

Members of the Human Relations Advisory Board appeared electronically for meetings via Zoom, and the live meetings was accessible via the video conferencing platform and telephonically.

1. Chair's Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks.

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Mr. William provided welcoming remarks to Human Relations Commission board members, city staff and members of the public from the cities of Mesa, Phoenix, Chandler, Tempe, Gilbert, Scottsdale, and Fountain Hills. It is tradition for the commissions from our regional cities to come together to share the positive community impacts, any local challenges and brainstorm on new ideas that unite the valley. Mr. Williams introduced himself as Chair of Mesa's HRAB and facilitator for the meeting.

2. Items from citizens' present. \*

No citizens wished to speak to the board.

3. Breakout groups for HRC member introductions and brief update on City highlights.

Mr. Williams conveyed that one of the greatest features of our regional meetings is the ability to network and connect with each other. Staff divided everyone on the call into break out groups. In the groups, participants in the rooms were asked to introduce their name, which City/Town they are with, their role, and a positive impact in their community.

4. Presentation on importance of diversity, equity and inclusion and community impact by guest speaker Jeff Olivet.

Next, Mr. Williams introduced Jeff Olivet with Jo Consulting as the keynote speaker. Mr. Olivet has worked in homelessness, behavioral health, and public health for more than 25 years. As a speaker, writer, and policy leader, he has shaped new directions for organizations across the United States and internationally. Mr. Olivet gave a presentation on the status of social justice and how communities can center around racial equity.

5. Discuss items:

(5a) Plans for 2023 Regional Unity Walk.

(5b) Plans for next HRC meeting.

City of Chandler staff Cisco Luzania to lead the discussion on the future of the Regional Unity Walk which is slated to be held in person again in 2023. A planning committee convened of members from each of the hosting Cities HRCs are meeting to best advise plans moving forward.

In addition, the City of Chandler will look to schedule the next meeting in person later this year and send invitations to the regional boards.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM

**\*Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. The Arizona Open Meeting Law (ARS § 38-431 et seq.) limits the Human Relations Advisory Board to discussing only those matters listed on the agenda and other matters related thereto.**

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