

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

November 15, 2013

Board Members Present

Jeff Lavender
Wendy Freeman
Janet Bain
Beverly Dupree
Robert Garcia
Daisy Flores

Board Members Absent

Juan Ciscomani

Staff Members Present

Sandra Kane, Executive Director
Jennifer Larson, Legal Counsel

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Jeff Lavender called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m., with the following Board Members present: Wendy Freeman, Beverly Dupree and Janet Bain. Robert Garcia and Daisy Flores joined the meeting telephonically shortly thereafter. The meeting took place at the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Caps Center Building, 4th Floor North Conference Room.

II. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2013

Upon motion by Beverly Dupree, which was seconded by Janet Bain, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes for October 17, 2013.

III. Update re Law Enforcement/SB 1070 and DACA Driver's Licenses Issues- Kelly Flood, ACLU

Kelly Flood informed the Board that there have been productive meetings re law enforcement post SB-1070 between a group called Somos America and the Phoenix PD. The meetings take place on a monthly basis. She also informed that the ACLU has a lot of information on what types of data different law enforcement agencies collect, as well as the ACLU's recommendations for certain agencies. She informed the Board that she could provide this information to them.

Ms. Flood informed the Board that the litigation regarding the DACA Driver's License Issues is in the discovery phase in federal district court, and a ruling in the case is being appealed in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Sandra Kane informed the Board that she did contact the Governor's office to see if someone would come address the Board to express their side of the issue, but that due to the ongoing litigation, no one was available to comment. Ms. Kane stated that she brought copies of the district court order to explain both sides of the issue and why the mandatory injunction was not granted.

IV. Discussion and Consideration of Subcommittee Recommendations for Action in response to Public Forums and Survey to Law Enforcement Post-SB1070.

Wendy Freeman gave an overview of the issues and recommendations identified by the subcommittee. The Board discussed a recent meeting held by Sheriff Joe Arpaio with the community that was not well attended and discussed how ACRA B could be a bridge to building better relationships between law enforcement and the community. The Board discussed identifying its main objectives before deciding on the next steps to take. Beverly Dupree stated that ACRA B's goal should be to try to take steps to provide a resolution to the people who voiced their complaints at the public forums. Wendy Freeman expressed that the Board's priority should be to try to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the public. Ms. Freeman suggested getting a representative from Somos America to come speak to the Board and discuss ways in which the Board could assist their efforts. Janet Bain suggested also reaching out to other organizations such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Beverly Dupree agreed that the Board should reach out to Somos America and other organizations, invite them to attend a Board meeting, tell them about the Board's concerns, and ask for recommendations on how to help rebuild trust between the public and law enforcement. Daisy Flores stated that ACRA B should recommend legislation requiring law enforcement agencies to capture certain types of data, such as contact information. She expressed that she did not think the Board would have much success in changing attitudes and should focus on legislation. Ms. Flores left the meeting at 1:51 p.m. Beverly Dupree made a motion for the Board to write a letter to state legislators to make recommendations for legislation that requires law enforcement agencies to collect data. Robert Garcia seconded the motion, and the Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Jeff Lavender volunteered to be on a subcommittee to draft the letter. Sandra Kane suggested that Daisy Flores should also be on the subcommittee since she suggested the data collection. Robert Garcia made a motion for the Board to have a "study session" by inviting different organizations to attend a Board meeting and articulate suggestions on how to bridge the gap between the public and law enforcement with respect to SB 1070. Janet Bain seconded the motion, and the Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Robert Garcia left the meeting at 2:26 p.m. Sandra Kane asked the Board for suggestions on which community organizations to invite to the study session and suggested inviting Captain McCraw. Beverly Dupree offered to provide a list of all the organizations that attended the public forums.

V. Discussion re Planning for 50th Anniversary of The Civil Rights Act.

Janet Bain provided an overview of several different concepts the Board could participate in to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, including making a short film about how the Act has affected people's lives, sponsoring a film series, creating an essay contest for students, holding a festival or concert, arranging for an article about the Act to be published in a local magazine, and creating model kits for other cities to use to commemorate the event. Janet Bain stated that she had confirmed that the Board could have a budget of up to \$1,000 from the Attorney General's Office to pursue these options. Beverly Dupree suggested doing a public service message about the Act. The Board discussed issues with the timing of the event because the anniversary lands in July, which is when school is out of session and is very close to the 4th of July holiday. The Board also discussed issues with time constraints in getting these ideas to fruition. After discussing all of the options, the Board decided it would work with the Attorney General's Office, or

alternatively recommend that the Attorney General's Office create a mini-documentary or public service announcement about the Act and how it has affected people's lives, look into having a public entity like a public library or museum sponsor a relevant film series, write an article about the Act and submit it for publication, commemorate the Act on ACRA's stationery and possibly the AG's website, and sponsor an essay contest in which the Board could serve in a limited capacity as judges. Wendy Freeman volunteered to assist with the film series and other efforts. Kathleen Winn, Director of AGO Community Outreach, offered her assistance and leadership in pursuing these efforts.

VI. Update re Efforts to Stop Bullying in Schools and Human Trafficking- Kathleen Winn, Director of AGO Community Outreach

Due to time constraints, Jeff Lavender tabled this issue for the next meeting.

VII. Call to Public.

No members of the public made comments.

VIII. Announcements and current events.

Sandra Kane reported that HUD awarded the ACRD a grant in the amount of \$225,000 to support litigation expenses in an upcoming civil rights trial.

IX. Planning for Next Meeting.

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on January 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The Board would like this meeting to serve as the "study session" and to invite community organizations to attend.

X. Adjournment.

Upon motion by Janet Bain, which was seconded by Beverly Dupree, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 p.m.