

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES

February 7, 2011
4:00 PM

Members Present: David John, Chairman; Art Allison, Eugene Baker, Amy Dickson, Leigh Irvin, Randy Joslin, Catalina Liles

Members Absent: Karen Bayless, Chairman Pro-Tem; Francis Mitchell

Ex-Officio Members Present: Joyce Donald, Marlene Sandoval

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Melissa Charlie

City Representatives Present: Bob Campbell, Assistant City Manager; Dana Anderson, Paralegal; Lisa Hutchens, Executive Assistant

Guests Present: Pamela Drake, San Juan County Partnership; Woody Moore

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David John at approximately at 4:04 pm and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leigh Irvin moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2011. Eugene Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Catalina Liles moved to recall the item tabled at the January meeting. Leigh Irvin seconded. Motion carried. Leigh Irvin nominated David John to serve as Chairman. Randy Joslin seconded. Catalina Liles nominated Leigh Irvin to serve as Chairman. Art Allison seconded. Randy Joslin moved to cease nominations. Art Allison seconded. Eugene Baker began presiding over the meeting at the request of David John. A vote was taken for each nomination. David John – 4 votes, Leigh Irvin, 1 vote. David John is elected as Chairman. Chairman John asked for nominations for the Chairman Pro-Tem position. Art Allison nominated Leigh Irvin for the Pro-Tem position. Randy Joslin seconded. Nominations ceased. All voted in favor of Ms. Irvin to serve as Chairman Pro-Tem.

JOINT CONFERENCE WITH NAVAJO NATION—Bob Campbell

The Mayor asked Chairman John to appoint two Commissioners to work on planning the conference. Chairman John appointed Art Allison and Leigh Irvin. Bob Campbell reported a preliminary meeting was held with the Navajo Nation in which the Nation reported they would like a conference in August or September. Staff met with San Juan College about being a possible venue for the conference. There is still much work to do such as confirming a date, identifying a theme, determining break out sessions and more.

CREATING CULTURAL HARMONY CONFERENCE—Pamela Drake

Pamela Drake, Director of the San Juan County Partnership gave an overview of the upcoming conference and encouraged CRC members to attend. Ms. Drake also shared that the Partnership has added a Youth Track for this year's conference. In addition, there will be a mariachi band and more out of town speakers than normal. Registration forms were provided to those attending.

MEETINGS TRAINING

Amy Dickson reported that the training was very beneficial. Eugene Baker said a mock meeting was held and the information on parliamentary procedure was helpful.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Input—Woody Moore shared a complaint he has about a former employer. He submitted his complaint for further review.

Lisa reported that one other complaint was received during the month. Since it was a landlord/tenant issue the complaint was referred to Legal Aid of New Mexico.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

-Chairman David John told Commissioners a letter was received regarding graffiti and is included in their packets. The Commission asked that the letter be referred to the Police Department for further action.

-Catalina Liles stated she has issues with Mayor Roberts' mediation proposal. Art Allison stated he feels the Commission would be better off if it were separate from the City.

-Randy Joslin invited the Commission to the grand opening of his church on February 13th at 3 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Catalina Liles moved to adjourn the meeting. Art Allison seconded. Motion carried.

David John, Chairman

Lisa Hutchens, Secretary