



City of Arts & Innovation

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024, 6 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Ayra, Vice Chair Cavett, and Commissioners Lewis, Fujimoto, Martis, German, Woods-Adeyeye, Raya, Agramon and Shirley

ABSENT: Commissioners Polichetti, Goe, Harmoush and Durkee

STAFF PRESENT: Daisy Gastelum and Randy Solis

The Human Relations Commission meeting was convened at 6:06 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rich Gardner spoke regarding the City Council evening session which will present a proclamation for Developmental Disability Awareness month on March 12, 2024 and invited all commissioner to attend.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Chair Cavett and seconded by Commissioner Fujimoto to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, Goe, Polichetti and Harmoush absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2023, were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

It was moved by Commissioner German and seconded by Commissioner Martis to nominate Commissioner Lewis as Parliamentarian Officer for a term of one year. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, Goe, Polichetti and Harmoush absent.



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PRESENTATION

SOLICIT THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONS IDEAS FOR RECOGNIZING GROUPS OR CAUSES FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO ESTABLISHED OR RECOGNIZED COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS

Human Relations Commissions provided recommendations and ideas. The Human Relations Commission also suggested additional dates for consideration.

ABSENCES

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fujimoto and seconded by Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye to excuse Commissioner Lewis from the October 26, 2023, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, Goe, Polichetti and Harmoush absent.

SOCIAL MEET AND GREET AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioners Lewis, Martis and Shirley volunteered to participate. No motion or second was approved to provide commissioners who were absent an opportunity to participate. Item will be agendaized in the upcoming meeting.

COMMUNITY EVENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioners Fujimoto, Vice Chair Cavett and Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye volunteered to participate. No motion or second was approved to provide commissioners who were absent an opportunity to participate. Item will be agendaized in the upcoming meeting.

BY-LAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioners Lewis, German and Woods-Adeyeye volunteered to participate. No motion or second was approved to provide commissioners who were absent an opportunity to participate. Item will be agendaized in the upcoming meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

HRC AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Vice Chair Cavett provided an update from the Marketing Ad Hoc Committee which recommended ideas to promote the Commission while out in events.



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Chair Ayra provided an update on the HRC grant committee front. HRC Grant will be extended by two weeks with a deadline of February 16, 2024.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Vice Chair Cavett requested update on the California Department of Justice Statistic of hate crimes for city concentration. Commissioner Lewis would like a follow-up on the topic of housing and homelessness for Riverside. Chair Ayra requested a follow-up on the Resolution for Community Health Need Assessment that passed in 2020. Commissioner Lewis would like a follow-up on the topic of the City of Riverside declaring racism as a mental health public health crisis, what work has been completed to advocate racism. Commissioner Agramon requested a follow-up on RPD updates on data/statistics.

Commissioner Agramon arrived at 7:17pm

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION STAFF UPDATES

Following the October 26, 2023, Human Relations Commission meeting, Principal Management Analyst Randy Solis provided updates regarding the workplan. The Human Relations Commission workplan was presented and approved by the subcommittee of council on January 10, 2024. The Human Relations Commission will be reviewing applications during the month of February. The elections of officers will take place during the month of March.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONER UPDATES ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND COMMITTEES ATTENDED

Commissioner German shared the one life, one heart poisoning, and overdose 5k and awareness will take place on April 13, 2024, in Fairmount Park in Riverside. Commissioner Martis shared she attended Mayors State of the City event on January 25, 2024. Commissioner Agramon shared he attended the Civil Right Institutes, "Immigration for farmworkers" event. Vice Chair Cavett shared he also attended the Civil Rights Institute. Chair Ayra spoke regarding free tax preparation for individuals who are interested, an organization called Vita Cites, a group of volunteers who help individuals with income tax preparation. Commissioner Lewis invited all to join in the celebration of Black History month with the raising of the flag which takes place on February 1, 2024, in City Council Chambers. On February 24, 2024, at the Civil Rights Institute they will have Black History Month.



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The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Chair Ayra adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM
SR. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT