

Chairperson Eddie De La Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Committee members present were Hector Ramirez, Manuel Gutierrez, Jesus Rome, Roy Nayar Barron, and Jose Garcia. Clara Beas-Fitzgerald was excused. City representatives present were Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Officer Erica Sandoval, and Executive Assistant Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Minutes

Manuel moved and Jesus seconded to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business**New Committee Member Jose Garcia**

New Committee Member Jose Garcia thanked the City for allowing him to be on the committee. Jose has been in the community since 1989 and thought it was important to be able to help the community by providing his services in any way he can.

New Committee Member Roy Nayar Barron

New Committee Member Roy Nayar Barron stated he is new to the area and moved to Hermiston in 2015. Roy stated he is very eager to help the Hispanic population succeed by informing them on the many resources available that they may not know about.

The Committee welcomed Jose and Roy and thanked them for their interest and participation in the Committee.

Vice Chair Nomination

Manuel moved and Eddie seconded to nominate Hector as Vice Chairman of the Hispanic Advisory Committee. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Nomination

Hector moved and Jesus seconded to nominate Eddie as Chairman of the Hispanic Advisory Committee. There were no other nominations and the motion carried unanimously.

Closing Comments**Public**

Virginia Rome welcomed both members. Virginia suggested that HAC and the Hispanic Community come together to support the Hermiston Police Department and the Fire Department, especially with all the negativity that is happening in our county.

Eddie stated the Dallas Police Department is a strong group of police officers with great leadership. Communities must learn to work together, respond and not react, focus on positive and not the negatives.

Hector stated he is a Chaplain at the Hermiston Police Department. He stated HPD's Chief of Police Jason Edmiston, is an amazing Chief who loves the community and his officers and has asked that the Chaplain's be readily available for officers and prayer at least three times a week.

Jesus thanked Officer Erica Sandoval and all the officers as they go above and beyond the call of duty.

Jose stated the emotional state in the community is very important and it is important for communities to unite and stay strong.

Manuel stated Hermiston has done a great job to protect their officers and the City by installing body cameras.

Roy stated often times, officers are victims, but people do not see it this way because it is a part of their job. People become ungrateful because they do not see what officers go through.

7:24pm to 7:26pm Clara joined the Committee via/facetime and welcomed the members.

Ken May brought in citizenship information for all those interested.

City Representative

Assistant City Manager Morgan invited the public to participate in the Fiesta de Salud Health Fair on July 31st, from 1pm to 5pm at Marisol Family Health Center. Specific information will be available for the Hermiston Taxi Ticket Program for seniors and those with disabilities. Mark stated the City would like to specifically reach out to the Hispanic population regarding this program, and if possible, would like participation from HAC.

Mark revealed the City's new logo and tag line to the Committee and members of the public.

Officer Erica Sandoval stated Thursday, August 2nd is National Night Out. The public is encouraged to have block parties to meet their neighbors and find the City's medallion through clues offered in the newspaper. The person(s) who finds the medallion will have ice cream served to their block party participants by the City Council. All those interested in having a block party please contact Officer Sandoval if they would like to have the police and fire departments stop by.

Committee

Eddie stated OPB has contacted him and is interested in learning more about the Hispanic Advisory Committee, especially since Milton-Freewater is interested in forming a similar Committee. OPB feels like it might be something that Portland will consider looking into as well. They will be interviewing him regarding the Committee; the interview will be broadcasted over 20 different radio stations in the state.

Eddie thanked the City of Hermiston for forming the Hispanic Advisory Committee, as the Committee does work and is being recognized not only by this community but by other communities as well.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 15th, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43pm