



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

AGENDA

Thursday, January 24, 2013

Community Chambers Conference Room, 23, Russell Blvd.

6:30 pm

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members present: Blomberg, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Plank, Privateer, Selwyn, Yilma, Anker

Members Absent: Clinton-Mazalewski

Privateer moved, seconded by Blomberg, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes –*This item was carried over to the February meeting.*

III. Public Comment and Correspondence –

Jay Johnstone, Yolo County Library (Davis Branch) explained that the Library is planning on hosting a Juneteenth event in Davis in 2013 and would like to ask the Human Relations Commission to co-sponsor the event. Specifically, he would like to request use of the MPR (at the Veterans Memorial Center) and a Commission representative to participate on the planning subcommittee. The event is planned for June 22, 2013. The Commission agreed, by consensus, to place the item on the February agenda for review/action.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Greenwald shared that he had recently spoken to Sheila Allen and there will be a joint City/DJUSD 2x2 March 14.

Bloomberg shared the Multi-Cultural Community Council information and explained there were two upcoming meetings: February 28th and May 16th.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

Stachowicz stated that the 10th anniversary of Celebration of Abraham is coming. She also noted that former Commissioner and Concilio leader, Rick Gonzalez, has been awarded Citizen of the Year.

VI. Recap of MLK Day Celebration

The Commission discussed the Martin Luther King Day celebration. The following comments were made and will be taken into consideration for upcoming events:

- Give panelist the questions ahead of time.*
- Skit was well done and was well received.*
- All elements came together for powerful message.*
- Still need to reach out to minority community. May need to make it “less of a show” and more of something that will affect their lives.*
- Several suggestions about how to make the panel go a little more smoothly, including providing different questions for each panelist and alternating who answers first.*
- Allow a broader coalition of people to participate early.*
- Do a “Fall” event earlier in the year so that it doesn’t stress resources.*

- Consider whether the event is meant to be family friendly or whether it is geared more towards adults. This year's event, while meaningful for adults, was too long for children.
- "Get on the Bus" group might be a group to consider for the future.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Review of 2013 Draft Workplan

The Commission discussed their 2013 draft workplan. They would like it to be action oriented.

Blomberg noted the Commission should fill the interfaith representative position. He further suggested the Commission should develop a climate matrix.

Greenwald noted that he wanted quantifiable data on several items, which could then help prepare the Diversity and Discrimination report.

Blomberg moved, seconded by Greenwald, to approve the draft workplan as shown below. Motion passed unanimously.

- March – Chavez, Huynh
- April – Chavez, Huynh
- May – Huynh (Follow up), Juneteenth
- June – Juneteenth
- July –
- August –
- September –
- October –
- November –
- December –
- Jan (2014) – MLK

Planned Projects (timeline not yet set)

- *Breaking the Silence of Racism*
- *Diversity and Discrimination Report and Data collection*
- *Business Outreach*
- *Family Court*
- *Other Fall Panel*
- *Restorative Justice*

Subcommittees

Cesar Chavez Day - J. Plank, A. Privateer, N. Ellstrand

Breaking the Silence of Racism Follow up- D. Greenwald, N. Ellstrand, Y. Clinton-Mazalewski

Diversity and Discrimination Report - C. Bloomberg, D. Greenwald, T. Yilma,

2. Review of 2013 Thong Hy Huynh Award Criteria/Categories/Schedule – *Blomberg moved, with second by Greenwald, approval of Huynh Awards categories and timeline.*
3. Continued Discussion on Family Court System – *This item is held over to a future meeting.*

VII. Updates and Administrative Tasks

1. Appoint Cesar Chavez Day Celebration (Saturday, March 30) Subcommittee – *See workplan above.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.