; Kelsey Murray; Cathy Ostrand-Ponsioen

Commission Members Absent:

Krista Gallagher, Vice Chair; Leah Brooks; Bonnie Davidson; David Rheinholdt; Tricarico Schwartz

Staff:

Gretchen Bennett; Lt. Debra Aguilar

Guests:

Hamadi Jackson

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Review of Agenda

The You Tube channel transmission/recording was noted. Chair Arredondo called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. Introductions were shared.

2. Public Comment

None provided.

3. Consent Calendar

A quorum was not present.

4. Action and/or Discussion Items:

a. Chapter 97 Recommendations

Commissioner Ostrand-Ponsioen was thanked for providing substantive input. The draft is under development and will be brought back for review at the June HRC meeting.

b. Bias Crime Update

Lt. Aguilar reported on four crimes and three incidents that presented to the SPD. Hamadi Jackson clarified the reporting process. People are encouraged to call the non-emergency line at 503-588-6123 unless there is a crime in progress that would suggest calling 911. The group discussed hate symbols. Lt. Aguilar spoke of the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Anti-Defamation League, and the FBI as resources to learn more.

c. Complaints Report: Gretchen reported one situation; she has incomplete information at this time.

5. Task Force and Project Updates:

- a. Awareness:** Chair Ostrand-Ponsioen reported the discrimination survey is in the field receiving responses. Response numbers are a bit behind last year. Commissioners are encouraged to share the information as we hope many will complete. Paper copies were distributed to people who are unsheltered. A full report will be provided at the June HRC meeting by the students conducting the survey.
- b. Equity Asks Report:** Juneteenth is now formally a city holiday.
- c. LGBTQIA+ Intersectional Rights:** The group discussed the Equity Asks document from the HRC as a priority, and assessment of the City as a lead participant. The task force is working on the prerequisites to be a participant. The timeline will be delayed.

6. Staff Updates: None provided.

7. Calendar of Events: the group discussed WorldBeat. A sign-up will be distributed to assess capacity.

8. Member Remarks and Announcements: None provided.

Minutes respectfully presented by staff Gretchen Bennett.