

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
August 2, 2010  
4:00 PM

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

Members Absent: Art Allison, Francis Mitchell

Ex-Officio Members Present: Melissa Charlie, Joyce Donald

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Marlene Sandoval

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

Guests Present: Kenneth Ellison, Krisohn Adakai, Debra Washburn, Samuel Sandoval, Malula Sandoval, Kenneth Lee, Daisy Swadesh, Zang Wood, Steve Lynn

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David John at approximately at 4:20 pm and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Karen Bayless moved to approve the minutes. Catalina Liles seconded the motion. Motion carries.

**OPEN COMPLAINT**

Catalina Liles gave an overview of the complaint presented by Debra Washburn. Ms. Washburn was given the opportunity to share her side of the story. She explained that the t-shirt had the name of the band on the front and the logo of the band on the back. There was no foul language. Ms. Washburn said she would like an apology for her daughter. Eugene Baker recommended mediation. Karen Bayless suggested utilizing a professional mediator. City staff will follow up with Mrs. Davis and a mediator.

**TRAINING FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Karen Bayless stated she felt the first part of the training emphasized that Mayor Standley followed the Department of Justice guidelines for putting a Commission of this type together. Discussion took place on the training and what the Commission could do to put the training to use.

**JOINT MEETING WITH NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Chairman David John shared the joint meeting would be on August 9 at 10 am at Dine College. Randy Joslin stated that the agreement is between the Navajo Nation and the City of Farmington. Karen Bayless reiterated that the Commission will only be making a recommendation to the City Council. The Commission will not be making a final decision.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bob Campbell stated that the San Juan County Partnership would like someone from the Commission to be part of the planning committee for the Creating Cultural Harmony conference that will take place in February 2011. David John volunteered to attend the meeting being held next week.

Citizen Input - Daisy Swadesh defined the dynamics of community relations. Ms. Swadesh is concerned that the Mayor removed the language from the proposed agreement between the City and the Navajo Nation. This language is one more way they would like to heal.

Kenneth Lee shared experience he and his family had at a local dining establishment that morning. Chairman John thanked Mr. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval for the information and explained that their complaint will be assigned to a member of the Commission.

#### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Catalina Liles moved to adjourn the meeting. Emet Rudolfo seconded. Motion carried.

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David John, Chairman

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Lisa Hutchens, Secretary