



Human Relations Commission

DATE: 3/21/19 TIME: 6:00-7:30

LOCATION: YSMAEL VILLEGAS COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS

Present

Barth	D. McNulty	Scoggins	Ahmed	Imaku
Rush	J. McNulty	Stancil	Wright	Mabon
Armster				

Absent

Armstead	Pelzer	Bennett	Chitwood	

GUESTS PRESENT

Liz Pinney-Muglia – Staff				

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:01 – By Chair Rush

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes of February 21, 2019:
Commissioner J. McNulty moved to approve, 2nd by Commissioner Stancil
Motion Carried Unanimously
- Review of Attendance of November 15, 2018 Meeting:
J. McNulty moved to approve absences of commissioners Armster, Scoggins, Pelzer, Bennett, Armstead and Mabon, 2nd by Stancil
Motion Carried Unanimously



3. Review of Attendance of February 21, 2019 Meeting:

J. McNulty moved to approve absences of commissioners Armstead, Pelzer and Bennett, 2nd by Stancil

Motion Carried Unanimously

PRESENTATION

4. Presenters from North and Norte Vista were unresponsive to commissioner outreach and once again did not attend meeting to make presentation

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

5. Commission considered application from the Vivian Stancil Olympian Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$200 for pool noodles for the Splish Splash Water Safety on April 27, 2019

Commissioner Mabon moved to approve, 2nd by J. McNulty

Motion Carried Unanimously, Commissioner Stancil Abstained

6. The ad hoc committee for scholarships did not meet ahead of the March 21 meeting, so the commission as a whole discussed options for scholarship criteria. Commissioner Mabon recommended essays and a 2.0 GPA minimum. Commissioners Scoggins and D. McNulty advocated for a reduced GPA requirement or no GPA requirement. Commissioner Ahmed recommended reaching out to each school district with basic purpose/goal of scholarship and dollar amounts and allowing the school boards to choose awardees. A general discussion followed with commissioners generally agreeing that the less restrictive, the better, so as to stay in line with the HRC's values of inclusivity and equality. Commissioner Mabon motioned to offer scholarships with no GPA requirement, using an essay/creative writing of any type contest, allowing the executive committee to create flyers and approve for promotion to move forward quickly. Commissioner Stancil 2nd. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Commissioner Scoggins gave a report on the Color of Law event at La Sierra University. She learned quite a bit from the main speaker, particularly on the history of federally subsidized housing projects and their initial purpose of housing middle class families. Commissioner J. McNulty motioned to approve reimbursement of the cost of the seminar in the amount of \$25.00. Commissioner Armster 2nd. Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Chair Rush recommended drafting a letter to each organization that maintains the statues on the mall to inform them that they could apply for funds to repair damaged or vandalized statues. Commissioner Wright recommended starting a long-term fund to raise a larger amount of money that could be place on reserve rather than sending small amounts each time it occurs. Chair Rush agreed that would be a better long-term approach and asked to discuss at a later meeting. Commissioner Ahmed motioned for Chair Rush to draft the letters and staff to distribute them.



Commissioner Stancil 2nd.
Motion Carried Unanimously

OTHER MATTERS

9. Commissioners provided updates on meetings they have visited and upcoming events.

Commissioner Stancil attended a summit on drowning and water safety in Long Beach, the Boards and Commissions Reception, went to an Eastside Neighborhood meeting, and invited commissioners to a potluck at the Settlement House the following Thursday.

Commissioner Mabon attended RCHF meeting, the Boards and Commissions Reception, the Group meeting, Latino Network meeting, NAACP meeting, North High career day, Breakfast with the Police Chief and District Attorney. He will also be visiting New Zealand and will bring back a report on the response there to the tragedy at the mosque. He also invited all members to the first African American Gay Pride event in Riverside on May 16.

Commissioner D. McNulty attended the Mental Health Awareness Day at Ramona High School, the Boards and Commissions Reception and the Riverside Resilience event.

Commissioner Barth attended the NAACP meeting at Lincoln, the Boards and Commissions Reception, and the Girl Scouts Classroom to Career event at Bourns, Inc.

Commissioner J. McNulty attended the Boards and Commissions Reception, NAACP meeting, and reminded commissioners of the upcoming ChristChurch Remembrance event and NAACP event.

Commissioner Ahmed invited everyone to the Riverside Islamic Center on Friday afternoon when Mayor Bailey would be addressing members after the Friday afternoon prayer.

Commissioner Scoggins attended the Red Dress event, the Boards and Commissions Reception, and the council discussion surrounding tiny home policy.

Commissioner Imaku reported on his work with international students that he sponsors and mentors.

Commissioner Wright gave an update on an interfaith meeting he would be attending.

10. Staff Update: No update

11. Items for future agendas: Invite City Manager to speak at a future meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm