

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting  
December 5, 2011  
Farmington Civic Center

Members Present: David John, Chairman, Leigh Irvin, Chairman Pro-Tem, George Francis, Alfonso Garcia, Beth Volkerding

Members Absent: Amy Dickson, Catalina Liles

Ex-Officio Members Present: Joyce Donald

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Marlene Sandoval, Melissa Charlie

Staff Present: Bob Campbell, Assistant Manager; Elizabeth Isenberg, Government Relations Director; Lisa Hutchens, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Kurt Madar, Woody Moore

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David John called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum of members present, the following procedures were duly had and taken.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman David John welcomed those in attendance and asked guests to introduce themselves.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leigh Irvin moved to approve the minutes as presented, Beth Volkerding seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### MARKETING CAMPAIGN ON NAVAJO NATION, BOB CAMPBELL

Bob Campbell reported we are waiting on information from KNDN. David John and George Francis will assist with translation and recording. Staff will check with KTNN. Commission will have chance to review, however, staff will move forward with the campaign due to time constraints.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Input—none.

Update on Complaints Received—The City of Farmington City Attorney's opinion, in regard to the complaint received from Delphine Martinez, is that the CRC should not review the

complaint. Reasons for not reviewing the complaint include the complaint not being received in a timely manner; it was beyond the 45 day requirement. Also listed was pending litigation and possible criminal charges pending. A response letter will be sent to the complainant. Discussion took place. Commissioner Irvin asked if there is anything prohibiting CRC from looking at the complaint. Mr. Campbell stated there is nothing in the procedures prohibiting it, however, a review would be against City legal advice. Commissioner Irvin stated she would appreciate a briefing on what the Commission can and cannot handle.

Commissioner Garcia inquired if the complaint would have come in on time, what could the Commission have done? Mr. Campbell stated the complaint is still considered pending litigation and a possible criminal case. Commissioner Francis stated that in cases of violence, etc, it will often take longer than 45 days for the complainant to come forward. The Commission may need to look at extending that timeframe in violent cases and possibly work with the CPAC to see if there is a problem. Chairman David John stated that the forms and procedures may need to be reviewed and amended. The Commission requested that CRC procedures be placed on the January agenda.

#### COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chairman David John reported that KOB interviewed him regarding the Cross Cultural Communication presentation and radio campaign.

Chairman Pro-Tem Irvin inquired about the status of the joint conference with the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission. Mr. Campbell stated a letter was going out requesting that Rodney Tahe be the contact for the Commission and staff to work with on the report card and moving forward with the conference. The goal is to get the two commission staffs working together on a positive conference.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Alfonso Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. George Francis seconded the motion. Motion carries.