



**City of Davis
Human Relations Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioners present: Felix Alvarez, Kevin Baker (Chair), Connor Gorman (Vice Chair), Amir Kol, Leonie Pickett, Deema Tamimi, Edgar Wong-Chen

Ex-Officios present: Kate Snow, Mikael Villalobos

Commissioners absent: Ellie Kaplan

Council Liaisons present: None

Others present: City of Davis staff –Carrie Dyer

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Alvarez, Baker, Gorman, Pickett, Kol, Tamimi, Wong-Chen

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Regular Items

A. Human Relations Commission Member Introduction

The meeting provided an opportunity for members of the Commission to meet one another and learn about their interests in serving on the Human Relations Commission. Prompt questions were provided as guidance.

Themes discussed for supporting the work of the commission included:

- Updating the workplan*
- Researching available grants*
- Creating a process for providing feedback to City Council of what is gleaned from community members*
- A better understanding of what the direction from Council is and what commission can take on without specific direction*
- Figure out ways to reach out the community and hear what they have to share*
- Learning about current survey efforts the City does and if there is a role for the Commission to consider creating a Climate Survey*

Public Comment:

- *Alan Hirsch – Big challenge in Davis is how do we live together despite the hate and make it feel it's a safe place. Recommends book called The Wall Between. How to deal with conflict productively.*

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 22.