

Minutes from
February 22, 2010
HRC Subcommittee Meeting

Present: Josephine Vega, Frank Morales, Florence Boyle, Liz Alvarado, Kathy Dietz

1. Discuss revision to letter to the City Council:

The Committee agreed to accept the letter regarding the Diversity Unity Grants as written with the excision of the word "only" in the last sentence of the letter. See attached letter with revision from Sub-Committee.

2. Discuss presentation to City Council:

The Committee decided that the letter would be sent immediately to the Mayor and City Council* and that members from the Committee (Kathy Dietz, Josephine Vega, and possibly two other Commissioners) would present the letter as a statement from the HRC to the Public Forum on Wed., February 24th at the South Tempe Police Substation, 3340 S. Hardy Drive, at 6:30 p.m.

*Before the conclusion of the meeting, the letter to the Mayor and City Council was signed by Florence and put into the in-house mail at City Hall.

3. Discuss and review 2010 Diversity Unity Grants Summary:

Kathy Dietz suggested that each member read closely the *Diversity Unity Grants Summary* distributed by Caterina from the TCC at our last HRC meeting.

4. Discuss other suggestions related to the Unity Grants.

Other suggestions related to the Unity Grants were discussed.

1) Diversity talks for teens. If the grants are eliminated, perhaps initiating "talks" similar to those of the Diversity Dialog program being held presently.

2) teacher training programs need to include diversity training. ASU is in the process of restructuring the teacher education program. The program will be modeled after *Teach For America*. The Committee discussed the possibility of having a representative from the program present to the Commission regarding the teacher training and the presence of diversity training.

3) The Commission discussed training for elected City officials, if it is not required at present. Some research needs to be done in this regard.

