



**City of Davis**  
**Human Relations Commission Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2022**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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

*Vice Chair Plank called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.*

*Commissioners present: Connor Gorman, Judith Plank (Vice Chair), Jordan Varney, Edgar Wong-Chen*

*Ex-Officios present: Mikael Villalobos*

*Commissioners absent: NJ Mvondo, Angela Willson*

*Council Liaisons present:*

*Others present: City of Davis staff - Carrie Dyer*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Wong-Chen moved with second by Plank approval of the agenda as presented. The motion passed as follows:*

*AYE: Gorman, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Mvondo, Willson*

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

- *Dyer shared list of proclamations presented by the City Council at the meeting on September 20.*
  - *Indigenous People's Day*
  - *Hispanic Heritage Month*
  - *Anti-Bullying*
  - *Hindu American Appreciation Month*
  - *Prostate Cancer Awareness*
  - *Fire Prevention Month*
  - *Thank you to outgoing Tree Davis Executive Director*
- *Davis Neighbors Night Out on October 16. Sign ups happening now. So far about 90 parties registered.*
- *Local debates being hosted regarding the elections upcoming and will be recorded.*
- *Current commissioner recruitments happening*
- *Redoor Project performance experience that explores relationship between law enforcement and communities of color. November 11, 12 and 13.*

#### **4. Public Comment**

*Commissioner Gavin – Spoke to Social Services Commission about talking to University about donating land for housing. Mixed income housing model could be successful, similar to Roseville.*

#### **5. Consent Calendar**

##### **A. August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

*Wong-Chen moved with second by Varney approval of the minutes from August 25, 2022 as presented. The motion passed as follows:*

*AYE: Gorman, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Mvondo, Willson*

#### **6. Regular Items**

##### **A. Thong Hy Huynh Nomination Process Review**

*Commissioner Willson and Gorman have reviewed the current nomination process for the annual Thong Hy Huynh awards and provided suggested revisions for the Commission to consider. The commissioner decided to postpone the conversation until more of the commission is in attendance.*

##### **B. Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration**

*The subcommittee assigned to planning the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration presented ideas for the 2023 event. Notes and suggestions were included in the packet.*

##### **Comments:**

- How hybrid would work in theatre. Look into how it could work with part virtual.*
- Pre-recorded ahead of time in case moves to all virtual. Could also show in theatre*
- Live streaming in-person performances to You Tube or City Facebook page*
- Performance based makes live streaming a bit easier.*
- Highlight women and non-men involved in Civil Rights Movement*
- Expand beyond Dr. MLK to talk about other contributions.*
- Tie into current work that is continuing legacy of MLK.*
- Talk about broader movement instead of single figure*
- Organized labor, coordinated efforts*
- Celebrate and recognize broad range of experiences that Black people have faced in America*
- Outreach ideas – involving local groups and partnering with groups such as BSU at UCD or high school with compensation.*

- *Have survey after the event to hear people's feedback. How to distribute?*
- *Campus celebration of MLK that include cross over of any kind?*
  - *Explore greater engagement with UCD*
- *Mental Health, engage with new department*

*Public Comment:*

*Commissioner Gavin – Daughter of Airman, gave presentation a couple of years ago during Black History Month was very informative. Angela Davis would also be a good speaker. Women who founded Black Lives Matter. London Breed, Mayor of SF is alumni of UCD*

**C. November/December Meeting Dates**

*As the November and December meeting dates fall during holiday periods, the Commission determined alternate meeting date/s.*

*Commissioner Comments:*

- *November 17 and December 15 – Carrie to check in on Zoom*

*Wong-Chen moves with second by Gorman to meet on November 17 and December 15, presuming that the dates are available on the Zoom accounts. Motion passed as follows:*

*AYE: Gorman, Plank, Varney, Wong-Chen*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Mvondo, Willson*

**D. Committee Updates**

*Committees provided updates as needed*

- *Anti-Hate Subcommittee (Gorman, Mvondo, Wong-Chen)*
  - *Draft statement around anti-semetic banner drops in Davis, but needs to go through Council approval.*
- *Local Voices Project (Mvondo, Varney, Willson)*
  - *Flyers distributed to homeless community, collecting testimonials, volunteer recruitment*
- *UC Davis Connection (Gorman, Wong-Chen,)*
  - *Mayra Llamas, Director of Community Resource and Retention at UC Davis at November meeting*
  - *Reaching out to UC union*
- *Event Sponsor Process ( Wong-Chen)*
  - *No update*
- *Community Calendar (Mvondo, Villalobos, Wong-Chen)*
  - *No update*
- *Land Acknowledgment (Snow, Varney)*
  - *No update*

## **7. Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar**

- *Media Hate*
- *Anti-Semitic Incident at October meeting, include draft statement*
- *Mayra Llamas (November)*
- *Consider putting incidents on each meeting as they occur*
- *Healing Arts Project*
- *Multi-culturalism event for youth in Davis*
- *Look into housing language to see if it includes non-discrimination*
- *Critical Race Theory/Ethnic Studies Counter Narrative*
- *Interactions with other commissions*
- *Discuss Commission outreach*

## **8. Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55**