



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, March 28, 2013

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members present: Blomberg, Clinton-Mazalewski, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Plank (arr. 8:05pm), Privateer, Selwyn, Yilma, Wooster, Anker, Glasgow

D. Greenwald moved, seconded by Privateer, approval of the agenda. Agenda approved by consensus.

II. Approval of Minutes –February 28, 2013

Blomberg moved, seconded by Selwyn, approval of the minutes. Minutes approved by consensus.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

Diane Evans announced that the Yolo County District Attorney's Office is starting a Neighborhood Court, using elements of restorative justice. The DA's Office is recruiting members.

Judith MacBrine announced a Community Corrections Partnership meeting on April 8 in Woodland.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

C. Blomberg: Mayor Joe Krovoza would like an expansion of Breaking the Silence of Racism event, maybe in October.

D. Greenwald: Attended 50th anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright in San Francisco. Noted their pilot project "Right to Civil Counsel." On April 28, Vanguard (Courtwatch Council) will hold a public meeting in Woodland regarding the court system and law enforcement interaction.

H. Anker: Davis High School hosted Anti-Discrimination Week. School play on racism was successful.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

K. Stachowicz explained the Brown Act and the importance of not communicating with a majority of commissioners outside of a regularly posted meeting.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Huynh Awards Nominations –

D. Greenwald suggested having a 30th anniversary resolution as part of Huynh Awards. Selwyn moved, seconded by Blomberg, to ask Greenwald to draft a resolution and send it to staff so it can be discussed during April meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blomberg, Clinton-Mazalewski, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Privateer, Selwyn, Yilma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank

Commission discussed nominations.

Greenwald moved, seconded by Selwyn, to extend the nomination period for the Young Humanitarian until April 18. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blomberg, Clinton-Mazalewski, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Privateer, Selwyn, Yilma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank

Privateer leaves.

Greenwald moved, seconded by Blomberg, to extend the Public Servant period until April 18. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blomberg, Clinton-Mazalewski, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Selwyn, Yilma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank, Privateer

Blomberg moved, seconded by Clinton-Mazalewski, to extend the Lifetime Achievement nomination period until April 18. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blomberg, Clinton-Mazalewski, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Selwyn, Yilma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank, Privateer

Greenwald moved, seconded by Selwyn, to extend the nomination period for Civil Rights and Excellence in Community Involvement to April 18. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blomberg, Clinton-Mazalewski, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Selwyn, Yilma

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank, Privateer

2. Discussion Regarding Recent Hate Crime in Davis –

Lt. Glenn Glasgow explained the recent case is working its way through the court system, with bail increased to \$520,000. Commission discussed the event and the commission's possible responses to it. Glasgow explained that the police try to gather as many facts as possible to make the arrest hold. Suggested that the community could hold a forum on generic aspects of hate crimes.

Judith Plank arrives.

Greenwald suggested holding a discussion on what hate crimes are and what we can do to stop them. Ellstrand expressed concern about oversaturating with forums. Selwyn suggested reaching out to Mikey Partida to ask what would help and Clinton-Mazalewski suggested involving the faith organizations.

Greenwald, Selwyn and Ellstrand will form a subcommittee to reach out to Partida and consider hate crimes, with an emphasis on anti-gay hate crimes.

3. Continued Discussion on Family Court System –

Greenwald explained his concept for Civil Counsel, similar to San Francisco's program. Believes this could address concerns with family court. Both San Francisco and Los Angeles have child custody pilot programs. Noted that the audit concept might not result in system changes and suggested a civil counsel program may be a way forward at this time. Commission also discussed the city's former mediation program. Yilma remarked that he does not believe this proposal addresses issues with family court.

Greenwald will draft a more formal proposal and bring it back to the April meeting.

VII. Updates and Administrative Tasks

1. *Breaking the Silence of Racism Update – Ellstrand announced that the next meeting would be April 27 from 10 to noon.*
2. *Chavez Day Subcommittee- Commission noted that Chavez event went well.*
3. *Diversity and Discrimination Report Subcommittee Update – Held over to next meeting.*
4. *Juneteenth Event – Stachowicz shared press release and explained that she has asked Library to share information with City first, before sending information out.*

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.