



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, February 4, 2021

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:34

Commission Members Present: Sheila Allen (Chair), Yvonne Clinton (arrived at 6:37), NJ Mvondo, Emma O'Rourke-Powell, Judith Plank (Vice Chair) (arrived at 7:00), Helen Roland (arrived at 6:37, left at 7:30), Angela Willson, Edgar Wong-Chen (alternate)

Commission Members Absent: None

Others Present: Leanne Friedman (Faith Based ex officio)

Council Liaisons Present: None

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

2. Approval of Agenda (6:31)

Willson moved and O'Rourke-Powell seconded approval of the agenda as presented: Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Allen, Mvondo, O'Rourke-Powell, Willson, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Clinton, Plank, Roland

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons (6:35)

- Introduction of new members NJ Mvondo and Edgar Wong-Chen*
- O'Rourke-Powell – Reviewed updated commission application pleased to report on changes that were made with HRC recommendations.*
- NJ – Yolo Climate Coalition – Encourages commissioners to become familiar with what they are doing. Lots of intersection opportunities.*
- Allen – Healthy Davis Together publicity is fantastic.*
- Allen – Provided Yolo County vaccine update on tier status*

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent Calendar

A. December 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Clinton move with second by Roland to approve December 10 minutes as presented.

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Allen, Clinton, Mvondo, O'Rourke-Powell, Roland, Willson, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Plank

6. Regular Items

A. Presentation from Yolo People Power

The Commission received a presentation from Yolo People Power, which included a brief history of their work and an invitation to consider for collaboration with Yolo People Power and the Local Voices team for an upcoming project.

Public Comment

- *Jeremy Taylor – find a way to make sure that one person doesn't take survey 50 times.*
- *Giselle Gonzalez – How will testimonials be used?*

O'Rourke- Powell moved with second by Mvondo to establish a subcommittee focused on community conversations in regards to public safety in collaboration with YPP. Motion passed as follows:

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

Willson moves with second by Clinton to appoint a subcommittee of Mvondo, O'Rourke-Powell and Plank. Motion passed as follow:

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

O'Rourke-Powell moved with second by Plank to extend the meeting to 9:00. The motion passed as follows:

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

B. Update on Council Direction Regarding Public Health and Safety Improvements and Update on City Participation with UC Davis on a Future of Policing Study

The Commission received an update on Council direction regarding the subcommittee work on public health and safety improvements and an update on the City's participation in a future of policing study that UC Davis is conducting.

Public Comment

Anju Vaidya – Local Voices Project is to ensure diversity –List of Community Connectors

C. Annual Thong Hy Huynh Awards

The Commission reviewed the time line and categories for the 2021 Thong Hy Huynh award nomination period.

Plank moved and Clinton seconded approval of the categories, schedule and process. The motion passed as follows:

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

D. 2021 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Commission held an election for a chair and vice chair for 2021.

Mvondo moves with second by Plank to nominate Allen as Chair. Motion passed as follows:

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

Willson moves with second by Clinton to nominate Plank as vice-Chair. Motion passed as follows:

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

E. Request for Input on Downtown Plaza Brick Recognition

The City of Davis Arts and Culture program requested input from the Human Relations Commission on brick fundraising campaign to support the development of a re-designed Hunt Boyer Plaza that will showcase a public art piece. The plaza will include bricks with names of families or individuals who have contributed to the history, development and growth of Davis and the region.

Clinton provided information to the project organizers on previous work that was done on this topic during the Cannery development and has followed up with Yvonne Marsh who provided even more information. It was also suggested that the project organizers look at the list of previous Huynh Award recipients.

7. Future Agenda Items

- *Yolo Climate Coalition presentation*
- *YPP collaboration follow up/subcommittee*
- *Huynh Awards*
- *Gandhi item*

8. Commission and Staff Communications

- *Martin Luther King celebration update*

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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