

Human Relations Commission Meeting
April 25, 2012

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Blomberg, Clinton-Mazalewski, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Plank, Privateer, Selwyn, Friedman, Snow

Members Absent: Yilma

Blomberg moved, with a second by Plank, approval of the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blomberg, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Plank, Selwyn

NOES: None

ABSENT: Clinton-Mazalewski, Privateer

II. Approval of March 28, 2013 Minutes

Blomberg moved, with a second by Greenwald, approval of the minutes.

AYES: Blomberg, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Plank, Selwyn

NOES: None

ABSENT: Clinton-Mazalewski, Privateer

III. Public Comment

Diane Evans discussed letter and concept to involve school district in outreach/program regarding "we all come from one place" and are all one people, perhaps as part of Black History Month. Kate Snow explained that sites have a lot of autonomy and may choose different mechanisms to acknowledge things like this. Greenwald would like to have on next month's meeting.

Diane Evans noted the District Attorney's Office Multicultural Council May 19 at Woodland Community College.

IV. Commissioner Communications

Greenwald: There will be a public hearing on Sunday in Woodland regarding the court system at Celebration Center Church at 100 Woodland Ave on Sunday April 28. Will meet every 4th Sunday of the month from here on out. May meeting will be in Davis. "Vanguard Courtwatch Council Meeting"

Privateer: 10th anniversary of World Peace in State Capital Rose Garden coming up.

Clinton-Mazalewski: Terry Turner, former HRC member and Huynh Lifetime Achievement recipient passed last week.

Ellstrand: Cross Cultural Center, Spring Quarter – Asian Pacific Cultural Week, PowWow, La Raza Cultural Days April 29-May 4 on campus. May 18th – Black Family Day, 12-8 in the quad. Del Alma will have annual show Saturday April 27.

Blomberg: Acknowledged Enterprise for promoting cultural events lately

V. Staff Communications

Stachowicz noted the Huynh Awards will be held May 21, not May 14.

VI. Discussion Items

1. Huynh Awards

The Commission discussed each category and came to consensus on the following recipients for the categories below:

- *Lifetime- Gay Powers*
- *Young Humanitarian – Antonio De Brusta-Loera and Daniel Tutt*
- *Civil Rights- Diane Evans*
- *Excellence in Community Involvement (2 awards) – Davis Schools Orchestral Music Association/Chang Family Trust Foundation and Davis Odd Fellows Lodge*
- *Public Servant – Tracie Olson*

The Commission also voted unanimously in favor to request the City Council issue a Proclamation to Honor the 30th Anniversary of the Death of Thong Hy Huynh (attached).

2. Civil Counsel and Mediation Services – *Held over to future meeting.*

3. Neighborhood Court

Robb Davis, a citizen who has been working with the District Attorney's office on the Neighborhood Court initiated by the District Attorney, explained the DA's Office is trying to deal with the challenge of low level crimes given a shrinking budget. San Francisco has a similar program started a few years ago where 3 members of the community meet with the offender and determine a particular response for offender. The Yolo model has elements of restorative justice. Shared the written materials for concept paper (attached). Davis Police started handing out information/cards on Picnic Day to some offenders. DA's Office is still in process of trying to recruit panelists.

For victimless crimes, Yolo program will involve facilitator, offender, community representative(s). Yolo model will have a pre-conference discussion with offender and facilitator. Commission asked about metrics to gauge the effectiveness of the program. Snow noted that we should keep eye on the panelists to ensure that there is diversity of panelists. Davis noted there will also be a UC Davis program to match the program in the City.

Davis noted that the DA's Office is very concerned about protecting the victim(s). In Neighborhood Court, victim must be willing participant, as a key difference is involving victim. DA's Office wants the Deputy DA to be the go-between for victim and Community Representatives. Davis not sure where DA's Office will land in terms of how they proceed with Victim Crimes.

4. Family Court Discussion – *Held over to a future meeting.*

VII. Updates and Administrative Tasks

1. Breaking the Silence of Racism Report and Discussion – *Subcommittee noted that there would be a special discussion meeting on Saturday April 27 at International House.*
2. Anti-Hate Crime Subcommittee Report and Discussion – *The commission briefly discussed preparations for a potential movie screening and discussion but did not make a final decision on moving forward with an event. The item will be discussed again at the next commission meeting.*
3. Diversity and Discrimination Report Subcommittee Report and Discussion – *Held over to a future meeting.*
4. Juneteenth Event Report – *The commission will be updated at the May meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.