

**Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2022 - 3:30 p.m.**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
Casey Bakhsh	Thomas Boxley
Andrew Carlson	Carmela Hill
Stacy Cole	Vickie Holler
Drew France	
Toby Jenkins	
Lynn Jones	
Tia Juby	
Amanda Peregrina	
Joshua Stark	
Shannon Starr	
Kim Teehee	
Andrea Walker	

- I. Call to Order and Introductions**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 3:32pm by Chairwoman Juby.
- II. Compassionate Tulsa Awards Presentation**
  - a. Commissioner Walker introduces Vickie Langston, chair of the Compassionate Tulsan awards to begin the ceremony.
    - i. The Compassionate Tulsan -of-the Month Award for March was presented to Fred Freeman. Fred was honored for his strategic and compassionate leadership at AME Church's food ministry, which has allowed the organization to provide meals for nearly 300,000 people since the pandemic.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Commissioner Juby requests a motion for approval of the February meeting minutes.
    - i. Commissioner France makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes
    - ii. Commissioner Carlson seconds the motion
    - iii. Meeting minutes unanimously approved
- IV. Chair's Report**
  - a. Commissioner Juby informs the commission that the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission is sending a letter, requesting that Kim Teehee be sat as a congressional delegate on behalf of the Cherokee nation. She asks the commission to potentially entertain a motion for the commission to draft their own letter of support Commissioner Teehee as well.
    - i. Commissioner Stark reads the letter outload to the commission

1. Commissioner Teehee confirms that there are many folks who are working to support her being sat, and there hasn't been any opposition.
  - a. Commissioner France asks how time sensitive the request for a letter of support from HRC would be, and requests more information on the matter before the commission votes.
    - i. Commissioner France reminds everyone that is the second time the commission has been asked to sign something, with no previous knowledge.
    - ii. Commissioner Cole disagrees, and mentions that Kim being sat on behalf of Cherokee nation is well known news that's been reported multiple times.
    - iii. Commissioner Juby proposes a draft of a letter to be reviewed and voted on in preparation for next month's meeting, including relevant research for everyone to look over.
  - b. Commissioner Juby announces that the commission will begin looking at the equality indicators for commission focus.
    - i. Commissioner Jones adds that it's important to explore what the commission can and cannot do within the measures of the equality indicators and reminds everyone that the city has some finites boundaries for commission limitations.

**V. Standing Committee Reports:**

**a. Compliance and Advisory Committee**

- i. No report

**b. Fair Housing Committee**

- i. Commissioner Bakhsh reports that there will be a fair housing events regarding fair housing rules, and laws. Commissioner Bakhsh expresses excitement about that collaborations that are forming.

**c. Community Relations Committee**

- i. No report

**d. Compassionate Tulsa Committee**

- i. No report

**VI. Title 5 Commission Reports:**

**a. The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission**

- i. Commissioner Teehee reports that the chairman of the commission as well as herself attended the inaugural city council tribal relations committee meeting. The members of the committee consist of City Councilors and the three tribes that share Tulsa's jurisdiction. This first meeting was primarily discussion based on how the committee would like to move forward.

**b. Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women**

i. No report

**c. The Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission**

i. No report

**d. The Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic /Latinx Affairs Commission**

i. Commissioner Peregrina reports that the Education Committee is in the interview portion for the Tomas Rivera Awards.

**VII. Old Business**

a. None

**VIII. Announcements / Public Comments**

a. None

**IX. Adjournment**

a. Commissioner Jones makes a motion to adjourn

b. Commissioner Cole seconds

c. Meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.