

Meeting Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Regular Meeting

July 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers Conference Room

88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ 85225



Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Kriti Agarwal
Vice Chair Betty Ramirez
Commissioner Erica Maxwell
Commissioner Garry Ong
Commissioner Shauna Risinger
Commissioner Joacim Mattisson
Commissioner Jevan Bremby
Commissioner Antonette Shirley

Staff Attendance

Niki Tapia, Cultural Development Asst. Director
CC Cantabrana, Connection & Impact
Zoe Richmond, Comms & Public Affairs

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Kent Lane
Commissioner Omar Rodriguez
Commissioner Pamela Morris

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

John Sefton, City of Chandler Community Services Director attended the meeting to share information about the Recreation & Libraries Master Plan. The City of Chandler is developing a Master Plan to help understand and define the community's direction for recreation and library facilities and programs. The plan will guide what comes next over the next 10 years.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Risinger made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 27, 2026. Vice Chair Ramirez seconded the motion. All in favor of approving the meeting minutes. (8-0).

Action Agenda

Consideration and Establishment of Human Relations Commission Subcommittees

The HRC discussed the establishment, purpose, and responsibilities of three subcommittees intended to help organize the Commission's work and strengthen its community engagement efforts:

- **Commission Administration** – Focused on supporting the internal operations and overall direction of the HRC, including subcommittee accountability, maintaining commission strategy, and board management.
- **Community Relations** – Focused on strengthening the HRC's presence and relationships throughout the community. Responsibilities include awareness and promotion of community groups and events, going out into the community and building relationships with groups, seeking engagement with underrepresented groups, and maintaining HRC community contacts.
- **Community Engagement** – Focused on increasing the HRC's engagement. Responsibilities include attending community events, documenting HRC-attended events, and creating opportunities to invite and encourage community members to engage with the HRC.

The Commission also discussed the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Remaining HRC meetings will be held from 6pm-7:30pm with approximately 30 minutes of meeting time allocated for subcommittee breakout sessions.

Following discussion, Vice Chair Ramirez made a motion to establish the three subcommittees. Commissioner Mattisson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

Discussion

Human Relations Commission Social Media Guidelines

The HRC received a presentation on social media guidelines and best practices for commissioners. The discussion reviewed the City's social media presence and public comment policy, including public records and retention requirements. Commissioners were reminded that when using their personal social media accounts, they are generally speaking as individuals and not as representatives of the City of Chandler or the Commission, unless specifically authorized to do so. The presentation also highlighted best practices related to protecting personal information, being mindful of what is posted or shared online, recognizing scams and impersonation, and understanding potential risks such as doxxing and digital mobbing.

Human Relations Commission Subcommittees: Roles, Responsibilities, and Next Steps

This item was addressed during the Action Agenda as part of the Commission's discussion and action regarding the establishment of the three HRC subcommittees. No additional discussion was held under this item.

Connection & Impact Updates

CC Cantabrana shared information about upcoming Connection & Impact events, including the Chandler Contigo Día de Fiesta & El Grito Celebration, featuring live entertainment, cultural performances, Lucha Libre, food, vendors, and family activities. Cantabrana also shared excitement for upcoming community events, including the Global Ties Arizona Global Café on August 12 and the Diwali Festival of Lights later this year.

Chandler Police Updates

No Chandler Police Department updates were provided, as Commander Shellum was not in attendance.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

- August 1, RAD Bowl-a-thon, AMF Chandler Lanes
- August 26, Human Relations Commission Regular Meeting, Council Conference
- September 6, Suicide Prevention Gathering and Vigil, Chandler Community Center
- September 12, Chandler Contigo Dia de Fiesta, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park
- September 16, Human Relations Commission Regular Meeting, Council Conference

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6 p.m., in the Chandler Council Conference Room located at 88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ 85225.

Adjourn

Commissioner Mattisson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Maxwell seconded the motion. All in favor to adjourn the meeting (8-0).

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

CC Cantabrana, Recording Secretary

Kriti Agarwal, Chair