



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, February 27, 2014

Gloria Partida and Ellen Rosen were sworn in as Regular Members, and Mehran Madani was sworn in as an Alternate Member.

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

The meeting opened at 6:05pm.

Present: Clinton, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Madani (Alternate), Partida, Plank, Privateer, Rosen, Ex officio: Ton Phan, Leanne Friedman

Agenda approved by consensus.

II. Approval of Minutes –January 23, 2013

Ellstrand moved, with second by Privateer, approval of the minutes.

Introduction of commissioners

III. Election of 2014 Chair and Vice Chair

Clinton moved, with second by Rosen, Greenwald and Ellstrand as co-chairs for 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment and Correspondence

Glen Holstein – went to downtown parking task force because of concern that much downtown parking not in core of downtown. He has disabilities and difficult for him to walk more than a block. Was restricted in his ability to comment or participate, he believes because he is a driver, not a cyclist. Felt the group was very hostile to him because he was a driver. Greenwald requested item to be agendaized at a future meeting. Staff will follow up with Mr. Holstein.

Diane Evans: March 6 event Get on the Bus to help children with parents in prison. On campus in Student Community Center.

V. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Partida: Phoenix Coalition looking at doing anti-bullying campaigns on a year-round basis, especially in the schools. Looking for ways to recognize students...maybe like the Street Smarts campaign...something visible in the community. Contacted Unitrans for advertising but their ad spots are booked. Requested an agenda item on a future meeting.

Clinton: Sunrise Rotary has monthly recognition of students who have made a change.

Privateer: has been thinking about porta potties and would like to have one at 1111 H Street and showers. Requested more information.

Greenwald: Police/Community relations in West Sacramento. No city participation from West Sacramento. Concerned regarding neighborhood court expansion to West Sacramento. Time for Davis citizens to evaluate what we want from the Neighborhood Court...need to have a broader discussion about the program.

Rosen: suggest inviting someone to come to talk with the Commission about Neighborhood Court. Define problems and then suggest solutions.

Diane Evans – Have Lisa Ray talk to commission about restorative justice at a future meeting.

Ellstrand: Black Family Week this week on campus. This week is Principles of Community Week on campus. This weekend there is a series of events called Vagina - Our Stories at Veterans Memorial Center. Focuses on sexual violence. Next week is Mixed Heritage Week on campus. Next Tuesday night is a play called Mixed. Beginning of April is Asian Pacific Culture Week. Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network fundraiser on Saturday April 5 at Davis Community Church (evening). Funds will go to support services that YIIN does, as well as providing scholarships for undocumented college students.

Greenwald: On March 23 in the Blanchard Room will be a candidate forum on the judicial race

VI. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

None.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Breaking the Silence of Racism

Clinton: Group will meet again first week in March. Looking at police racial profiling.

Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald: Discussions are going very well.

Madani shared story about neighborhood issue with police involvement and frustrations about interactions with the police department.

Will report out at the next meeting.

2. Chavez Day 2014 Planning and Preparation –

Ellstrand: trying to make Chavez event more issue-focused. Event will be 1pm-3pm on Saturday April 5. Focus on immigration. Resource tables underway. Has reached out to 25 groups. Waiting to hear back from some.

Greenwald: Still working on finalizing a Keynote Speaker.

Diane Evans: Korematsu not responsive. Cesar Chavez does not have a choir this year.

3. Discussion of Street Names Review/Recommendations –

Stachowicz explained request from Council: the Human Relations Commission is supposed to weigh in on using historical figures for street names on new streets.

Clinton: got feedback from African Americans in town, including Yvonne Marsh, Desmond Jolly and Jeannette Molson. Suggested Terry Turner. Clinton happy to work on this. Has other people she would like to call. Gorman.

Leanne Friedman: Jack Forbes

Rosen: use this as opportunity to honor people who perhaps have not already been recognized.

Privateer moved, with second by Plank, that the Commission should try to include women in recommendations and that recommendations should only include historical figures (no one who is currently alive).

Rosen offered a friendly amendment to look for people who were involved in pro-social behavior in Davis. Accepted.

Ellstrand offered a second Friendly Amendment to consider historically underserved, underrepresented and marginalized communities. Accepted.

Motion passed unanimously.

Clinton and Friedman will work together to come up with names and the Commission will revisit at a future meeting.

Evans wants to know who African American cyclist in Hall of Fame is. Staff will send name to Clinton.

4. UCD/Community Group Update -

Greenwald: will be focused on hate incidents and communications

Friedman: still nebulous. Will need to meet again to determine where the group will go.

Commission representatives will report back to the full Commission as more information is available.

5. Mosaic Café –

Diane Evans: building a training program for the disabled and use the “pay it forward” concept. Wants the commission to support the group. Think of ways the commission can support the group and the program.

6. Yolo District Attorney’s DUI Program –

Diane Evans: DA’s office just received \$200,000 to increase number of individuals picked up for drunk driving. Article shows that Hispanics are more likely to be cited for DUI than Caucasians and African Americans. Evans would like for them to work on prevention, especially for Latinos. DA’s office has said they have started prevention.

Greenwald: concerns about grants and how they are used. Program may target people who might not otherwise be targeted.

Ellstrand: also concern that individuals who are pulled over may then be found to be undocumented.

VIII. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:25pm.