

Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes

October 17, 2013

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Preston Anderson, Olgy Diaz, Richard McGrue III, Nicci Montgomery, Darion N. Reese, Fred Schuneman, Lucas Smiraldo, Larry Strege, John Wallace, Christopher Winters

Commissioners Absent: Alice Currie, April Sanders,

Staff Present: Tansy Hayward, Tina McLeod, Vicki Walker

Guests: John Hathaway

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Agenda Approval

Chair Wallace called for a motion to approve the October 17, 2013, Human Rights Commission Agenda. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by voice vote to accept the HRC meeting minutes for September 19, 2013.

New HRC Business

- a. Discussion and Approval of Community Response Committee Statement - Trayvon Martin/Tevin Geike

Chair Wallace called for a motion to approve the Commission Statement regarding Trayvon Martin/Tevin Geike as revised by HRC Community Response Committee for Adoption by the HRC on October 17, 2013. The motion was moved and seconded. Chair Wallace opened discussion on the motion and then deferred to Commissioner Anderson, co-chair of the HRC Community Response Committee, for background about the proposed updated statement. Community member, John Hathaway, was invited by the Commission to share concerns that he had raised with Human Rights Manager Marya Gingrey and Commissioner Anderson about the Tevin

Geike murder and subsequent postings on his (Mr. Hathaway's) website. Following Mr. Hathaway's comments, Chair Wallace asked staff member Tina McLeod to read the proposed statement for the record. The proposed statement was read. In discussion of the motion, Commissioners reminded each other of the original Trayvon Martin statement, which was approved by the HRC on August 15, 2013; shared information about the Tevin Geike incident; and voiced their opinions on the proposed statement. Chair Wallace reminded Commissioners that there was a motion on the floor to approve the statement as written and authorize a press release. A voice vote was taken and outcome sounded split. A roll call vote was called. There were no abstentions. The motion failed by simple majority (4 ayes, 5 nays).

Chair Wallace noted that the agenda called for a motion to recess to attend a 6:00 Prop 1 meeting in the Council Chambers. As it was past 6:00, Chair Wallace called for a motion to adjourn that was seconded and passed.

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Action Items:

Tina McLeod – Press List to Commissioners, Follow Up Email on Equity Summit for campus location to Commissioners, Schedule meeting for Community Response Committee

Commissioners – Add to Press List for Distribution of HRC Statement

Vicki Walker – Copy of HRC Statement to John Hathaway.

Marya/Tina – Contact commissioners individually about RACE exhibit date/time/options.