

# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

## MINUTES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

### Members:

Lee Bixson  
Craig Blomberg  
Arthur Clinton  
Nico De Anda-Scaia  
Justin Kudo (Vice Chair)  
Najme Minhaj (Chair)  
Ann Privateer  
J Jesus Leyva (Alternate)

### Ex Officio Members:

Saraf Nawar (Student)  
John Pamperin (Faith-based)  
Rahim Reed (UCD)  
Lt. Tom Waltz (Police Dept)  
Vacant (ASUCD)  
Pamela Mari/Mel Lewis  
(DJUSD)

### Council Liaisons:

Stephen Souza  
Lamar Heystek (Alternate)

### Staff

Kelly Stachowicz, City

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## **I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda (6:30)**

*Members Present: Bixson, Blomberg, Kudo, Minhaj, Privateer, Pamperin*  
*Voting Members Absent: Clinton, De Anda, Leyva*

*Minhaj called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Kudo moved and Blomberg seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **II. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2009**

*Blomberg moved and Kudo seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **III. Public Comment -**

*There was no public comment.*

## **IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements**

*Privateer commented on her visit to France and noticed that the diversity in the United States makes it more challenging to do things. She would be interested to look at the demographics of both countries to see the actual diversity of both.*

## **V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements**

*Stachowicz reported there had been no hate crimes to report. The ombudsman contact had been renewed, although for \$10,000 less than in previous years. Staff is working to address homeless issues, especially in the D Street neighborhood downtown. Also reported on the effects of the state budget on the city budget.*

## **VI. Discussion/Action Items**

### **Diversity and Discrimination Report –**

*Stachowicz asks for discussion on the media portion of the report. Blomberg indicated he felt it important to include media in some way as part of the report. Kudo responded that he did not feel media was part of the territory the report should cover, except for the role of the city in communicating to the public (the City needs to communicate better with the public.). Privateer mentions the need to have a “city square” posting place, physical or electronic, to share*

*information with the public. Minhaj commented that Commission and City must have good relationship with the media to get important messages out.*

*Blomberg suggests coming up with a list of different types of media and getting the word out about what the Commission does.*

*Kudo asks for Commission to think practically about goals. The community is taking care of itself; most people who want to find a voice can find a voice.*

*Stachowicz will take Commission comments regarding media and try to work them into draft report.*

*Stachowicz explained the survey created several years ago by the Commission. Commission reviewed survey and made several comments related to it. Commission appointed subcommittee of Blomberg, Kudo and Bixson to review survey and make recommendations on the survey to the full Commission.*

**VIII. Adjourn**

*Minhad adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.*