



**City of Davis
Human Relations Commission
Thursday, January 26, 2022
Minutes**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Mvondo called the meeting to order at 6:34

Commissioners present: Kevin Baker, Connor Gorman, (alternate), NJ Mvondo (Chair), Judith Plank (arrived at 7:05) (Vice Chair), Angela Willson, Edgar Wong-Chen, Jordan Varney (left at 7:10)

Ex-Officios present: Leanne Friedman (left at 7:50), Mikael Villalobos

Commissioners absent: Robin Muhammad

Council Liaisons present: Gloria Partida (left at 7:15)

Others present: City of Davis staff - Carrie Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Mvondo moved with second by Wong-Chen approval of the agenda with moving item F to after approval of the agenda . The motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Mvondo, Willson, Wong-Chen, Varney

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Muhammad, Plank

Wong-Chen moves with second by Baker moving item 6B to after public comment and moving brief announcements after the consent calendar. Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Mvondo, Willson, Wong-Chen, Varney

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Muhammad, Plank

3. 2023 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mvondo nominates Varney for Vice Chair with second by Wong-Chen. Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Mvondo, Willson, Wong-Chen, Varney

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Muhammad, Plank

Wong-Chen nominates Baker for Chair with second by Baker. Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Mvondo, Willson, Wong-Chen, Varney

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Muhammad, Plank

4. Public Comment (6:45)

Brendon White: Sent an email to commission regarding concerns of student Max Benson – Urge HRC to read report and request a public study. Xxxxxx Systemic failures in our school system xxxxxx hold public meeting.

5. Consent Calendar (6:55)

A. December 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Willson moved with second by Wong-Chen approval of the minutes as presented.

The motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Mvondo, Plank, Willson, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Muhammad, Varney

6. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons (6:35)

- Vigil happening in Central Park this evening in response to the shootings in Half Moon Bay and xxxxx
- Vigil on Monday, January 30 at Regency Skate Park in memory of Tyre Nichols
- Vigil on Tuesday, January 31 at the MU on campus at 6:00 in memory of Palenstians killed
- 1619 Project, about Slavery, by the NY Times has been made into a documentary on HULU
- Black History Month takes place the month of February. The Davis Dirt is adding events to their calendar
- Lunar New Year is currently happening – encourages commission to reach out to AAPI community to see what kind of support we can offer
- Yolo County Library put out a recommended book list for all ages in regards to the Civic Rights Movement

7. Regular Items (7:00)

A. Public Forum on Recent Hate Incidents in the Davis Community

The Human Relations Commission provided an opportunity to discuss and receive public input on recent hate incidents in the Davis community.

Acknowledgement of the transphobic group that attended the school board meeting in December and the protest that occurred at Davis Senior High School. Concerns about the harms that the groups are bringing to Davis. Community members have been threatened online.

The commission can continue to think of resources available to the community, including Mental Health resources.

Acknowledgment of nervousness surrounding mass shootings and increase in Asian Hate Crimes has made uneasiness surrounding Lunar New Year activities.

No Public Comment

B. Presentation from Mayra Llamas, Executive Director of the Community Resource and Retention Centers at UC Davis

Dr. Mayra Llamas, the Executive Director of the Community Resource and Retention Center at UC Davis provided the Commission an overview of the work of the department with a focus on the breakdown of the how diverse the UC Davis campus is, as well as major issues facing particular communities.

*LGBTQIA+, Cross Cultural Center, Undocumented Center, **Xxxxxx**, **xxxxxx***

Student population has grown tremendously over the past 10 years

Xxxxxxxxxx (watch video)

UC Davis Live Events Calendar – Available to all students. Departments responsible for uploading their events and activities on to it.

Commissioner Comments:

NJ's question

How can HRC help with recruiting diversity efforts?

Hears that city of Davis doesn't offer a lot in terms of diversity support

Disconnect in city/cultural shock

Students very concerned about rent and housing costs – discourages students from attending

Retention efforts could include redirect students to resources, have things more accessible, lower on campus housing costs

No public comment

C. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Recap

The Commission debriefed on the community event that was held on January 16.

Livestream was very useful and has generated nearly 500 views

The March was missed and can hopefully return, weather dependent

Might consider a longer event or stay more on schedule – 1.5 hours might be ideal

Having local non-profit tabling was a helpful addition

Make sure to include Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King on all publicity

Consider more advertising in different ways

Have commission to start thinking about how we do events moving forwards, with resources from previous years available

Identify community based partners to work on event together – as it relates to specific time in history, ethnic group, cultural

Consider event to acknowledge and celebrate AAPI community

D. Cesar Chavez Celebration

The subcommittee assigned (Wong-Chen, Gorman) to planning the annual Cesar Chavez Celebration provided an update for the 2023 event.

The date for 2023 – Saturday, April 22

Central Park, during Farmers Market

Currently outreaching to community partners, performers, etc.

Thinking of local groups to have there

Staff – look into free food and okay as part of Night Market vendor tabling

Health guidelines, market conflict, etc.

Include Dr. Vickie Gomez from UC Davis

Theme - Worker Unity Across all Professions – hear stories and struggles

No public comment

E. Thong Hy Huynh

The Commission finalized the information for the 2023 Thong Hy Huynh awards to be released in February.

Clarification of over 18 and under 18 category. Leave 18 for both categories

Clarification that it is HRC commissioner not eligible (not all commissioners)

Get online to upload after filling out

Willson moves with second by Mvondo to move forward with releasing the nomination period as outlined in the staff report. Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Mvondo, Plank, Willson, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Muhammad, Varney

F. Committee Updates

Committees will provide updates as needed

- Anti-Hate Subcommittee (Gorman, Mvondo, Wong-Chen)
 - No Update
- Local Voices Project (Mvondo, Varney, Willson)
 - Mvondo, Varney stepping down
- UC Davis Connection (Gorman, Wong-Chen,)
 - Working on next presenter
- Community Calendar (Mvondo, Villalobos, Wong-Chen)
 - No update
- Land Acknowledgment (Snow, Varney)
 - No update

No public comment

8. Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar

- Chavez planning (February)
- Work Plan Review (February)

- Hate Free Together (February/March)
- Free Speech
- Media Hate
- Identify person on Diversity xxxxxx (March)
- Linking Civil Rights to Disability Rights – public forum, identify recommendation to City Council for steps moving forward
- Subcommittee review
- Healing Arts Project
- Multi-culturalism event for youth in Davis
- Look into housing language to see if it includes non-discrimination
- Critical Race Theory/Ethnic Studies Counter Narrative
- Interactions with other commissions
- Discuss Commission outreach

No public comment

9. Adjourn
At 8:43 p.m.