



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, April 22, 2021

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30

Commission Members Present: Sheila Allen (Chair), Yvonne Clinton, NJ Mvondo, Emma O'Rourke-Powell, Helen Roland, Angela Willson, Edgar Wong-Chen (alternate)

Commission Members Absent: Judith Plank (Vice Chair),

Others Present: Leanne Friedman (Faith Based ex officio)

Council Liaisons Present: Mayor Partida at 8:05

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

2. Approval of Agenda (6:31)

Clinton moved, with a second by Mvondo approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank

ABSTAIN: None

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

- Dyer announced new commission appointments*
- Clinton announced moving to the Civic Arts Commission*
- O'Rourke-Powell moving to the Utility Rate Commission*
- Mvondo – Thank to Emma and Yvonne for all of their work*
- Willson – Community Advisory Board update. Parking enforcement will start next week.*
- Allen – Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance series of town hall meetings – theme California Master Plan for Aging and what that means locally. Davis, Friday May 7 from 10:00 – Noon.*
- Friedman – Bet Haverim and UU Church of Davis hosting book discussion group on The Color of Law in May.*

4. Public Comment

- Jordan Varney – Thank you for welcome to the Commission*
- Juliette Beck – Invite to Ethnic Stories forum on Monday through Cesar Chavez Elementary School open to the community.*

5. Consent Calendar

A. March 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Roland moves with second by Clinton

6. Regular Items

A. Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition Presentation

The Commission heard a presentation on work related to equity in climate planning from the Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition representatives, Juliette Beck and Marlen Garcia.

Commissioner Comments:

- *YCEC works at various projects happening in Yolo County. HRC could support work of YCEC by inviting City into looking into public works projects, etc. to be more environmentally friendly.*
- *Does plan for the City have community involvement?*
 - *City currently doing update with community, commission, etc. Climate Plan Adaption process is currently happening and working to incorporate accessible community surveys. Hoping for additional engagement process to be more inclusive.*
- *What are localized issues in Davis and regionally? Partnering on campus for environmental justice project?*
 - *Housing burden. People who work in Davis can't afford to live in Davis, causing environmental justice impact with transportation.*
 - *Leaf blower ban. Impacts fell on operators who weren't supported with alternative. Good actions have unintended consequences.*
 - *Food sovereignty - being able to grow food for your family, need access to gardening space is essential*
 - *Bicycle access*
 - *Ecological stewardship*
- *HRC may be asked to help with equity aspect on projects.*
- *How can HRC collaborate with YCEC?*
 - *Can HRC help City with equitable process*
- *If YCEC has document, HRC can review*
- *Could collaborate in future with connection help*
- *Look at policy recommendations if that would be helpful*

B. Thong Hy Huynh

The Commission reviewed nominations for the annual Thong Hy Huynh award and made recipient recommendations to the City Council.

Wong-Chen moves and Clinton seconds to recommend all nominees as recipients in the categories they were nominated for. Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank

ABSTAIN: None

C. Work Plan Review (20 minutes)

The Commission continued review of their work plan and determined focus areas and tasks for the upcoming year.

Roland moves with second by Willson to forward the draft HRC workplan to the City Council for review. The motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank

ABSTAIN: None

D. Subcommittee Update on Actionable Items Condemning Racism

The Commission received an update from the new subcommittee, designated to address ways the Human Relations Commission can work to condemn racism. The committee met and began initial conversation on the ability to collect data on recent incidents, how to share data resources and initial conversation on what outreach to the community could entail.

E. Subcommittee Update on Work with People Power

The Commission received an update from the subcommittee on work with Yolo People Power and community outreach.

Comments:

- If the City hires a consultant to do outreach, the work can be complimentary to the work of Local Voices and the Local Voices and consultant not overlapping*
- Consultants not overlapping with two different ways of gathering the research.*
- HRC working on outreach in general as opposed to just on one item*

7. Future Agenda Items

- Ethnic Studies in Schools*
- Subcommittee Updates Standing item*
- Workplan*
- Juneteenth Update*
- Events planning for future*
- Multiculturalism event for youth in Davis*

8. Commission and Staff Communications

- Partida – encourage participation on Climate Action Plan*
- Pride event coming on board – Multiple small events*
- Chavez Celebration Recording was successful*

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. to the next regular meeting of May 27, 2021.

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