



Human Relations Commission

DATE: 6/24/2021 TIME: 6:09-7:22PM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

F. Fujimoto	L. Scoggins	K. Barth	J. Rooths	R. Kanatzar
R. Shirley	M. Ahmed	A. Ayra	M. Harmoush	

ABSENT:

M. Imaku (Prior Notice)	J. Wright (Prior Notice)	A. Davis (Prior Notice)		

GUESTS PRESENT:

Philip Falcone- Office of the Mayor, Staff	Lauren Sanchez- City Attorney’s Office	Rose Mayes- African American Historical Society	Lis Zuloaga- PCH Architects	

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:09 – By Chair Kanatzar

1. Public Comment Period:
No comments.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Ms. Rose Mayes presented on the planned expansion and enhancement of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on Main Street. Project architect Lis Zuloaga also presented on the project and the specific materials and dimensions of the expansion. Plan renderings were shown for visual aid. Followed by a commission question and answer period on ways the Commission could assist in getting this project to completion. Funding was an area of need, Ms. Mayes noted.

Commissioner Barth enters meeting at 6:11pm.



CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. Commissioner Rooths moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Ayra 2nd. Motion passed 9-0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

4. Discussion on ways to mark monthly commemorative dates by formal letter, statement, activity, and/or event. The month of July was referenced as the month of pilgrimage for the Muslim community. Commissioner Harmoush offered to speak to the City Council during public comment to commemorate Hajj. Chair Kanatzar motioned for Commissioner Harmoush to speak on the Commission's behalf about this pilgrimage. Commissioner Ayra 2nd. Motion passed 9-0.
5. Discussion on ways to spotlight non-profits each month that are furthering diversity and inclusivity. Staff will explore ways to identify these non-profits. This could be via notices on social media soliciting non-profits that would like to be involved. The non-profit would get approximately 3-5 minutes to present. No formal action was taken on this item as it was just for discussion to gauge Commission interest.
6. Commission reviewed the remaining funds in their annual budget (\$3,390). Chair Kanatzar motioned to allocate all remaining HRC funds for the Fiscal Year to the Riverside African American Historical Society for their Martin Luther King Jr. memorial enhancement. Commissioner Rooths 2nd. Motion passed 9-0.
7. Commission reviewed Code of Ethics, per annual process, and had no recommended changes or edits.

COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Staff update: Starting June 30th Board and Commission meetings for Riverside will be hybrid with an in-person option. Approximately 7 of the 9 commissioners present said they would prefer in person meetings. Commissioner Bennett resigned effective immediately. The City Council approved a consulting agreement on 6/22 to begin formulating the Diversity Officer position for the City of Riverside.
9. Commissioner Updates: Commissioners provided updates on meetings and events they attended.
10. Future Items: Earlier budgeting plan for Fiscal year 2021-2022

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm