



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, August 25, 2022
6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (6:30)

Chair Mvondo called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Commissioners present: Connor Gorman, NJ Mvondo (Chair), Judith Plank (Vice Chair) (6:45 p.m.), Jordan Varney, Angela Willson, Edgar Wong-Chen

Ex-Officios present: Alistair Coate (ASUCD), Kate Snow (DJUSD)

Commissioners absent: None

Council Liaisons present: Council member Partida (7:00 p.m.)

Others present: City of Davis staff - Carrie Dyer, Kelly Stachowicz, Dana Bailey

2. Approval of Agenda

Willson moved with second by Plank approval of the agenda with the elimination of item 6A. The motion passed as follows:

AYE: Gorman, Plank, Mvondo, Varney, Willson, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

- Partida – Upstander Carnival planning for October is taking place, , conversation with new DHS principal regarding more collaborations*
- Snow – School year has begun with specific plans to move some initiative for grading for equity, ethnic studies process moving along, Native American education program expanding, seeking anti-bias education grant, holidays and celebrations calendar is almost ready to come out*
- Willson - Met with City staff Dyer and Hartsough to understand how approval goes through the City process and when would the HRC be involved. Thought to add a conversation about terminology a long range calendar item.*
- Wong-Chen – event at capitol tomorrow to push to pass AB2183*
- Mvondo – September 15 first day of National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 21 International Peace Day, September 23 Native American Day, September 25 Rosh Hashanah*

4. Public Comment

Taxi Diva – Curious about the MLK celebration and why is he one of the only people celebrated for African American History. Encourages commission to consider recognition of other people as well.

Mvondo - Commission should consider expanding on recognition

5. Consent Calendar (6:55)

A. May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Willson moved with second by Plank approval of the minutes to approve the minutes of May 26. The motion passed as follows:

AYE: Gorman, Plank, Mvondo, Varney, Willson, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. Regular Items (7:00)

A. Presentation from Mayra Llamas, Executive Director of the Community Resource and Retention Centers at UC Davis

Item postponed to a future month

B. Presentation from Dana Bailey, Director of the City of Davis Social Services & Housing Department

Dana Bailey, the Director of the new Social Services & Housing, introduced herself to the Commission and shared a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the development of the new department, challenges and opportunities and next steps.

Commissioner Comments:

- *Should HRC still be looking at inclusive language for housing in terms of non-discrimination.*
- *Discriminatory language is said to still be in contracts in the Davis community.*
 - *Fair Housing law prohibits this language.*
- *How is mental health support incorporated?*
 - *Works closely with County Mental Health to connect people with mental health services and then will many times be connected with case manager. City acts as connector to the services.*
- *Will new department have connection to school district?*
 - *Yes*
- *How well is the Respite Center utilized?*
 - *The Respite Center is a wonderful resource. Continuing to look at ways to improve and encourage more use. Putting out some information to seek additional volunteers. The Respite Center is a place to go to get connected with the services that people need.*
- *What type of support is needed from the community? How will department share out information?*

- *Communicating to the community will take place after data is collected to figure out gaps, services, etc.*
- *Longer goal is to create a dashboard that is available for the public that demonstrates how services are used.*
- *Outreach to community for support with specifics based on data collected.*
- *How will Respite Center interact with Paul's Place?*
 - *Respite Center is a hub for services and connection. Paul's Place offers housing as well.*
 - *The City works with all of the organizations to help facilitate services*

Public Comment:

- *Josh Redman – Love to explore conversations about resident owned houses.*
- *Taxi Diva – Over 200 people who were unhoused in Sacramento died last year. Personal experience demonstrates applications being discriminated against*

C. Thong Hy Huynh Nomination Process Review

Commissioners Willson and Gorman reviewed the current nomination process for the annual Thong Hy Huynh awards and provided suggested questions/clarifications for the Commission to consider. They provided a document with questions outlined that will be further reviewed at a future meeting.

Commissioner Comments:

- *Willson and Gorman will put together a document for the commission to review in advance*

Public Comments:

None

D. Committee Updates

Committees provided updates as needed

- *Anti-Hate Subcommittee (Gorman, Mvondo, Wong-Chen)*
 - *No update*
- *Local Voices Project (Mvondo, Varney, Willson)*
 - *Surveys printed out, testimonials collected, flyers distributed*
- *UC Davis Connection (Gorman, Coate, Wong-Chen)*
 - *Discussion of few different groups that might be appropriate to present to HRC. UCD Union*
- *Event Sponsor Process (Wong-Chen)*
 - *No update*
- *Community Calendar (Mvondo, Villalobos, Wong-Chen)*
 - *No update*

- *Land Acknowledgment (Coate, Snow, Varney)*
 - *No update*

Public Comment:

None

7. Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar

- Thong Hy Huynh Nomination Review (September)
- Presentation from Campus Union (September or October)
- Martin Luther King Celebration Planning (September) (Gorman, Mvondo, Plank)
- Media Hate
- Community discussion on language as it relates to human relations
- Healing Arts Project
- Multi-culturalism event for youth in Davis
- Look into housing language to see if it includes non-discrimination (presentation on what exists)
- Critical Race Theory/Ethnic Studies Counter Narrative
- Interactions with other commissions
- Discuss Commission outreach

Public Comment:

None

8. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m. to the next regular meeting September 22.