
**Human Relations Commission
Teen Diversity Dialogue Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2010**

**Tempe City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe AZ
4:00pm**

In attendance: Kathy Dietz, Frank Morales, Thaddius Swiecki, Huda Shrourou, Ginny Belousek

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. There were no members from the public present for comments.
3. Explore the Creation of a Teen Diversity Dialogue Program.

The subcommittee first discussed a purpose for the program, and agreed on:
Knowledge and understanding of the value of diversity through the sharing of personal life experiences.

The length of the program was discussed, and the subcommittee decided on a six-week program, with a potluck on the final day. The topics for the six weeks will be as follows:

Week 1) Welcome and Ground-rules. Discuss Family characteristics, i.e., Describe the characteristics of a good mother, good father, guidelines for being a good son or daughter, good marriage. What holidays, rituals and activities have meant the most to you? Who are your role models for family life and why? Identify beliefs that you consider most important and why? Are there any differences in the household chores done by men and women in your family?

Week 2) Peers (with the subcategories of gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, and socio-economic) What are the ages and gender make-up of your peer group? What peer activities did you consider most important during your early childhood years? What activities do you enjoy doing now?

Week 3) Value System. What is your belief system and how important is it in your life?

Week 4) Race, ethnicity and culture

Week 5) Community and current issues (local, national, global)

Week 6) Wrap up and potluck

Location of the dialogue groups was discussed. One thought was that it should be on neutral ground, such as the Library, where students from all high schools would feel welcome. Another thought was to contact the schools to see if the program could be offered during the school day, since teens are so busy with extra-curricular activities and homework after the school day.

The contact with the schools will be made through the Unity Grant school coordinators.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.