



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2020

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Commissioner Plank called the meeting to order at 6:30

Commission Members Present: Yvonne Clinton, Emma O'Rourke-Powell, Judith Plank (Vice Chair), Helen Roland, Angela Willson

Commission Members Absent: Sheila Allen

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

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff: Carrie Dyer, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Allen

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

Roland – will be meeting with a group who is talking about City commissions, application process, etc.

Friedman – Davis Phoenix Coalition will be co-sponsoring community conversation on nine recommendations that went to the City Council on Public Safety and Health Improvements.

Snow – District is working hard for safe learning. Small cohorts have been implemented.

Planning for hybrid options is in beginning stages. Black Staff United, a group of DJUSD staff are working with African American Students and the Black Student Unions. The Ethnic Studies Task Force has reconvened.

Willson – notification on Stay at Home Order going into effect at midnight

4. Public Comment

Roberta Millstein – speaking for Todd Edelman who could not attend. Read statement about his concern about not being reappointed to a commission.

Edgar Chen – Introduced himself as the new alternate position to the HRC. He will begin in January.

5. Consent Calendar (6:55)

A. October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Clinton moved and O'Rourke – Powell seconded approval of the minutes as presented:

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clinton, O'Rourke-Powell, Plank, Willson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Roland

ABSENT: Allen

6. Regular Items (7:00)

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

The Human Relations Commission appointed a subcommittee to join the Police Accountability Commission and the Social Services Commission for discussion regarding the City Council's directive on community health and public safety. The subcommittee provided an update on the recommendations put forth to the City Council. Additionally, the Commission continued conversation on community communication and engagement.

Ideas on engagement:

- *How to get word out – Nextdoor, Enterprise, via the City list serves*
- *HRC to host a forum, with 25% being informational and 75% time spent gathering reactions, concerns, areas overlooked, etc. Concern about free for all and looking at ways to have questions sent in*
- *Engage young people in process*
- *Craft message to go out with prompt questions and ways to respond, in addition to forum*

Public Comment:

Jeremy Taylor – Have public meeting

Francesca Wright – Plug for community forum

Anuj Vaidya – Think of many ways to access people, find people who can't come to the table

O'Rourke-Powell moves with second by Roland to have the Human Relations Commission endorse a three pronged approach to engage the public in responding to the subcommittee report on public health and safety improvements:

- 1. Hold a forum hosted by the Human Relations Commission*
- 2. Include the efforts of Yolo People Power*
- 3. Include the efforts of the UCD Public Deliberation group*

Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Allen

B. Martin Luther King Celebration

The Commission will continued discussion of the annual Human Relations Commission Martin Luther King Celebration and brainstormed ways to host an event following County and State guidelines in regards to Covid-19 safety protocols.

Ideas:

- 1. Highlight past year videos through Davis Media Access. Create a highlight showing.*
- 2. Essay Writing with prompt*

3. *Coloring/art option for people to print and post in their windows. Encourage community participation and to send images of completed work to City for posting.*
4. *Video of 10-15 seconds saying what MLK means to you*
5. *Check in with Parents of African American Children group (Carrie) and Black Student Unions at Junior Highs and High Schools (Kate)*

Public Comment:

Connor Gorman – Suggests looking at recorded puppet shows to include

C. Addition of Ex-Officio Member

The Commission discussed recommending an additional ex-officio position from the Yolo People Power group. The item will continue to the next meeting with information on what are guidelines for adding ex-officio member and inviting a representative of Yolo People Power to speak at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Connor Gorman – People Power started in 2017 and aligns with HRC, community engagement and City affairs.

Francesca Wright – Yolo People Power was convened with request from National ACLU with goal of increasing transparency among police.

Jeremy Taylor – Slow down before making decision and wait for more information

7. Future Agenda Items

- *Yolo People Power ex officio position*
- *Report out on forum idea*

8. Commission and Staff Communications

No additional

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting of January 28, 2021.