



**City of Davis**  
**Human Relations Commission Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 26, 2021**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

*Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:32*

*Commission Members Present: Sheila Allen (Chair), Lizelle Festejo, NJ Mvondo, Judith Plank, (7:10), Edgar Wong-Chen, Angela Willson Jordan Varney (alternate)*

*Commission Members Absent: Roland*

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

*Council Liaisons Present: None*

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Willson moved, with a second by Mvondo approval of the agenda as presented.*

*Motion passed as follows:*

*AYES: Allen, Festejo, Mvondo, Wong-Chen, Willson, Varney*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Plank, Roland*

*ABSTAIN: None*

**3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons**

*A. Welcome and introduction to new commissioners Lizelle Festejo and Jordan Varney*

*B. Introduction of new ex-officio, Mikael Villalobos from UC Davis Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*

*C. Introduction of Alistair Coate, ASUCD Representative*

*D. Varney – Fundraiser at Dunloe Brewing for the Tessa Foundation*

*E. Snow – Ethnic Studies process with advisory group of students, staff and community members to create recommendation to the district.*

*National Equity Project presentation for all staff. Building equitable environment networks to create equitable learning environments*

*Native American program is starting up again this fall*

*F. Mvondo – Yolo County Climate Action Commission exciting work being done*

*Reference to email received regarding treatment of tenants based on color*

*Mondavi no longer testing center. New site opening at Cannery and ARC has opened for community members*

- G. Allen – Weekly drive through vaccine clinics through County and Communicare. Yolo also has home visit vaccine appointment.
- H. Festejo – ARC open for testing for community beginning tomorrow.

#### 4. Public Comment

Connor Gorman – Welcome to new commissioners. Gandhi statue has been on Council agenda and HRC may want to consider. Labor organizing happening on UCD that ties into issues of equity and inclusion. Student researchers are trying to unionize

#### 5. Consent Calendar

##### A. June 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Varney moves to approve the consent calendar with second by Wong-Chen.

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Allen, Festejo, Mvondo, Wong-Chen, Willson, Varney

NOES: None

ABSENT: Plank, Roland

ABSTAIN: None

#### 6. Regular Items

##### A. Subcommittee Structure and Reassignment

The City Attorney has provided a memo to all commissions regarding subcommittees and the Brown Act. The Commission reviewed the memo and current subcommittees for compliance and to make sure they are best structured to assist the work of the commission. New commissioner assignments were determined. The revision work will continue at the next meeting.

Public Comment –

Connor Gorman – Question as to what Ex-officio officers restrictions are on adhoc committees and social media responses. Supports idea of combined calendar, supports outreach to organizations

##### B. Co-Sponsorship of Upstander Carnival

The Human Relations Commission discussed becoming a co-sponsor to the annual Upstander Carnival, hosted by the Davis Phoenix Coalition on October 23.

Willson moved with second by Mvondo that the Human Relations Commission recommend that the City of Davis co-sponsor the Phoenix Coalition Upstander carnival. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Allen, Festejo, Mvondo, Plank, Wong-Chen, Willson, Varney

NOES: None

ABSENT: Roland

ABSTAIN: None

#### 7. Future Agenda Items

- Ethnic Studies in Schools Update for HRC – Snow, Mvondo

- *Interactive Healing Arts Project update – NJ Mvondo (quick update in September)*
- *November UCD event – Red Door Project – Evolve (postponed due to Covid)*
- *Event planning for future*
- *Multi-culturalism event for youth in Davis*
- *Look into housing language to see if it includes non-discrimination*
- *Equity, Inclusion and Diversity with Uc Davis (September)*
- *HRC role in providing feedback on statues, murals, etc.*
- *How to respond to current social climate issues quickly*
- *Nov/December meeting date (September)*

**Public Comment**

*Connor Gorman – wants to see Gandhi statue on future agenda, event for May Day*

**8. Commission and Staff Communications**

*Villalobos – Return to campus and 8 important things to know*

*Varney - Update on Local Voices Project – running round table discussions again and starting data collection*

*Mvondo – Plans for Dia De Los Muertos event may be in process*

**9. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:28 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 28, 2021.*