

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Nickie Archibeque, Neil Chikazawa, Irene Davila, Tobias Guzmán, Jenna Finley, David Munoz, Elias Quinonez, Todd Schuster, Christy Shirazi, Terry Zubler
Staff representatives: Sharon McCabe and Lieutenant David Spies

Commission Chair Tobias Guzmán distributed a draft of the Triennial Review Report for presentation to City Council at their November 22 meeting. After discussion members agreed to two modifications to the draft report:

- 1) Modify section under “Prior Accomplishments” relating to involvement in the Colorado Association of Human Relations Commissions to reflect the information sharing aspect of the relationship and not to convey the message or perception that the Greeley HRC was adopting any of the political views that the Statewide or any individual HRC may advocate.
- 2) Under “Prior Accomplishments” add a bullet regarding the first annual *Dream Big, Spread Hope, Inspire Others* Community Award.

With no further changes recommended, Tobias advised that he would send an e-mail attaching the revised report and requested any responses be returned to him by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15.

David Munoz reported on his attendance at the Statewide Human Relations Commission conference on October 28, a written summary of which had been e-mailed to members on November 9 (copy attached with minutes). A motion was made to participate in future phone calls and meetings or conferences with the Statewide HRC for the purpose of using them as a resource and as an opportunity for programmatic ideas and suggestions but not to be involved with anything that would be political in nature. The motion passed with eight in favor and two opposed.

Tobias advised that he had e-mailed a copy of the minutes of the last teleconference call with members of this Statewide group and would send it out again for members that may not have had opportunity to review the minutes.

Tobias reported that plans for the 2012 MLK event are proceeding and the Greeley Human Relations Commission will have the responsibility for making and accepting nominations for the *Spread Hope, Dream Big, Inspire Others* Community Award. The criteria will be the same as in 2011 which was: The efforts of an organization or individual(s) whose work contributed to helping and serving others as well as the advancement of education within our community. After nominations are received, the HRC will also make the decision on the individual or organization that will receive the award in 2012. The process will include:

- Soliciting nominations (nominations can be made by HRC members as well as community members)
- Nominations must be made with a write-up providing information on the individual/organization and an explanation of why they are deserving of the award. In order to be considered, this write-up must be e-mailed to members prior to the December 12 meeting or brought to the meeting.
- December 12 HRC meeting – reviewing all nominations and making a final decision on the award recipient for 2012

- Submitting the write-up on the 2012 recipient to Washington for a national award that will also be made

Verbal Nominations included:

- Guadalupe Center
- Right to Read
- Realizing Our Community (Maria Sanchez)
- East African Community Center
- Christ Community Church
- Goal Academy (drop in center at the Greeley Mall)