

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2011

Attendance: Nickie Archibeque, Neil Chikazawa, Jenna Finley, Jan Groom, Tobias Guzmán, Christy Shirazi, Val Smythe and Staff representatives Sharon McCabe and Jack Statler

Tobias informed the Commission that the District 6 School Superintendent had approached him and requested an opportunity to be a part of the Martin Luther King Day celebration program. The Superintendent's intent was to communicate and reinforce the District's support of efforts toward diversity. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Superintendent's participation in the event. The motion passed with six in favor and one opposed.

As co-chair of the event, Christy Shirazi gave a report on the status of the Martin Luther King Day program:

- Key note speaker – Dominique Dawes – first African American to win the Olympic gold medal in gymnastics. Ms. Dawes is now traveling the country and doing motivational speaking.
- Neil Chikazawa showed a preview of the video that he took a lead in developing showcasing The Grove Neighborhood Network as recipients of the first annual “Dream Big. Spread Hope. Inspire Others.” Community Award.
- A community book read featuring the book “Your Blues Ain't Like Mine” will be promoted as part of Black History Month in February. This will be facilitated by UNC professor Elizabeth Franklin. Nickie Archibeque volunteered to be the HRC representative for this effort.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.