



**City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2022**

Call to Order & Roll Call

Call to Order:

Vice Chair Plank called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call:

Commissioners present: Lizelle Festejo-Hsu, Judith Plank (Vice Chair), Jordan Varney, Edgar Wong-Chen, Angela Willson

Ex-Officios present: Leanne Friedman (Faith Based), Alistair Coate (ASUCD), Mikael Villabos (UCD), Kate Snow (DJUSD)

Commissioners absent: NJ Mvondo (Chair)

Others present: Carrie Dyer, Mayor Partida

Approval of Agenda

Willson moved approval of the agenda, with a switch of items A and B with a second by Plank. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Festejo Hsu, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen, Willson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mvondo

Brief Announcements:

Snow – Update on Diverse Students and Diverse Spaces

*Wong- Chen – No One is Free Until We Are All Free – February 25 on Zoom
February 28, Contemporary Asian American Panel Discussion*

Villalobos – Upcoming Campus Community Book Project – Panel discussion at Mondavi at 4:00 p.m., March 31

Public Comment

Alan Hirsch – Proposed thoughts on Civility in Public Engagement. Slides were provided.

Consent Calendar

A. January 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Festejo-Hsu approves meeting minutes of January 27 with second by Wong-Chen.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Festejo Hsu, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen, Willson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mvondo

- B. *Principles of Civility for City Council, City Commissions, and Other Legislative Bodies Authorized and Governed by the City Council*
Recommendation: Informational/Action Item. Review informational staff report regarding Principles of Civility, and if desired, provide input to City Council prior to final adoption.

Willson moved approval of the consent calendar with a second by Plank
Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Festejo-Hsu, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mvondo

Commissioner Comments:
Principals of Civility of Important, individual civility and power
Recognition that we need healthy debate, looks to be restraining healthy debate,
hold to the principals

Willson pulls motion and to hold a special meeting in the next two weeks for discussion on Civility with second by Varney. Motion approved as follows:
AYES: Festejo-Hsu, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mvondo

Regular Items (7:00)

A. Annual Cesar Chavez Celebration

The Commission brainstormed ideas for the annual Cesar Chavez Celebration to be held on Saturday, April 2.

Public Comment:

Connor Gorman- Concurr with comments, anti labor organizing, tables and booths, future May Day event

Plank moves to form a planning subcommittee of Wong-Chen, Snow, Festejo-Hsu, Plank with second by Wong-Chen. Motion passes as follows:
AYES: Festejo-Hsu, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mvondo

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 due to lack of quorum. Other items will be moved to a future meeting.

B. Media & The Role of the Human Relations Commission

The Commission will discuss stories and news headlines as portrayed by various media outlets and how they may add to the stress many are already under. The Commission will determine what kind of response it may take, and will take

advantage of this opportunity to highlight initiatives in Davis that celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion through media.

C. Committee Updates

Committees provided updates as needed

- Anti-Hate Subcommittee (Festejo Hsu, Mvondo, Wong-Chen)*
- Local Voices Project (Mvondo, Varney, Willson)*
- UC Davis Connection (Coate, Wong-Chen,)*
- Event Sponsor Process (Festejo Hsu, Wong-Chen)*
- Community Calendar (Festejo Hsu, Mvondo, Villalobos, Wong-Chen)*
- Land Acknowledgment (Coate, Snow, Varney)*

Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar

- Event planning for future*
- Thong Hy Huynh nominations review (March)*
- Healing Arts Project*
- Multi-culturalism event for youth in Davis*
- Look into housing language to see if it includes non-discrimination*
- HRC role in providing feedback on statues, murals, etc.*
- Critical Race Theory/Ethnic Studies Counter Narrative*
- Civility*

Adjourn

Plank adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.