



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Greenwald called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Members Present: Yvonne Clinton, Mandell Davis, Nathan Ellstrand, David Greenwald, Gloria Partida, Helen Roland, Ellen Rosen, Emma Fadel (ex officio), Leanne Friedman (ex officio), Glen Glasgow (ex officio), Kate Snow (ex officio, Arrived 7:10)

Members Absent: None

Roland moved, with a second by Ellstrand, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2015

Rosen moved, with a second by Davis, approval of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

Partida: Phoenix Coalition hosted vigil (for victims of South Carolina shooting), and it was very successful.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Roland: Methodist Church is having a film series. This Sunday, 7pm, the movie is focused on bullying.

Partida: Quarterly Chat with the Chief on July 13 at Blanchard Room. Needs assistance. Roland will see if she can help. Ellstrand will assist if Roland can't.

Ellstrand: ccc.ucdavis.edu (Cross Cultural Center) looking for artwork in the Center. Art should have social justice component.

Greenwald: Vanguard Courtwatch hosting an internship event to expand to Sacramento County courts. 508 Second Street in Pollinate Davis/Vanguard office, July 15, 6-8pm.

Roland: Move to add Juneteenth to next meeting. Consensus to put on next agenda.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

Stachowicz: UC Davis working on a Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan. They are trying to figure out how to approach but they may want to come to a future meeting.

VI. Discussion/Action Items

1. Sanctuary City – Commission will discuss progress of efforts related to Sanctuary City outreach and status.

Partida: Talked with Asst. Police Chief Pytel. Pytel and Stachowicz need to work on brochure wording. Wording cannot include County services language or language that would send people to non-Sanctuary locations. Staff will return at a future meeting with a draft.

Desire to have brochure translated into as many languages as possible.

Ellstrand: remove County references. Could also have a Chat with the Chief.

Suggestions of signage and/or brochures in places where people wire money, Rite-Aid, Safeway (Marketplace), YIIN, 540 Center, Center for Families, Senior Center, places where non-English speaking people are, CommuniCare and anyplace people come for services. Interested in surface street signage.

Greenwald and/or Clinton will talk to Chamber.

2. Diversity and Discrimination Report –

Discussion about whether to do a report and if so, whether to do it based on the 1989 report, the 2001 report or the 2009 report.

Kate Snow: what is the goal? End goal is to change the outcomes. Time would be better spent if issues were reaffirmed.

Greenwald: concerned that we already know what the issues are so might be a lot of work (for no good purpose)

Roland: wants to make sure we are not missing any important issues. Look at alternate actions that City may have done.

Ellstrand: perhaps a subcommittee focus on the things that haven't happened. Find out why and look at solutions.

Greenwald: concerned because on a subcommittee that realized it was not able to accomplish the goals. Suggests a more feasible goal of creating a list of areas to look at.

Davis: concerns about discrimination in businesses. How can he insert this into agenda?

Greenwald: would like to add circle process to agenda for next month. Consensus to add to agenda.

Davis moved, with a second by Ellstrand to have an extra evening meeting that is a potluck.

Greenwald suggested meetings in July or August (Thursday). Staff will do a doodle poll.

Will work off of 2009 Report.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Update on Independent Police Auditor Contract –

Stachowicz provided update.

Greenwald concerned that Aaronson had not signed contract. Explained what the Auditor does.

VII. Updates/Recap

1. Anti-Bullying Efforts (Subcommittee Partida, Roland)

Partida: tricky to know what can be done as a community or as a group. Perhaps there can be a campaign. There will be an anti-bullying fair in October and wants Human Relations Commission to co-sponsor. Fair would have stations to help kids learn about ways to combat bullying, learn about racial cohesion, etc.

Snow: HRC can continue to set an expectation and DJUSD can continue to note that HRC is concerned about the issue.

Partida moved, with a second by Ellstrand that HRC co-sponsor anti-bullying fair with DPC in October. Passes unanimously.

2. **Update from Police Militarization Community Forum Subcommittee** (Rosen, Roland, Davis)
No update.
3. **Hate Incident Reporting Subcommittee** (Roland, Partida)
Glasgow: rebuilding hate crime information to police website. Do not allow hate crime reporting by internet. Police need to talk to victims.
4. **Follow up from June 24 Vigil for Victims of South Carolina Shootings**
Partida: Feels vigil was very successful. Had collaboration among many groups. Had good representation from the African American community.
Clinton: the Commission never decided how the Commission could support an event.

Staff will ask the City Attorney about how or whether the commission can support an event like the vigil, without prior commission action. Commission would like to be able to appoint a subcommittee to speak on behalf of the commission. Staff will put the item on a future agenda, once the City Attorney has weighed in.

Ellstrand: is there any kind of follow up Commission can have on Black Lives Matter or Charleston follow up?

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm