



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2014

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Co-Chair Greenwald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members present: Clinton, Greenwald, Partida, Plank (arr. 7:20), Privateer, Rosen

Members absent: Ellstrand, Madani, Friedman

Clinton moved, with a second by Privateer, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes –May 22, 2014

Partida moved, with a second by Clinton, approval of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

No public comment

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

G Partida: attended a good NIOT (Not In Our Town) conference.

D Greenwald: asked about public comment at commission and committees. Stachowicz noted that staff will be clarifying the policy to provide some consistency across commissions and other public bodies.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

K Stachowicz explained July 1 at 5:30 is official switching over of City Council.

K. Stachowicz explained City would be doing commission recruitment over the summer and encouraged commissioners to share information with those who might be interested and/or consider whether to reapply if their terms end.

VI. Discussion Items

1. Independent Police Auditor position follow up –

Measure O has passed and Auditor position will continue. Contract will go to Council for approval on July 1.

Greenwald explained the position and its history.

2. Breaking the Silence of Racism

a. Police Mediation Subcommittee (Ellstrand, Clinton, Greenwald) Update:

Stachowicz explained that Assistant Police Chief Darren Pytel just received information from consultant and will return to a future meeting to report out.

Partida: what will product be? Stachowicz, MacBrine and Greenwald suggested that product will likely be some type of policy and/or procedure(s).

Commission discussed how information would be brought back and whether or how commission would be able to provide input on it. Commission will not be able to have final authority on it.

G Partida: would like to talk with Assistant Police Chief about information learned at NIOT conference. Stachowicz will set up meeting with Partida and Pytel. Would also like to set up a way on the web site that people can report out on hate crimes.

Diane Evans would like to see a report out on hate crimes monthly or at regular intervals in The Enterprise or in other location.

- b. Designation of HRC members to provide community outreach and intervention related to national, state and local police issues.

Plank arrives (7:20 pm)

This will need to wait until full report out from Darren.

Rosen: Can this happen without knowing what the other parts of the proposal are? Discussion ensued about what a rapid response group would look like and when it would activate.

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

L Friedman: Friedman, Clinton, Ellstrand met to discuss preparations. Consider having a “pre-meeting” open house in conference room. Move into Chambers. Emcee have brief comments, allow public comment. Get information out early, Spanish translation, send out “save the date” early and often. Send letter to organizations specifying program. Maybe also outreach to organizations asking what they would like to see.

Plank would like an evaluation. Stachowicz will provide information from evaluations in 2012 and 2013 to the subcommittee as they continue to plan.

3. Student representation on the HRC (ASUCD and High School)

Stachowicz explained vacancies in student ex officio positions.

Greenwald would like to go through cross-cultural center rather than ASUCD and would like to go through Da Vinci and King high schools as well. MacBrine noted that DaVinci has an internship program

Greenwald moved, with second by Privateer for Stachowicz to draft letter to internship director at DaVinci, the principal at King and the Cross Cultural Center at UC Davis to advertise for positions. Motion passed unanimous in favor.

4. Anti-bullying Campaign –

Partida: Davis Phoenix Coalition is planning an anti-bullying campaign and would like different parts of the community involved. Spoke with Rahim Reed, and UCD planning to share brochures and information about bullying. Would like Public Service Announcements

or information on Unitrans buses. Would like to work with business community to do training about becoming “safe spaces.” How can City assist in the overall effort?

Discussion ensued regarding ways City could assist. Could include a letter of support from commission. Information at summer camps. Utilize farmers market. Including something in recreation guide.

Would like to launch something mid-fall. Phoenix Coalition will have retreat end of July.

The Commission will follow up on this item at a future meeting.

VII. Updates

1. Recap of Davis Phoenix Coalition and Human Relations Commission Showing of The Laramie Project

Stachowicz: event was well-attended and well-received.

Partida: no specific follow up planned but Phoenix Coalition may try to (co)sponsor a film a year on various subjects.

2. Update on Juneteenth Acknowledgements during July 4th Program

Diane Evans: plans falling into place for the celebration of Juneteenth during the July 4th event. Shared program plans and tabling plans.

Clinton leaves 8:10pm

Commission consensus that this is a good program.

VIII. Adjourn

8:30 pm adjournment