



City of Davis
Human Relations Commission Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2022

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Plank called the meeting to order at 6:36

Commissioners present: Connor Gorman, Judith Plank (Vice Chair), Edgar Wong-Chen, Angela Willson

Ex-Officios present: None

Commissioners absent: NJ Mvondo (Chair), Jordan Varney

Council Liaisons present: None

Others present: City of Davis staff - Carrie Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Wong- Chen moved with second by Willson approval of the agenda as presented.

The motion passed as follows:

AYE: Gorman, Plank, Wong-Chen, Willson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mvondo, Varney

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

Willson – Followed up with Davis Police Chief inquiring about hate group involvement of officers and was told that it is unacceptable for any involvement.

Gorman – UC Davis workers are on strike regarding student rights, accessibility and pay. Hutchinson and LaRue is current location of picket line.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent Calendar

A. October 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Willson moved with second by Wong-Chen approval of the minutes as presented.

The motion passed as follows:

AYE: Gorman, Plank, Willson, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mvondo, Varney

1. Regular Items (7:00)

A. Public Forum on Recent Hate Incidents in the Davis Community

The Human Relations Commission provided an opportunity to discuss and receive public input on recent hate incidents in the Davis community.

- *Joint Anti Hate meeting – Between City, UC Davis and County was attended by some members of the HRC. More information will follow in upcoming months.*
- *Review definition of Hate Crime/Incident at future meeting*

No public comment

B. Free Speech

The Commission will discuss the concept of free speech and the barriers that sometimes surround it.

Wong-Chen moves with second by Willson to postpone item to a future meeting with more commissioners in attendance. Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Gorman, Plank, Wong-Chen, Willson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mvondo, Varney

No Public Comment

C. Human Relations Commission Appointment to the Campus Council on Community and Diversity

The Commission will appoint a member from the commission to serve as a liaison to the UC Davis Campus Council on Community and Diversity.

After brief discussion, the commission determined to move the item to a future meeting with more commissioners in attendance.

Willson moved with second by Wong-Chen to add this item to the next meeting.

Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Gorman, Plank, Wong-Chen, Willson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mvondo, Varney

No public comment

D. Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

The subcommittee assigned to planning the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration will provide an update for the 2023 event.

No update at this time. There will be a subcommittee meeting before the December meeting.

No public comment

E. Cesar Chavez Celebration

The Commission appointed a subcommittee tasked with planning the annual Cesar Chavez Celebration to be held in March or April of 2023.

Wong Chen and Gorman volunteered to be on subcommittee

No public Comment

F. Committee Updates

Committees provided updates as needed

- *Anti-Hate Subcommittee (Gorman, Mvondo, Wong-Chen)*
 - *No update*
- *Local Voices Project (Mvondo, Varney, Willson)*
 - *Review of website, discussed ways to get into the community to encourage response*
- *UC Davis Connection (Gorman, Wong-Chen)*
 - *No update*
- *Community Calendar (Mvondo, Villalobos, Wong-Chen)*
 - *No update*
- *Land Acknowledgment (Snow, Varney)*
 - *No update*

No public comment

2. Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar

- *Media Hate*
- *Healing Arts Project*
- *Appointment to UCD Campus Council (December)*
- *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*
- *Chavez planning (November/December)*
- *Huynh (December)*
- *MLK (November/December)*
- *Free Speech (future month)*

No public comment

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.