



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, September 24 2020

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

*Commissioners Present: Sheila Allen, Yvonne Clinton, Emma O'Rourke-Powell,
Judith Plank Helen Roland*

Commissioners Absent: Angela Willson

Council Liaisons Present: Mayor Partida

*Staff Present: Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager
Diane Parro, Director of Community and Business
Engagement*

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Roland moved and Clinton seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Willson

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

- Snow – District trying to support students and their mental health. Snow will follow up with question regarding backgrounds, etc from students while participating in learning via Zoom.*
- Reed – UC Davis returning although mostly virtual. Will be working with City to coordinate protocols, perhaps testing. City and Campus working together to try to prevent COVID, test, and encourage good behavior.*
- Partida – UCD working to keep COVID at bay and reaching into community as well. Also ensuring that vulnerable populations are protected as well. Details still being worked out.*
- Parro - City grant to I House for art with BIPOC theme, including the Black Lives Matter art. Diversity training for local artists, support for virtual international market.*
- Friedman, DPC – Looking for virtual activities for Upstander Carnival. Partida noted that there will be activities spread throughout the month – Kindness Wednesday, coloring contest, reflective walk through greenbelt with messages. October is National Anti-Bullying Month.*
- Allen – collect activities and amplify activities on city's webpage.*

4. Public Comment

- Connor Gorman – movement on UC campuses to redirect the funding for campus police to student needs. This is a direct campaign.*

5. Consent Calendar

Plank moved with second by Clinton approval of the August 27, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed as follows:

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

6. Regular Items

A. Discussion Related to Defining Community Health and Public Safety Improvements

Allen and O'Rourke provided update on work that the subcommittee has been doing.

- Divided the tasks among the three subcommittees: PAC had done a lot of work about mental health and outreach*
- Research – social services Commission group had done a lot of research about other programs, etc. and talked about the groups and individuals they are outreaching to.*
- Review of resource document created for subcommittee*
- Key action items at the last meeting PAC will look at the ways the different issues interplay. Also thinking about how to dovetail efforts in terms of community efforts*
- Need to address systemic racism. Need to make sure we look at what we can do in Davis.*

Discussion Comments:

- Request for information on previous program where social workers were sent out with patrol.*
- Need to define problem in order to collect data*
- Stachowicz explained subcommittee process and roles, with notation of City's Social Services Guide*
- Request to send out copy of resources to entire of HRC*
- Consider the words Community Safety instead of Public Safety*
- Consider and involve young people as part of outreach and planning process*
- Involve community and commissions as part of process, allowing for opportunities for people to show up and share thoughts.*
- Student research information was insightful. There is benefit to cross collaboration.*

Public Comment:

- Connor Gorman: Take back the term public safety and reclaim it. In favor of a model where social workers attend to calls separately from police. Wants separate department from police.*

7. Future Agenda Items

- Public Safety Item*

8. Commission and Staff Communications

None

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.