



City of Davis  
Human Relations Commission Minutes  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, June 10, 2020

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call (6:30)**

*Commissioners Present:* Sheila Allen, Nadia Alam (Chair), Yvonne Clinton, Emma O’Rourke-Powell, Judith Plank (Vice Chair) (left at 8:00 p.m.), Helen Roland, Angela Willson

*Commissioners Absent:* None

*Council Liaisons Present:* Gloria Partida

*Staff Present:* Carrie Dyer, Management Analyst, City Manager’s Office

*Others Present:* Leanne Friedman (Davis Phoenix Coalition ex officio)  
Kate Snow (DJUSD ex officio)

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Clinton moved and Willson seconded approval of the agenda as presented. The motion passed as follows:*

*AYES:* Allen, Alam, Clinton, O’Rourke-Powell, Plank, Roland, Willson  
*NOES:* None  
*ABSTAIN:* None  
*ABSENT:* None

**3. Public Comment**

*No public comment.*

**4. Regular Items**

**A. Commission Action on Discussions Surrounding Inequities for Persons of Color.** *The Human Relations Commission discussed what local action they should recommend on national discussions regarding inequities for persons of color, as it pertains to the function of the commission.*

*O’Rourke-Powell moves a four part motion with second by Roland:*

- 1. A statement that the HRC supports City Council statement against racism and hate “George Floyd Statement By Davis City Council And City Leadership”*
- 2. That City Council consider defunding the police and announce a timeline for doing so.*
- 3. Hold a simultaneous meeting of the HRC, the Police Accountability Commission, the Davis Police Department and the Davis Phoenix Coalition.*

4. *Encourage Davis residents to share resources with each other on the Human Relations Commission Facebook page.*

- *Roland proposed amendment to change wording to state “explore what defunding the police in the Davis community means.”*
- *Allen suggests “investigate use of City funds for a safe community.”*
- *Snow suggests “consider role of police in our community and how in Davis, we are considering Black people in our community.”*
- *Friedman suggests changing wording from defunding to reallocation of some funds to provide for other services.*
- *Partida – how can we make for a more inclusive community with the Police Department, School District, Parks and Community Services Department, etc.*
- *Willson – important to have understanding of entirety of police budget.*

*O’Rourke-Powell withdraws original motion and moves new motion with second by Allen:*

1. *The Human Relations Commission (HRC) stands in full support of the Davis City Council statement “George Floyd Statement By Davis City Council And City Leadership”.*
2. *The HRC recommends that City Council actively explore the demands of the movement known as “defund the police”, and publicly announce a timeline on which they’ll be doing so. This would include a discussion of use-of-force policies by the Davis PD.*
3. *HRC recommends that City Staff works simultaneously to schedule a co-sponsored community event to explore how Davis is supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. The planning group will include representatives from the Davis Phoenix Coalition, Police Accountability Commission, HRC, City Council, and the Davis PD.*
4. *HRC encourages individuals to actively share resources regarding BLM on the HRC Facebook page.*
5. *HRC recommends that Council actively work to increase recruitment of diverse individuals to the City Commissions.*

*The motion passed as follows:*

*AYES: Allen, Alam, Clinton, O’Rourke-Powell, Plank, Roland, Willson*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

**B. Human Relations Commission Statement of Solidarity.** *The Human Relations Commission reviewed a City Council approved Commission statement in regards to a “Statement of Solidarity with Asian Heritage/Asian American Community Members” surrounding Covid-19 to determine if they would like to make recommended edits.*

*Roland moved with second by Alam to release statement as is, in conjunction with a statement that the HRC fully supports the City Council statement against racism and hate.*

*The motion passed as follows:*

*AYES: Allen, Alam, Clinton, O'Rourke-Powell, Plank, Roland, Willson*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Plank*

*The statement will be released to the Davis Enterprise and on the Human Relations Commission Facebook page.*

**5. Adjourn (8:30)**

*The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of June 25, 2020.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Carrie Dyer*

*Management Analyst*

*City Manager's Office*