

**City of Davis
Human Relations Commission
Minutes
6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Mvondo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

*Commissioners present: Kevin Baker, Connor Gorman, (alternate), Robin Muhammad, NJ Mvondo (Chair), Edgar Wong-Chen, Angela Willson
Ex-Officios present: Mikael Villalobos, Kate Snow
Commissioners absent: Judith Plank, Jordan Varney
Council Liaisons present: Gloria Partida
Others present: City of Davis staff - Carrie Dyer*

2. Approval of Agenda

Baker moved with second by Muhammad approval of the agenda as presented.

The motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Plank, Varney

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

- Willson - Community Advisory board for policing. Chief Pytel mentioned that the annual report statistics regarding crimes will be posted online.*
- Old North Davis meeting - announced commission vacancies*
- Sacramento Cesar Chavez event this Saturday at South Side Park*
- Capital Arts Mixer at International House on March 30 at 5:30*
- DJUSD student representative update - 1 representative and 2 alternatives have been appointed.*
- Continued work with ASUCD to appoint a commission representative*
- UCD Hillel House working with Jewish Student Advisory Council celebration on May 8th as part of Jewish Heritage Month*
- Mikael Villalobos will be transitioning out of the liaison and appointing a new person*
- Encouragement to view Chancellor May's video and read editorial regarding aftermath of Turning Point speaker.*
- DJUSD continues to receive a multitude of public records requests surrounding gender, pronouns, professional development, etc.*
- UCD appointed to be a host of Nelson Mandela fellows.*
- In June four commissioners terms are up. Please encourage interested people to apply.*

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent Calendar

- A. February 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Willson moved with second by Muhammad approval of the minutes from February 23. The motion passed as follows:
AYE: Baker, Gorman, Muhammad, Mvondo, Wong-Chen, Willson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Plank, Varney

6. 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.

- Hate Free Together efforts continue - currently identifying funds*
- In Sacramento a de-transition rally was held with a counter day of Trans Day of Joy and Rage.*
- On 14th at UCD there was Turning Point speaker with counter events and protests.*
- Concerns about Human Relations Commissions being shut down in other communities.*
- Thought that it might be a good idea to have a community educational conversation about current issues and topics. Finding facilitators would be beneficial.*

Public Comment

None

B. Thong Hy Huynh Awards Discussion

The Thong Hy Huynh Award nomination period has been extended to April 3rd. The commission discussed outreach ideas and determine how to move forward with the recommendation process.

Baker moved with second by Muhammad to create a subcommittee of Willson, Mvondo and Muhammad with ex-officio Snow to make recommendations to the City Council for the Thong Hy Huynh nominations. Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Muhammad, Mvondo, Wong-Chen, Willson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Plank, Varney

Consider presenting the awards at the Thong Hy Huynh planter at DHS in addition to the City Council presentation

Public Comment:

None

C. Cesar Chavez Celebration

The subcommittee assigned to planning the annual Cesar Chavez Celebration provided an update for the 2023 event.

- *Saturday, April 22*
- *10:00 - Noon*
- *Performers, Speakers and tabling*
- *Considering ways to livestream*
- *Theme: Worker Unity Through all Professions*

*Robin Muhammad will join subcommittee with Wong-Chen and Gorman
UCD has Cesar Chavez Youth Leadership Conference on May 6.*

Public Comment:

Schroedter Kinman - Peets United will be tabling and has a speaker Michelle Martinez to do a bilingual speaker.

D. Work Plan and Subcommittee Review

The Commission will continue review of their current workplan and temporary subcommittees and update as necessary

Baker moved and second by Muhammad to move item to future meeting. The motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Plank, Varney

Public Comment:

None

E. Committee Updates

Committees provided updates as needed

- *Anti-Hate Subcommittee (Gorman, Mvondo, Wong-Chen)
No update*
- *UC Davis Connection (Gorman, Wong-Chen)*

No update

- *Community Calendar (Mvondo, Villalobos, Wong-Chen)*

No update

- *Land Acknowledgment (Snow, Varney)*

Subcommittee will meet to draft up some recommendations for the commission to review and put forward to the City Council for consideration.

Public Comment:

None

7. Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar

- Work Plan Review (April/May)
- Frog Totem (April)
- Disability Justice (May)
- *Appointment Campus Council on Community and Diversity (May)
- Hate Free Together (May)
- Subcommittee Review (May)
- Land Acknowledgment (June)
- Free Speech and community response
- Media Hate
- 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
- ASUCD appointment discussion

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of April 27, 2023.