



**City of Davis
Human Relations Commission
Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioners present: Kevin Baker (Vice Chair), Connor Gorman, Leonie Pickett, Edgar Wong-Chen

Ex-Officios present: Leanne Friedman, Ashish Lama

Commissioners absent: None

Council Liaisons present: Councilmember Partida

Others present: City of Davis staff - Carrie Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

Baker moved with second by Wong-Chen approval of the agenda as modified, moving items 6C, the Thong Hy Huynh Awards and 6E, the Subcommittee updates to the beginning of item 6. The motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Pickett, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons

- Partida updated on Commission Vacancies and City Council recommendations related to Commissions.*
- Dyer noted that there is no update on status of Chapter 10 Municipal Code revision.*

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent Calendar (6:55)

A. February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Pickett, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6. Regular Items

A. Annual Thong Hy Huynh Awards

The Commission subcommittee (Gorman, Pickett, Wong-Chen) tasked with reviewing the Thong Hy Huynh nominations presented their recommendations to the full commission for consideration. Proposed recipients will move forward to the City Council for approval.

The subcommittee is recommending the following to be 2024 Thong Hy Huynh recipients:

Over 18: Annie Louise Temple & Pattie Fong

Under 18: Chavez “CJ” Millican

Community Group: Aggie House

Public Comment:

None

Baker moves with second by Pickett approval of the subcommittee recommendations of Annie Louise Temple and Pattie Fong in the 18 and over category, CJ Millican in the Under 18 category and Aggie House in the Community Organization category and to move forward to City Council for ratification. Motion passes as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Pickett, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B. Committee Updates

Committees will provide updates as needed

- *Cesar Chavez Celebration Subcommittee (Baker, Gorman, Wong-Chen)
The subcommittee provided an update on speakers, performers and tabling groups scheduled for the April 13 event. “The Power of Collective Action” Will advertise livestream on the press and social posting.*
- *CA Task Force on Reparations (Baker, Pickett)
The subcommittee presented the commission with a proposed resolution for consideration to present to the City Council asking them to endorse the mission, purpose and efforts of the task force and urge state policy makers to study and consider the findings and recommendation of the Task Force.*

Pickett moves with second by Gorman to move the proposed resolution forward. Motion passed follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Pickett, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- *Adjourned Listening Subcommittee – Next Steps (Baker, Pickett)*

The subcommittee will have one final meeting to wrap up their findings and prepare a document to move forward.

*Public Comment:
None*

C. 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.

Pickett provided an update on the follow up of the incident that happened at DaVinci High School regarding the N word being painted on campus. The restorative practice was utilized and well received.

*Public Comment:
None*

D. Hate Free Together Discussion

The Commission received a presentation about the Hate Free Together program at the February meeting. The commissioners discussed the presentation and the potential interaction of the HRC.

Commissioner Comments:

- Would like a better process for what the role of the HRC is in the Hate Free Together program.*
- Commission would like to learn more and invite reps from HFT to come back for a q&a session.*

*Public Comment:
None*

E. Commission Update and Chair Election

Due to a recent vacancy, the commission voted to elect a new chair and vice chair to be effective in April.

Pickett moves with second by Wong-Chen to move Baker into the position of chair. Motion passes as follows:

AYE: Gorman, Pickett, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Baker

ABSENT: None

Wong-Chen moves with second by Pickett to move Gorman into the position of Vice-Chair. Motion passed as follows:

AYE: Baker, Gorman, Pickett, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Gorman

ABSENT: None

7. Future Agenda Items/Long Range Calendar

- Review workplan and calendar items for the 2024 year*
- Hate Free Together Follow Up Q&A (April)*
- MLK Recap*
- Holiday Celebration Review (April)*
- Webpage Review*
- Free Speech*
- Multi-culturalism event for youth in Davis*
- Critical Race Theory/Ethnic Studies Counter Narrative*
- Cesar Chavez Recap (April)*

Public Comment:

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of April 25.