



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, June 24, 2021

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:32

Commission Members Present: Sheila Allen (Chair), Yvonne Clinton, NJ Mvondo, Emma O'Rourke-Powell, Judith Plank, Helen Roland (6:40), Edgar Wong-Chen (alternate)

Commission Members Absent: Angela Willson

Others Present: Leanne Friedman (Faith Based ex officio), Kate Snow (DJUSD ex officio)

Council Liaisons Present: None

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Roland, Willson

ABSTAIN: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

- *Thank you to outgoing commissioners Clinton and O'Rourke-Powell
 - *Clinton – Last meeting and wants to thank everyone and honor to work with everyone*
 - *O'Rourke- Powell – Last meeting and it's been a pleasure serving and working to make positive impacts on the City in continuing to become inclusive and diverse**
- *The next meeting of the HRC is August 26, due to July recess*
- *Snow – Ethnic Studies advisory group is ongoing and will provide recommendations to Superintendent. Group includes students.*
- *Snow - Third Black Graduation Ceremony this year. Native American Graduation Celebration for first time this year.*
- *Mvondo – Update on virtual Juneteenth celebration. 700-800 views and people continue to visit the website. People all over the world tuned in.*
- *Mvondo – Interactive Healing Arts project launched in January. Activity will start again this summer. Program accepted in fellowship and would like to ask the commission for feedback related to the project.*
- *Allen – Juneteenth became official federal holiday*

4. Public Comment

Jordan Varney – Thank you to Emma and Yvonne and looking forward to working on commission

5. Consent Calendar

A. April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Clinton moved and Plank seconded approval of the minutes as presented. The motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Willson

ABSTAIN: None

6. Regular Items

A. Subcommittee Update on Actionable Items Condemning Racism

The Commission received an update from the subcommittee, designated to address ways the Human Relations Commission can work to condemn racism.

Ground work to set up outreach to community, working with UC Davis in Diversity and Equity Office. Ideas included

- *Community Calendar*
- *Ways to increase transparency and connections between City and University*
- *Invited to sit on meeting regarding Evolve Red Door Project*
- *Looking to have possibly have HRC sit UCD Campus Council on Community and Diversity*
- *Look for opportunities to make joint actions with campus*
- *Public forum to talk about threats and ways to bring community together*

Wong-Chen moves and Roland seconds to ask City to work with University to possibility appoint member of HRC to the UC Davis Campus Council on Community and Diversity. Motion passed as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Willson

ABSTAIN: None

Wong-Chen met with the ASUCD incoming president and vice president, whose platform was building relations with the City. One goal is to look into ways to efficient ways to appoint ASUCD representatives to City commissions.

Sub-committee is working with UCD and County on getting statistical data.

No Public Comment

B. Subcommittee Update on Work with People Power

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

- *Focus of project is public safety with outcome to improve relations between police and community.*
- *Brainstorming ways on how to outreach to communities not yet connected with.*

- *Connectors are in the community collecting responses.*
- *Nami Yolo becoming a part of the project.*

No Public Comment

C. Update Reimagining Public Safety

Staff provided an update in regards to City Council discussion regarding Reimagining Public Safety recommendations and their direction to staff.

No Public Comment

D. Subcommittee Structure

The City Attorney has provided a memo to all commissions regarding subcommittees and the Brown Act. The Commission reviewed this memo and will re-visit current subcommittees and structures at the August meeting.

No Public Comment

7. Future Agenda Items

- *Ethnic Studies in Schools*
- *Interactive Art Project update – NJ Mvondo*
- *New subcommittee placements and restructuring (August)*
- *November UCD event*
- *Event planning for future*
- *Multi-culturalism event for youth in Davis*

8. Commission and Staff Communications

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of August 26, 2021.