



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 22, 2014**

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*Ellstrand called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.*

**I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda**

*Members Present: Clinton, Ellstrand, Greenwald (dep 7:05), Madani, Rosen, Privateer, Plank (arr. 6:47), Partida (arr. 6:50), Reed (arr. 6:50), Friedman (ex officio)*

*Members Absent: None*

*Clinton moved, with second by Greenwald, to approve agenda. Agenda approved by the following vote:*

*AYES: Clinton, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Madani, Rosen, Privateer*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Partida, Plank*

**II. Approval of Minutes –April 24, 2014**

*Clinton moved, with second by Greenwald, to approve the minutes.*

*AYES: Clinton, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Madani, Rosen, Privateer*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Partida, Plank*

**III. Public Comment and Correspondence**

*None.*

**IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements**

*Ellstrand – Davis Phoenix Coalition trying to raise funds for Not In Our Town annual meeting to be held in Billings MT. Several fundraising opportunities.*

*Reed – May 28 – UC Davis will host an open forum to introduce community to Police Accountability Board. Made up of 7 Board members representing many facets of campus. Held at Conference Center, Ballroom B, 7:30 – 8:30pm*

*Greenwald - Agendize item for June to discuss student representatives on the Commission.*

**V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements**

*1. Information on Measure O and Measure P - Stachowicz provides information on Measure O and Measure P and answered questions from commissioners.*

*Stachowicz explained status of street naming.*

**VI. Discussion Items**

**1. Update on Independent Police Auditor position status**

*Stachowicz gave background on Independent Police Auditor position.*

*Greenwald – Finance and Budget Commission member noted that number of complaints about Police Department has been declining over time. This doesn't mean that Independent Police Auditor position isn't necessary; on the contrary the position is a very valuable resource. Would like to consider weighing in on the matter.*

*Privateer – not ready to issue a statement. Not sure of effectiveness of Ombudsman position, since it's a part time contract position. Police Chief has to deal with public relations for department.*

*Ellstrand – Not sure Commission has time to address the issue.*

*Greenwald moved, with a second by Clinton, to establish a subcommittee of Ellstrand, Greenwald and Privateer to put together informational memo to share with the City Council and the chair of the Finance and Budget Commission. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Clinton, Ellstrand, Greenwald, Madani, Rosen, Partida, Plank, Privateer*

*NOES: None*

*Greenwald leaves – 7:05*

## **2. Breaking the Silence of Racism**

### **a. Police Mediation Subcommittee (Ellstrand, Clinton, Greenwald)**

*Stachowicz reported that Assistant Police Chief Pytel is still working with others on follow-up from the mediation meetings, but he is optimistic that it's going in a positive direction. A more detailed update will be scheduled for June.*

### **b. Appointment of a Standing HRC Subcommittee to provide community outreach and intervention related to national, state and local police issues.**

*Stachowicz explained that a "standing committee" is the wrong terminology for this effort, since a standing committee requires City Council approval and is a Brown Act body. To be responsive, there needs to be 2 or 3 commissioners who task themselves with following local, state and national issues and are prepared to put together a response or forum should something happen.*

*Partida – this concept fits in with Phoenix Coalition Community Response Team.*

*Friedman – wants to coordinate with Davis Phoenix Coalition*

*Partida – envisions having a protocol*

*Reed – can fold into UCD efforts*

*Commission will continue to refine the approach.*

### **c. Breaking the Silence 2015 – Commission may discuss preparations for the February 2015 forum.**

*Ellstrand coordinating subcommittee meeting for June to begin to plan now.*

## **3. Update on March 6 Incident on UC Davis Campus – At the April meeting, the Commissions voted to put together information to send to Council requesting that the Independent Police Auditor look into the incident.**

*Stachowicz reminded commission that the City does not have jurisdiction to investigate the incident. The Police Auditor can certainly talk with the students, if they contact him. No one had contacted Auditor as of last week.*

*Reed – The investigation of the incident is currently in the Office of Compliance and results will come from that office. Explained process for Police Accountability Board to be used, with several different ways to trigger a complaint. Office of Compliance determines whether complaint appropriate for Police Accountability Board and assigns a trained investigator to the complaint. Investigation can conclude with different findings: unsubstantiated, substantiated, partial substantiation but not misconduct, etc. Board has a legal advisor and determines whether they agree with report or suggest additional investigation. That information then goes to the Police Chief to determine how to handle.*

*Board is a two-year pilot. At end of pilot period, Board issues a report about their activity. Can make recommendations about policy changes.*

*Reed recommends waiting a week to see if the investigation is released.*

**Upcoming Dates:**

*Commission discussed assignments for The Laramie Project film showing and discussion on May 23.*

**VII. Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:35.*