COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISION

Regular Meeting April 7, 2014 Civic Center

Members Present:

David John-Chairman, George Francis, Charles Kromer, Lynn Love, Al

Garcia and Beth Volkerding

Members Absent:

Mark Marquez

Staff Present:

Robert Campbell, Assistant City Manager; Melody Coyner, Paralegal and

Joanna Oliver, Secretary

Guests Present:

Marlena Hammen

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Garcia moved to accept the March 3, 2014 minutes. Beth Volkerding seconded. Motion carried.

RAY STEIGELMAN COMPLAINT

Ray Steigelman presented his complaint against Dollar General on Broadway. Linda Ford, advocate for Ray, spoke to the Commission regarding her dealings with the Manager at General Dollar. She asked that the store post the law regarding service animals on the employee bulletin board and was told that the District Office would not allow it to be posted. The Commission decided to write a letter to Dollar General's corporate office and send copy to the local store. It was also suggested to put an ad in the paper regarding the Federal and State laws.

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

Chairman David John went over the Open Meeting Resolution with the Commission. It was all agreed to keep the meetings as is. Charles Kromer moved to accept the Resolution, Beth Volkerding seconded. Motion carried.

NNHRC RESPONSE LETTER

Robert Campbell presented the letter that had been drafted in response to the three issues that had been presented by the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at the joint meeting that was held on February 24, 2014. Chairman David John stated that he feels the letter sounds too defensive. He will sit down with Robert Campbell and revise the letter. George Francis

motioned to bring this back to the next regular meeting on May 5, 2014. Charles Kromer seconded. Motion carried.

CIVILITY FIRST FOUR CORNERS

Commissioner Lynn Love presented the program and gave an overview of the way the program is developing. The sub-committee would like to start the awareness of the program to the community in May at Riverfest. Beth Volkerding stated that the program should be a collective collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce. Lynn Love stated that when the program is approved they will then present to the Chamber of Commerce. Robert Campbell suggested using the monies left over, if any, from the CRC towards this program. George Francis made a motion to allow the sub-committee to start the awareness campaign next month while they develop the details of the program and use any monies left over to help fund this project. Al Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

Marlena Hammen from the Center of American Indian Health presented a grant application to the Commission to consider regarding the Native Vision Sports and Life Skills Camp to be held in June. The event is to be held in Shiprock so the Commission asked Melody Coyner to check and see if it meets within the Grant Guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

David John, Chairman

Joanna Oliver, Secretary