



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, April 23, 2015

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Nathan Ellstrand called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Members present: Yvonne Clinton, Mandell Davis, Nathan Ellstrand, David Greenwald, Gloria Partida (arr 6:45), Helen Roland (Alt, arr 7pm), Ellen Rosen, Ton Phan (ex officio), Emma Fadel (ex officio), Kate Snow (ex officio)

Members absent: Judith Plank

II. Approval of Minutes –March 26, 2015

Minutes approved by consensus.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

Judith MacBrine: Scheduling out MLK speaker early rather than late. Has a suggestion for speaker on post-traumatic slavery syndrome – Joy DeGruy. Also interested in disability awareness.

Jen (Student): Students on campus reacting to Lacrosse team dressing up as Mexican Cholos (gangsters).

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

D Greenwald: Vanguard event on May 9 on Family Court crisis with keynote speaker Kathleen Russell and Denise Hoffner: “Who Will Protect the Children.”

N Ellstrand: UC Davis Cross Cultural Center has many activities. Next week is La Rasa Days, 25th anniversary of the Center (May 30), event Honoring the Hunger Strike of 1990 (May 14), and evening with Dr. Cornell West (May 30)

N Ellstrand: YIIN annual fundraising dinner Saturday April 25 6pm to 8pm. \$30 per ticket and all proceeds go to scholarships

N Ellstrand: Sunday May 3 Davis Pride event in Central Park. G Partida: run at 9am, Festival 11am-5pm. Good line up of entertainment. Forum at City Hall from 12pm to 1:30. Provost will speak at panel.

Y Clinton: Rotary Turkey BBQ will take place May 16 in Central Park. Tickets are \$35, 5pm to 9pm.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

Lt. Ton Phan: Picnic Day 2015: total arrests 41, with 12 in Safety Enhancement Zone. Fewer officers helping from outside. Large parties. Biggest problems with folks coming from outside of Davis.

VI. Discussion/Action Items

1. Huynh Awards 2015

Commission discussed the different nominations, with the exception of the Civil Rights Advocacy nominations.

Rosen moved, with a second by Greenwald, to recommend Judith MacBrine to receive the Public Servant of the Year award. Motion passed unanimously.

Greenwald moved, with a second by Roland, to recommend both Team Davis and Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign to receive the Excellence in Community Involvement Award. Motion passed unanimously.

Ellstrand moved, with second by Roland, both Ryan Nishikawa and Emily Masiel to receive the Young Humanitarian Award. Motion passed unanimously.

Greenwald left room.

Commission discussed Civil Rights Advocacy nominations. Clinton moved, with a second by Rosen, to recommend both Cecilia Escamilla Greenwald and Manny Medeiros for Civil Rights Advocacy awards. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ellstrand, Clinton, Partida, Roland, Rosen, Davis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Greenwald, Plank

2. 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Partida: Social Services Commission planning on having event in July.

Commission consensus to support the activities of the Social Services Commission and their preparations for a community wide celebration. Partida will be the liaison between the commissions. Commission or staff will reach out to Natalie Wormeli as well.

3. Incident Involving Islamic Center

Abire Sabbagh (Cross Cultural Center): She reports incident of hate or bias. Reported that individuals coming back from Friday prayer services at Islamic Center in Davis were harassed by individuals. Reported the issue to the Cross Cultural Center. Would like to know what the Commission thinks and what can be done. Filed two other reports related to hate incidents on Muslims.

G. Partida: Report incidents to the Police Department so they can track trends.

M Davis: Make City Police Department aware so they can pay attention to areas. Islamic Center might consider surveillance equipment outside of center.

E Rosen: Encourage people to snap a picture to help identify individuals causing problems. Suggests making it easier for someone to report online or via app. Greenwald suggested video as well.

G Partida: This could be part of a training. Not clear on the city website where to report a hate incident. City should make it easier to report.

Judith MacBrine: invite them to Oeste Manor neighborhood meeting to share the experience.

Lt. Phan: Police Department likes to know about these things so they can stay on top of it so they don't escalate.

Commission suggested agendaizing the issue of reporting hate incidents at a future meeting. Partida, Roland and Rosen will work on the issue.

VII. Updates/Recap

1. Chavez Day 2015

Ellstrand: Location allowed for higher Latino population. People liked mariachi and folklorico. Chairs not comfortable. Have interpreter during the event. Biggest issue is too many events right in a row and too difficult for commission to prepare.

2. Anti-Bullying Efforts

No updates.

3. Update from Police Militarization Community Forum Subcommittee

No updates.

4. Juneteenth –

Ellstrand: Sandy Holman has contacted him.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:29.