



City of Arts & Innovation

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025, 6 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Cavett, Vice Chair German and Commissioners Fahrney, Raya, Woods, Martis, Lewis, Fujimoto, Harmoush and Shirley.

ABSENT: Commissioners Turner, Agramon, and Goe.

STAFF PRESENT: Krystelle Schneider, Daisy Gastelum and Anthony Beaumon.

The Human Relations Commission meeting was convened at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioner Shirley arrived at 6:10p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one who wished to address the Commission in person, and no e-comments prior to the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Martis and seconded by Commissioner Fahrney to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Turner, Agramon and Goe absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2024, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Human Relations Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Martis, Turner and Woods from the meeting on December 16, 2024.

PRESENTATION

Commission received a presentation from Rebirth Homes on Human Trafficking by Corrina Hernandez and Khazana.

Commission received a presentation from the NAACP Youth Council by Mia Gaines, Layla Simon and Hanna Jalifa.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ATTENDANCE

It was moved by Vice Chair German and seconded by Commissioner Martis to not excuse Commissioner Shirley's absence from December 16, 2024, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Lewis, Shirley, Harmoush and Fujimoto abstaining and Commissioners Agramon, Goe and Turner absent.

2025 WORKPLAN

It was moved by Commissioner Martis and seconded by Commissioner Woods to move forward with the 2025 workplan as presented. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, Goe and Turner absent.

ATTENDANCE OF EVENTS

Commissioner Fahrney requested to attend three Blue Zone summits at the end of February. Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair German and seconded by Commissioner Martis to approve the attendance of said events by commissioners on behalf of the commission. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, Goe and Turner absent.

COMMUNICATIONS

BY-LAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE

No updates to provide

MEET & GREET AD HOC COMMITTEE

No updates provided

HOUSING AD HOC COMMITTEE

No updates provided

GRANTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chair Cavett provided an update for future meetings.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION STAFF UPDATES

Senior Management Analyst Krystelle Schneider provided an update on the 2024 and 2025 workplan, which is tentatively set to be presented on March 12, 2025, at 3 p.m. Next month, the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center Post-Grant update will be presented, along with a virtual presentation by the California Civil Rights Department Community Conflict Resolution Unit in March.



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ITEMS FOR FUTURE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION CONSIDERATION REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Martis requested to include sub-committee's discussion in a future agenda item. Commissioner Lewis requested to agendaize a presentation regarding DEI. Vice Chair German requested an update from the City's Housing Department as well as general view on fund allocations and communication. Commissioner Fahrney requested a presentation regarding transgender sports. Commissioner Raya added to the request for the housing update regarding funds and how it is being used and requirements that may exist. Commissioner Raya also requested a workforce presentation. Chair Cavett requested a presentation on what is happening in the city in regard to changes in the community.

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

Commissioner Harmoush attended many rally's celebrations in December 2024 and January 2025 all throughout Riverside and Orange County. Commissioner Harmoush also participated in the cease fire that happened in Gaza. Commissioner Lewis attended a black health and wellness meeting in January 2025 and also attended Kwanzaa at the downtown library in December 2024. Commissioner Martis participated in many events regarding human trafficking awareness as well as the Riverside County Coalition to end human trafficking. Commissioner Woods participated in Riverside Clergy Association MLK birthday celebration on January 12th, and on January 22nd she attended the Bordwell Park Advisory Board meeting. Commissioner Fahrney focused on becoming a member of the steering committee for the blue zones project. Chair Cavett tabled at MLK day event in Riverside. Chair Cavett attended the RUSD School Board meeting in December 2024.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Chair Cavett adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT