



City of Davis

Human Relations Commission Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2015

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Members Present: Ellstrand, Greenwald (dep 7:45), Davis, Clinton (dep. 8:10), Partida (arr. 6:50pm), Roland, Friedman (ex officio)

Members Absent: Rosen

Also present: Stachowicz, Pytel

2. Approval of Agenda

Greenwald moved, with second by Clinton to approve agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Clinton, Ellstrand, Davis, Greenwald, Roland

NOES: None

ABSENT: Partida, Rosen

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- *Stachowicz: Commissioner Partida featured in latest Not In Our Town.*
- *Greenwald: Jan 24, 6pm, Woodland, Criminalization of Youth of Color, Location to be determined. King Law and Vanguard, Feb 11, co-sponsoring discussion on racial profiling, hopefully at noon.*
- *Clinton: Butterscotch went to San Quentin to participate in The Last Mile Program to donate her time.*
- *Davis: Young people should be taught how to talk to police.*
- *Ellstrand: 1. Davis Phoenix Coalition and YIIN co-sponsoring program on January 26 at DCC at 7:00pm about immigration and refugees. 2. Program on Islamophobia hosted by St. Martins, YIIN, DPC, Muslim Student Association. Event on campus. Week of January 11. 3. Chat with the Chief, Sanctuary City Status, sometime after first of year.*
- *Partida: Yolo Rainbow families meets December 18 for LGBT families and families with non-gender conforming children.*
- *Roland: Event at Capital for support of Muslims coming up.*

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Consent Calendar

Greenwald moved, with second by Roland, approval of October 22 minutes for Special and for Regular meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration (Jan 2016) –

Partida: Theme will be Black Lives Matter, Keynote Speaker will be Natasha Minsker from ACLU in Sacramento. March will conclude at E Street Plaza where Davis will DJ. Program is coming together.

B. Breaking the Silence (TBD) –

Ellstrand: If Commission decides to hold Breaking the Silence, should not do in February.

Discussion ensued about event, its intended purpose and what results it should yield. Subcommittee will continue to work on and report back at a future meeting.

C. Discussion of Police-Related Issues

1. Body Worn Cameras (BWC) –

Chief Pytel: Explained what the cameras do. Davis Police Department getting ready to purchase and implement. Will require a fair amount of training. Explained that City Council doesn't normally approve Police Department operational policy. The draft policy for the cameras tracks with ACLU recommendations, save two differences:

- *Whether officer can watch video before or after writing report. ACLU says no; other agencies say yes. Research shows reports are better if people able to watch video first. Davis proposed policy is that officers are allowed to watch the video prior to writing a report, like with car cameras.*
- *ACLU wants information to be public in most cases. The City recommends a policy which would only release video in specific cases, similar to the current in-car camera policy.*

Discussion ensued regarding whether officers should be allowed to watch video prior to writing report.

2. Police Custody Incident –

Pytel: Male screaming in local hotel room. Officers eventually entered room, apprehended male and used taser. Paramedics on site but male stopped breathing and passed away. More information may be available once Coroner's Office releases full report.

D. UCD Student-Focused Meeting on City of Davis Police Issues – Commissioner Roland has suggested the Commission work with the Davis Police Department to host a student-focused meeting on the UCD campus to familiarize students with city police department policies, including the alternative conflict resolution program.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and one of the climate groups are planning a student-focused meeting at UC Davis to familiarize students with city police department policies. Roland moved, with a second by Clinton, that the Commission co-sponsor the event and work with Celebration of Abraham and campus. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ellstrand, Davis, Clinton, Partida, Roland

NOES: None

ABSENT: Greenwald, Rosen

E. Discussion of and Potential Actions Related to the City's Sanctuary Status and the Current Global Refugee Situation

Ellstrand: a lot of anti-refugee sentiment. Congressman voted to prevent entry of some refugees to the community. Could we as Sanctuary City say that we would welcome refugees into the community?

Roland: working with faith organizations on this issue. Perhaps this could be tied in. Expensive to bring people to Davis. Thinks there will be opportunities after first of year. Would like to see city say it stands behind the Muslim community

Roland moved, with second by Partida, to ask Council to approve and prepare a declaration (proclamation). Ellstrand and Roland will work on subcommittee.

Stachowicz shared information on signs and on pamphlets. Group willing to help.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Long Range Calendar/ Commission Work Plan

Chavez Committee appointed: Davis, Partida, Ellstrand

B. Anti-Bullying Efforts (Subcommittee Partida, Roland) and Recap of Upstander Festival
Upstander Festival a positive event. Would like to do more.

C. Schools Issues Subcommittee (Clinton, Davis, Partida) – Would like to go to schools.
Partida and Roland would like to be introduced to Trease Petersen.

D. Police Issues Subcommittee (Ellstrand, Greenwald, Roland) – No update needed. Still wants commissioners to go through the new training that's given.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.
