

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2011

Attendance: Tobias Guzmán, Jenna Finley, Neil Chikazawa, David Munoz, Christy Shirazi, Terry Zubler

Staff representatives: Linda Cannon and Lieutenant David Spies

Minutes from the August meeting were approved as submitted.

1. SAVA presentation. Chairman, Tobias Guzmán welcomed Sexual Assault and Victim Advocate Center representative Susie Villareal as a guest to the HRC meeting. Susie gave an overview of SAVA services including what behavior constitutes sexual assault and what victims feel and need from those around them. A period of questions and comments from the HRC members followed her presentation. Tobias encouraged members of the HRC to take the SAVA message to other organizations and agencies in the area and thanked Susie for her time.

2. Human Relations Commission Retreat in Colorado Springs on October 28. David Muñoz volunteered to attend. Tobias will contact Sue Beecher and Nickie Archibeque to invite them to attend.

3. MLK Day event. Tobias told the Commission that he wants to start planning for the 2012 Martin Luther King Day event earlier this year. He is already working with a group from UNC on finding a speaker and possibly a gospel choir. He asked for someone from the HRC to work with the UNC committee in partnership. Specifically he is asking for input on

a. What would the HRC members like to do both for the event and their individual participation.

b. What is the HRC's role this year?

c. The theme continues from last year to: Dream Big, Spread Hope, Inspire Others.

What activities can be developed toward that mission?

1. Use Images to promote MLK day

2. Work with the school district again this year to get essays, pictures, etc.

The meeting was concluded at 1:40 p.m.