

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

MAY 6, 2019

City Hall

Members Present: Lynn Love, Cheri Floyd, Larry Moore, Pat Gross and Diana Kinney

Members Absent: Sherrie Chenault

Staff Present: Julie Baird, Ass't City Manager, Georgette Allen, Public Relations Officer and Joanna Oliver, Secretary

Guest Present: Chief Steve Hebbe

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lynn Love called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. with a quorum of members present the following procedures were duly had and taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Larry Moore made a motion to approve the April 1, 2019 minutes. Pat Gross seconded. Motion carried.

OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION

Dianne Kinney made a motion to accept the FY20 Open Meeting Resolution. Cheri Floyd seconded. Motion carried.

IMMIGRATION FORUM FOLLOW UP

There was a lengthy follow up discussion with Georgette Allen and Chief Steve Hebbe on the Community Forum that was held on April 18th regarding Immigration. Approximately 100 residents showed up. Georgette Allen stated that from the comments received, that most groups did not get the jest of the purpose of this topic. There were some negative comments but overall was a huge success with a lot of compliments received. Georgette Allen suggested a follow up and invite just the main players – Patriots group, etc. and outreach to the immigrant community. Each panelist had their perspective on the subject and what is the law enforcement role.

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR NEXT FORUM

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a topic for the next Community Forum. Some of the topics discussed were racism, mental health issues, and housing. Pat Gross asked Chief Hebbe if there was a subject that would help the Police Department. He stated that Mental Health issues in this area do need to be addressed including what resources are available and unavailable. It was suggested to let the public tell their stories of experiences they have had dealing with mental health and finding help. It was also suggested to invite the Political leaders for New Mexico. Chairman Lynn Love asked the Commissioners to gather some thoughts/ideas on who to have on the panel and these would be discussed at the June meeting.

CIVILITY FIRST SUNDAY

Pat Gross went into further detail on the plan that she drafted for the Civility First Sundays. She used Georgette's Communication Plan as the basis and added some of the core values. Commission had a short discussion regarding the logistics.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Julie Baird discussed the Commission's budget for next year. Administration is looking at cutting the budget down to \$15,000.00. She will have more information at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Lynn Love, Chairman

Joanna Oliver, Secretary