



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Blomberg, Greenwald, Plank (arr. 7:40), Privateer, Ellstrand, Clinton-Mazalewski

Members Absent: Yilma, Selwyn

Ellstrand moved, with a second by Privateer, approval of agenda. Approved by consensus.

II. Approval of Minutes –May 23, 2013

Ellstrand moved, with second by Blomberg, approval of minutes. Minutes approved by consensus.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence -

Diane Evans – program from Juneteenth integrated into schools for ongoing social justice. Put on a future agenda to show.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Greenwald had the following comments:

- Native American man beaten in Davis and may want to agendize for August.*
- Concerned there are real problems dealing with bullying, abuse, etc. at DJUSD schools, including unreported sexual attacks on campuses, depression, etc. No one is advocating for these kids and difficult for parents to determine how to help. Would like to agendize for July meeting and invite DJUSD to talk about bullying, depression, sexual assault policies. Commission consensus to agendize.*
- Shared resolution on same sex marriage. Blomberg moved, seconded by Clinton-Mazalewski to put item on July agenda. Ellstrand and Privateer questioned whether this was necessary, since City already has policies supporting same sex marriage in place. Consensus to add the item to the agenda.*

Blomberg – Chris Bulkeley interviewed by Davis Media Access about Neighborhood Court. DMA annual fundraiser has met its goal.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

No comments.

VI. Discussion Items

1. Police Data Review –

Darren Pytel – Shared traffic citation data and explained complexity of interpreting the data. Commission discussed the data and whether information could or should be gleaned from it.

Noted that citations seemed to be proportionally high for Blacks. Pytel noted that approximately one-third of the people receiving citations are not from Davis and therefore not considered in population data. Pytel also asked how the City or Commission takes meaningful action to change perception or reality.

Commission discussed whether changes to law enforcement training, compiling stories from citizens and sharing with law enforcement, developing an outreach program. Ellstrand noted the Long Beach social justice program; will share information with staff.

Commission asked that the discussion be brought back in July.

Greenwald suggested working with commission and Police Department to create a restorative justice approach – finding a representative group of people from affected community and officers and then have professional restorative justice facilitator. Over multiple sessions, the goals would be steps to go forward.

Commissioner Plank arrived 7:40pm.

Greenwald moved, seconded by Blomberg, creating a subcommittee of Greenwald, Ellstrand and another HRC member, along with Pytel, Bob Aaronson and Diane Evans to look at creating a community police mediation and/or training program. Passed by consensus

2. Breaking the Silence of Racism Discussion –

Commission concurred to see how mediation discussion (above item) goes but noted an interest in hosting some type of meeting in the fall. Requested the item be placed on the July agenda to start planning. Also noted that Commission promised to give status report within a year. Commission also noted that they are focusing on Davis Police Department and DJUSD.

3. Anti-Hate Crime Subcommittee Report –

Anti-Hate Crimes Subcommittee Report – N Ellstrand reported that subcommittee needs to meet. Leanne Friedman reported out on Not In Your Town event at Unitarian Church: talked about vision of what Davis could be, saw film clips of what other communities are doing, did brainstorming on things they might do to address issues. Has noted that many groups working on similar things and there may be a need to try to coordinate better so each not reinventing the wheel.

Public Comment:

Gloria Partida wants to have a community center addressing hate and violence. NIOT reps and Anti-Defamation League reps all interested in helping.

Commission members suggested looking at existing local groups and organizations (Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter, LGBT Center, etc.) to get ideas for going forward.

VII. Updates

1. Juneteenth Event Report –

Clinton-Mazalewski reported that the event was successful, although it was hard to tell how many people came and went throughout the day. Ellstrand noted that it took commissioners a lot of time to assist and future efforts need to be more collaborative.

Public Comment: Diane Evans requested a resolution/proclamation to celebrate Juneteenth in parity with July 4th.

Commission will agendaize this topic for August. Commission will also invite Jay and Sandy in September to talk about Juneteenth follow up.

2. Diversity and Discrimination Report Subcommittee Report and Discussion –

Commission agreed by consensus to remove the Diversity and Discrimination Report for now and add back in January 2014.

3. Family Court –

This item was held over to a future meeting.

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Plank asked whether commission should keep restorative justice subcommittee (Plank, Greenwald, Selwyn) and agreed to talk about it in August.

VIII. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned by consensus at 8:25 pm.