



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, April 27, 2017

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Members Present: Davis, (left at 7:05) Greenwald, Madden, O'Rourke-Powell, Roland

Members Absent: Allen, Clinton, Partida

Others Present: Davis, Dyer, Phan, Pytel

2. Approval of Agenda

Roland moved and Madden seconded approval of the agenda with the movement of announcements to the end of the agenda and the Civity item to the beginning.

Motion passed the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Greenwald, Madden, O'Rourke-Powell, Roland

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Allen, Clinton, Partida

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

Greenwald – Would like to agendize discussion on police oversight models in May

Roland – Chavez day was outstanding. Liked having it at Farmers Market, brought people who would not normally attend.

Roland – Community Day of Service on Saturday, April 29. Pride Festival on May 21.

4. Public Comment

Greenwald as citizen, stated that the Police Auditor will not be renewing his contract that end in June. Suggested that one way to replace could be to have a public body dedicated to hearing public complaints.

5. Consent Calendar

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Roland moved and Madden seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Greenwald, Madden, O'Rourke-Powell, Roland

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Allen, Clinton, Partida

6. Regular Items

- A.** *Introduction of Civity. Mayor Davis spoke about proposed film festival ideas regarding sex trafficking, homelessness and hate crime. The first film is set for June 1. Civity potential book project – A Stranger in Their Own Land – Anger and Mourning on the*

American Right. Does this fit in with the direction that HRC is wanting to go? HRC will continue discussion at regularly scheduled June meetings.

B. Surveillance Equipment.

The Commission discussed, at the request of the ACLU, a proposed policy on the purchase of police surveillance items and how the role of the commission fits into surveillance. Dean Johannsson provided the Commission with a 5 minute presentation that included references to the model the Oakland currently adopted.

Public Comment

Kaitlyn Costa – urge to move onto council. She works for an advocacy agency on behalf of Muslims. Proposing oversight and transparency.

Elizabeth Kim - National Lawyers Guild – urge to consider moving forward to CC for oversight and transparency.

Anonymous – Like idea of transparency for surveillance. Would love to see data and Davis to become model city.

Gurdeep Ghaliwal – also with National Lawyers Guild and supports concept.

Commission and Staff Comments

Davis – Feels that HRC could have a role in discussion about surveillance.

Greenwald – Role of HRC act in a way to protect the right of the vulnerable. Thinks HRC can contribute by helping with role of transparency. Advocates for transparency.

Madden – As HRC works on civil rights the idea of transparency on surveillance is important.

O'Rourke-Powell suggest that HRC could propose CC take a look at the proposed policy and decide if this is something the city wants to do

Greenwald – interested in overall concept, not tied to HRC being the oversight, could be council subcommittee.

Madden – what are cons? Can only see pros.

Pytel – Completely understands desire and would be open to public dialogue on concept of policy. Aware of senate bill going through. Stated that most items purchased are put on as budget line item for Council approval.

Roland – supportive of some type of policy, concerned about costs or reporting requirements, would like to understand interagency uses across jurisdictions.

Pytel – sometimes call on other agencies i.e. FBI in mosque incident. Surveillance is currently slated to go before the City Council on July 11. Will spend more time on policy review with direction from City Council.

Greenwald – Consider that future police chiefs may have different take than current chief. Would be wise to put something together for future use as technology advances. Would like to see something that both can agree with.

Madden – Feeling like there are two sides – criminal and non-criminals not wanting to have their lives looked on.

Pytel – no problem with oversight of someone. Will be recommending a council subcommittee.

Public Comment Re-Opens

Dean Johannsson – States that as he reviews police reports, he’s noticed that it’s more and more frequent for multiple agencies to be involved in investigations.

Woodard – Predictive Analytics question for chief. Look at policy level.

Anon. – Interested in understanding about transparency and how data is being collected and retained. How is it going to be used, shared, kept?

Pytel – The License Plate Reader policy is on home page of the Police Department webpage.

Greenwald – Suggest HRC have own recommendation to coincide with police recommendation. Would like to have civilian component.

Pytel – Is comfortable with trained civilian oversight. Civilian Oversight is part of strategic plan.

Actions

Greenwald moves that the Human Relations Commission recommend the proposed ACLU document for City Council to approve with the caveat that the Council take into account concerns of the Police Chief with the willingness to a support council subcommittee that includes civilian component as part of the oversight committee.

Roland seconds.

O’Rourke- Powell – friendly amendment – Recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance that provides oversight of the police acquisition and use of surveillance equipment with a civilian oversight component. A sample to use is the ACLU draft ordinance.

David accepts friendly amendment.

Roland proposes friendly amendment – Start recommendation with using the ACLU model ordinance as the basis.

Greenwald and O’Rourke-Powell accept friendly amendment.

Friedman – input from people who will be involved is good.

Final motion states:

The Human Relations Commission recommends that the City Council use the ACLU model ordinance, with a civilian oversight component, as the basis for adopting an ordinance that provides oversight of the Police Department acquisition and use of surveillance equipment.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Madden, O’Rourke-Powell, Roland

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Allen, Clinton, Partida

C. Draft Mission Statement and Work Plan.

The Commission will continue the drafting of a mission statement and begin to finalize their work plan. This item carried to a future month.

D. Film Series Efforts.

The Commission received an update on the screening of the film I am Jane Doe, to be held on June 1st, and other potential films to be held in a community film series. Conversation will be continued in June.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- A. Anti-Bullying Effort (Subcommittee Partida, Roland) – None*
- B. Schools Issues Subcommittee (Clinton, Davis, Partida) – None*
- C. Public Dialog & Breaking the Silence Subcommittee – None*
- D. Police Issues Subcommittee (Greenwald, Roland) – None*
- E. Long Range Calendar/ Commission Work Plan*
 - *Juneteenth (Sunday, June 4)*
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8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. to the next regular meeting of May 25, 2017.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Dyer
City Manager's Office*