

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
February 8, 2010  
4:00 PM

Members Present: David John, Chairman; Karen Bayless, Chairman Pro-Tem; Art Allison, Eugene Baker, Randy Joslin, Catalina Liles, Francis Mitchell; Emet Rudolfo

Members Absent: Kristin Joe

Ex-Officio Members Present: Lucy Alvarado, Melissa Charlie

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Joyce Donald, Dorothy Nobis, Marlene Sandoval

City Staff Present: Bob Campbell, Assistant City Manager; Dana Anderson, Paralegal; Lisa Hutchens, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro-Tem Karen Bayless at approximately at 4:03 pm and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

**WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?**

Discussion took place about 2009 accomplishments. Lucy Alvarado stated it appears to her that more people are aware of the CRC. However, individuals, especially complainants, don't seem willing to attend meetings. Art Allison feels major progress has been made. Randy Joslin stated that the CRC is in its infancy and the process is an ongoing learning experience and journey. Progress has been made.

**2010 CALENDAR**

Karen Bayless suggested hosting a cross cultural event that covers all cultures rather than sponsoring individual events. She suggested the event be geared toward children. There would be presentations, prizes and possibly food. A 2010 calendar of events was provided to avoid conflicts with other events. Randy Joslin he stated this type of event appears to be more in line with CRC's purpose rather than individual celebrations. Randy feels it is appropriate for the CRC to look for commonalities among all cultures and focus on those rather than any one culture. The CRC should bring the community together. Randy is in favor of the CRC sponsoring the event but feels the community should provide booths, information, etc. Karen would like to educate younger generations. Randy agreed, stating he feels that would be the best way to break down barriers. Melissa Charlie noted the event sounds like a good way to cover racial and cultural issues. She stated the Commission should also find ways to address sexual orientation/identity issues. Randy Joslin moved to pursue having the event this summer. Catalina Liles seconded. Motion carried.

Catalina Liles said she is organizing a Hispanic event in May and the CRC is welcome to have a booth to share information. Discussion took place about making the CRC's brochures available at other locations. Catalina offered to deliver the brochures to various locations.

**Goals for 2010:**

- Present information to as many local clubs/organizations as possible. (Discuss further at next meeting.)
- Invite San Juan Safe Communities Initiative to present information at a regular CRC meeting.
- Invite a representative from the Police Department's Internal Affairs division to discuss their procedures.
- Some discussion took place regarding education at the Boys & Girls Clubs and Big Brothers/Big Sisters level.
- Coffee/Chat at TJ's Downtown Diner set for February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 am.
- Adjust times for 2-3 regular meetings to be held in the evening rather than at 4 pm to accommodate the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Eugene Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Catalina Liles seconded. Motion carried.

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David John, Chairman

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Lisa Hutchens, Secretary