

Meeting Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maxwell at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Erica Maxwell
Vice Chair Kriti Argwal
Commissioner Betty Ramirez
Commissioner Tyler Conaway
Commissioner John Anguiano
Commissioner Jacob Bello
Commissioner Garry Ong
Commissioner Shannon Begay
Commissioner Tony Pham

Staff Attendance

Niki Tapia, DEI Officer
Adrianna Erickson, DEI Coordinator

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Pamela Morris
Commissioner Joseph Curbelo

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

Joseph Yang, advisor for the Arizona Korean Association, thanked the commission for approving funds to help support the Arizona Korean Festival. He shared that there were approximately 500 people in attendance including the Korean Consulate.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Anguiano moved to approve the December 16, 2023, Human Relations Commission meeting minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Conaway.

Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Discussion

HRC Member Survey

Chair Erica Maxwell thanked the commission for completing the HRC survey that was shared at the last meeting. She stated that the Contigo kickoff was the most attended event. DEI Officer Niki Tapia thanked the commissioners for attending so many events and being out in the community.

DEI Spring Events

Ms. Tapia informed the commission of all the upcoming events. She also shared that a calendar invite is sent out for all the events so that commissioners have all the information for community events.

DEI Division Update

Ms. Tapia shared that there has been a lot of progress made in the last two years and gave a brief presentation at the programs and initiatives that have come from the DEI division.

Police Updates

Acting Assistant Chief Jason Sieczkowski stated that there has been a downward trend among all crime categories in the city. He also shared that there has been a slight increase in bias-based crimes and graffiti. He informed the commission that Commander Dan Shellum will be the new HRC Representative and expressed his gratitude to the commission for all their hard work.

Member Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Garry Ong shared the Chinese New Year event at the Chandler Center for the Arts was well attended and a wonderful celebration of the new year.

Calendar

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2023, at 6 p.m., in the Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Adrianna Erickson, Secretary

Erica Maxwell, Chair