



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, May 26, 2016

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Members Present: Davis, Ellstrand, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Friedman (Ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Roland, Clinton, Snow(Ex-Officio)

Also Present: Dyer, Glasgow, Frerichs

2. Approval of Agenda

Partida moved with second by O'Rourke-Powell approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Ellstrand, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida

NOES: None

ABSENT: Roland, Clinton

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Dyer announced Commission Appointment Update – O'Rourke-Powell will be filling vacancy left by Rosen.*
- Moment of Silence in memory of Ellen Rosen*
- June meeting will be last for Co-Chair Ellstrand. New Co-Chair election at June meeting.*
- Partida announced that the Pride event was very successful with approximately 1500 people in attendance.*
- Greenwald went to annual Public Defenders Justice Summit on May 25.*
- The service for Ellen Rosen will be held on June 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church.*

4. Public Comment

Carole Standing Elk spoke regarding an incident involving a juvenile in front of her home and the Police Department response.

By consensus the Commission requested staff consider agenzizing discussion of the incident.

Francisco Dominquez spoke as a friend of Ms. Standing Elk a concern of incident occurring on Picnic Day with a juvenile being hit.

5. Consent Calendar

Partida moves and Davis seconds approval of April 28, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida

NOES: None

ABSENT: Roland, Clinton

OUT OF ROOM: Ellstrand

6. Regular Items

A. Simulator Training.

The Commission continued the conversation with Lt. Glasgow about possible simulator training dates, preferably a weekend during the first half of July. Date options will be discussed in June.

B. Local Businesses and Discrimination. *At the request of the Commission during the April 28 meeting, the Commission began conversation regarding local businesses and discrimination.*

- *Davis stated that he has been in Davis 10 years now. He would like people in the community to come to the HRC to share their experiences with businesses, as he is concerned that there are some treating people poorly and it reflects poorly on City as a whole. Concern of local business having a re-organization and people of color being let go.*
- *Greenwald states that a previous survey was done, talking about the issue.*
- *Partida mentions that Safe Space training is something the Phoenix Coalition is talking about. A suggestion that the Chamber could provide lunch and learn trainings for businesses to come to for diversity training.*
- *O'Rourke – Powell suggests that previous Safe Space is LGBT focused, and perhaps race be specifically included.*
- *Ellstrand suggested it be more comprehensive this time and include both the Davis Downtown and Chamber.*

Partida moved with second by Greenwald to invite the business community to a future HRC meeting to begin conversation. Make sure to include reps from Chamber, Davis Downtown, Progressive Business Exchange and Phoenix Coalition. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Davis, Ellstrand, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida

NOES: None

ABSENT: Roland, Clinton

C. Breaking the Silence (TBD). *The Commission continued discussion about the event that has been tentatively decided for late September/early October.*

- *Possible date of Monday, October 3 from 6-9 at Tres Hermanas. Potential for a donor to cover some costs of light catering.*
- *Could send out questions ahead of time to community with invitation so that they opportunity to think about and bring conversation to the event. Invitations can be release online, in newspaper, through schools and community board flyers.*
- *Subcommittee – Yvonne, Nathan and Mandell*

D. Budget Discussion. *The Commission received budget details for HRC related events, including MLK event, Cesar Chavez event, Breaking the Silence, Huynh Awards and others. Commissioners discussed the possibilities of co-sponsors increasing budget*

capacity. Commission interested in further discussion on past year's event budgets and what has been spent.

E. Davis as a Sanctuary City. *Review of Sanctuary City materials.*

*Partida moves with second by Ellstrand to send out with edits and with approval by resources, and pending no comment place order for 5000. Motion passed as follows:
AYES: Davis, Ellstrand, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida
NOES: None
ABSENT: Roland, Clinton*

F. Human Relations Commission Tasks and Goals Review. *The Commission began reviewing the functions and resolution for the HRC for necessary updates to scope and/or language. Commission will continue to review compiled suggestions at future meeting.*

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- A. *Anti-Bullying Efforts (Subcommittee Partida, Roland)*
No updates
- B. *Schools Issues Subcommittee (Clinton, Davis, Partida)*
No updates
- C. *Police Issues Subcommittee (Ellstrand, Greenwald, Roland)*
- D. *Long Range Calendar/ Commission Work Plan*
 - *Juneteenth*
Davis will be on committee
 - *Culture Coop*

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Dyer*