



City of Davis

**Human Relations Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2016**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (6:30)
*Members Present: Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Roland, Friedman (ex-officio)
Clinton (6:50)*
Members Absent: Davis, Raheem, Snow (ex-officio)
Chair Roland notes Special Meeting and that public comments need to relate to items on the agenda.
2. Approval of Agenda (6:31)
*Greenwald moves with second by O'Rourke-Powell approval of the agenda as presented.
Motion passes by the following vote:
AYES: Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Roland
NOES: None
ABSENT: Clinton*
3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons (6:35)
 - a. *Greenwald states that Friday is annual Vanguard, Court Watch dinner with a focus on Bail Reform.*
 - b. *Greenwald, Protest stated concern regarding pipeline protest and comments of Department of Homeland Security who approached protestors and demanded to know who organized protest.*
 - c. *Partida stated that the Davis Phoenix Coalition is working to organize action items, including community meetings.*
 - d. *Roland stated that on Tuesday November 29 there will be an open meeting at Davis Community Church in the Fireside Room. Breaking the Fear 7:00 p.m.*
 - e. *Suggestion that the HRC Facebook page be used for announcing community meetings.*
4. Public Comment (6:45)
 - *Tara Uliasz – Special ed teacher at Marquerite. Would like to suggest that the City reaffirm Sanctuary City status publicly, investigate religious protection, etc.*
 - *Alan Hirsh - Thank Commission for the work they do and would like to see additional City Council support.*
5. Regular Items (7:00)
 - A. Basics of the Brown Act.
Staff C. Dyer provided the Commission with an abbreviated review of the Brown Act.
Public Comment
Alan Hirsch – The Brown Act is to protect the public, at discretion of chair longer time can be given,
Greenwald stated concern that commissioners use private emails and they are considered public documents. Has it ever been considered for commissioners to be given city emails?
O'Rourke-Powell suggested that another email could be set up for only commission use.

B. Sanctuary City.

The Commission reviewed the 2014 resolution reaffirming the City of Davis status as a Sanctuary City. (15 minutes)

Greenwald moves with second from O'Rourke-Powell that the Human Relations Commission reaffirm support for Sanctuary City, regardless of consequences from federal governments and support co-chairs in issuing a statement to the City Council regarding stance of the Human Relations Commission. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clinton, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Roland

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Public Comment

Alan Hirsch– Petition within community to affirm process and show wide support protect our community, include school board, Davis Enterprise.

Roland moves with second by O'Rourke-Powell that the chairs send information to churches, social service agencies, schools. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clinton, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Roland

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Greenwald moves with second by Partida to have the chairs send a letter to the school district suggesting schools becoming a sanctuary district. Roland proposes amendment to send to Board and superintendent. David accepted amendment. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clinton, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Roland

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Public Comment

Tara Uliasz stated that LA unified announced that they are a sanctuary school district.

C. Identify and Prioritize Areas of Focus For the Human Relations Commission.

The Commission continued conversation to identify and prioritize areas of focus for the next ten months to ensure the most effective use of meeting time.

Roland moves with second by Clinton that the Human Relations Commission consider as a theme and focus, being agile, nimble responsive to community in community and focus on work through eye of unconscious bias to be confirmed in December.

Discussion – Greenwald concerned about rapid response and the ability to quickly get word out to media.

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clinton, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Roland

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- D.** Discuss approach to follow-up community meeting on unconscious bias in City meetings. *The Commission discussed how to follow up on community meetings regarding unconscious bias. Discussion involved possible expansion of training to the City Council, other staff, other commissions, etc.*

O'Rourke-Powell moves and Partida seconds that the co-chairs refine the letter to the City Council and City Manager requesting funds for the HRC to attend an unbiased training. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clinton, Greenwald, O'Rourke-Powell, Partida, Roland

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- E.** Martin Luther King Celebration.

The subcommittee provided a status update on the Martin Luther King Celebration to be held on January 16, 2017. The theme will be Justice Everywhere: Showing Up in Climates of Injustice. Possible speakers are Rita Wedding or Garth Lewis. There has been outreach to the Parents of African American Children Davis organization.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next regular meeting of December 15, 2016.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Dyer*