



Human Relations Commission

DATE: 12/16/2020 TIME: 6:00-8:52PM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

A. Ayra	L. Scoggins	K. Barth	J. Rooths	V. Stancil
A. Davis	M. Ahmed	R. Kanatzar	M. Mabon	R. Shirley
J. McNulty	M. Imaku			

ABSENT:

E. Bennett (Prior Notice)	J. Wright (Prior Notice)	J. Armster (Prior Notice)		

GUESTS PRESENT:

Philip Falcone- Office of the Mayor, Staff				

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 – By Chair Ahmed

1. Public Comment Period:
No comments

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Police Chief Larry Gonzalez presented an update on the Riverside Police Department's processes for investigating officer-involved shootings. The commission asked Chief Gonzalez questions regarding the District Attorney's role in investigations. The commission requested that Chief Gonzalez provide data on officer-involved shootings in each of Riverside's seven wards.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

3. Commissioner Mabon moved to approve Minutes for the November 2020 Human Relations Commission Meeting. Commissioner Barth 2nd.
Motion passed unanimously.



4. Commissioner Mabon moved to approve Commissioner Stancil's excused absence.
Commissioner Davis 2nd.
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Commissioner Mabon moved to approve Commissioner Scoggins's excused absence.
Commissioner Davis 2nd.
Motion passed unanimously.
6. Commissioner Mabon moved to approve Commissioner Imaku's excused absence.
Commissioner Stancil 2nd.
Motion passed unanimously.
7. Commissioner Mabon moved to approve Commissioner Armster's excused absence with a direction to staff to provide Commissioner Armster with his attendance record to date.
Commissioner Stancil 2nd.
Motion passed unanimously.
8. Commissioner Mabon moved to approve Commissioner McNulty's excused absence.
Commissioner Stancil 2nd.
Motion passed unanimously.
9. Commission discussed ways to thank former Mayor Rusty Bailey for his 13 years of service to Riverside and directed staff to bring this item back at the next meeting for action on the way in which former Mayor Bailey will be thanked.

Commissioner McNulty enters the meeting at 7:20pm.

10. Commission discussed calendar of commemorative dates and how each day will be highlighted. The Commission would like to include community members and various community groups in sharing written word postings on social media and/or in a Letter to the Editor of the newspaper in accordance with the meaning of each date of significance.
Staff was directed to make a recurring action item on each meeting's agenda to discuss the following month's dates of commemoration. Moved by Commissioner Davis.
Commissioner Mabon 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Commission discussed the death of Leroy A. Stephenson following one (1) written public comment letter from Ms. Amy Conger. Due to lack of a report on this item attached to the agenda, the Commission directed staff to bring this item back at the next meeting with a report and invitation to Assistant City Manager Lea Deesing and Ms. Amy Conger to answer questions from the Commission. Staff is also directed to work with the City Attorney's Office in the administering of these invitations. This direction was motioned by Commissioner Rooths. Commissioner McNulty 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.



12. Commissioner Davis reported on the recommendation made by the Commission's ad hoc committee on community engagement and Commissioner Davis motioned to approve the committee's recommendations as outlined in the report. Commissioner Rooths 2nd. Commissioner Rooths added a friendly amendment to include that the Commission be removed from the Tier 3 level of commissions and placed into Tier 1. The amendment to the motion was accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Staff Update:

City Attorney will update the commission on standing rules, Brown Act, and Amplify Free Speech program at a future meeting, likely the February 25th meeting.

Staff is discussing with the City Attorney on how a Commission-centered social media page can be managed.

Staff informed the Commission that the January 28th meeting conflicts with Mayor Lock Dawson's State of the City Address. Commissioner Mabon provided a comment that for the last seven years the Commission did not meet in January in observance of this event. Staff said they would examine the January City calendar to try to find an alternative date but noted the obstacles in moving meetings.

14. Commissioner Updates: Commissioners provided updates on meetings and events that they attended in relation to their status as commissioners.

15. Items for future agendas:

Commissioner Rooths requested that staff give a Commission budget update, requested that RPD provide data on the number of officer-involved shootings in each ward and the racial demographics of each victim, requested an update on the standing with the recommendation made to the City Council to perform of public health survey, and requested a discussion on a path forward for the All-American conversation.

Commissioner Ayra requested a presentation on ways the Commission can support local small businesses and protections/hazard pay for frontline workers at large medical institutions.

Commissioner Ayra requested a presentation from Riverside CFO Edward Enriquez to share with Commission ways in which they can be informed and of assistance on City's budget challenges. Commissioner Ayra also requested that Homeless Solutions Officer Hafsa Kaka provide a presentation on ways in which the Commission can assist with homeless needs in the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm