



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, September 25, 2014

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Yvonne Clinton, Nathan Ellstrand, David Greenwald, Gloria Partida, Judith Plank, Ann Privateer, Ellen Rosen, Lt. Ton Phan, Leanne Friedman, Kate Snow, Lucas Frerichs

Members Absent: Mehran Madani

II. Approval of Minutes –August 28, 2014

Greenwald moved, with second by Privateer, approval of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence - None.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Greenwald: Law enforcement raided Royal Oak. Also, Partida received Woman of the Year Award from Garamendi's office.

Lt. Ton Phan: Provided update and explanation on Royal Oak incident. Many illegal drugs and weapons found in specific home.

Plank: Interested in school and cyber-bullying and would like a subcommittee. Subcommittee of Partida and Plank will discuss issue.

Clinton: Concern about problem of getting representation from students.

Partida: Davis Phoenix Coalition hosted International Day of Peace with a community sing-along.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

Councilmember Frerichs: He is looking at the issues surrounding Royal Oak, including the special circumstances surrounding manufactured housing rules. Also working on commission interviews.

Stachowicz: explained commission appointment process. Requested Martin Luther King Subcommittee. Subcommittee will include Ellstrand, Plank, Partida.

VI. Discussion Items

1. Breaking the Silence of Racism

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

Stachowicz: Assistant Police Chief Pytel said the Davis Police Officers Association must vote before project can continue.

b. Breaking the Silence 2015 –

Ellstrand provided overview of work to date. Event is February 28. Publicity needs to come next.

c. State/National Issues Subcommittee Update (Clinton, Greenwald, Partida) –

No report.

2. Mine-Resistant, Armor Protected Vehicle –

Lt. Phan: explained acquisition of MRAP and its potential uses. Shared that it is not a tank has no weapons and provides cover for officers. Commissioners asked several questions about cost of maintenance, need for the vehicle, and how the vehicle would be used. Some desire for community policing.

Snow: issue is the militarization of police. Need to be able to clarify difference between police and military.

Overall concern that the downsides of having the vehicle outweigh the chance that it will save a life or assist in an incident.

VII. Updates/Recap

1. Update on Sanctuary City progress

Stachowicz updated Commission on staff suggested changes to wording to draft resolution. The next step will be for staff to bring the resolution forward to the City Council, likely in late October or November.

2. Update on Whites United for Racial Justice proposed fall 2014 event (Subcommittee Ellstrand, Friedman, Privateer)

Still deciding on date and location.

3. Update on student representation on the Commission

Still working on getting student applicants.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.