



Human Relations Commission

DATE: 3/15/18 TIME: 6:00-7:30

LOCATION: MAYOR'S CEREMONIAL ROOM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS

Present

Stancil	Rush	Imaku	D. McNulty	Ahmed
Chitwood	Massoud	Barth	Bennett	

Absent

Foreman	Armstead	J. McNulty		

GUESTS PRESENT

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:01 – By Vice Chair Rush

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Minutes of February 15, 2018:
Bennett moved to approve, no corrections, 2nd by Ahmed
Vote: Unanimous
3. Review of Attendance of February 15, 2018 Meeting:
Rush moved to approve absence of commissioner Mabon (vacation), 2nd by Ahmed
Vote: Unanimous



PRESENTATIONS:

No presentations

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

4. Nominations for New Officers:

Ad Hoc Nomination Chair, Commissioner Bennett, distributed ballots. The names were listed based on the nominations that Commissioner Bennet had received from the group; Rush nominated as Chair, D. McNulty nominated as Vice Chair, and Chitwood nominated as parliamentarian. No additional nominations were made and Commissioner Mabon moved to close nominations.

5. Election of new officers:

Vote was taken on the ballot as presented by the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee. All ayes.

6. Discussion on commission action related to Housing First:

There are several NIMBY groups protesting affordable housing projects. The site at La Sierra and Collett was discussed, as there have been misrepresentations at meetings surrounding this site. Human Relation Commissioners will attend community meetings to help support housing at the grassroots level, starting with meeting regarding this site. Staff will attempt to find out where these meetings may be taking place and add them to the HRC Google Calendar.

OTHER MATTERS

7. Commissioner Updates on Meetings:

- The Ad Hoc Committee on Outreach reviewed the recommendations that they came up with for more effective outreach. These included:
 - 1. Annual communication calendar, with content prepared in advance
 - 2. A retreat style meeting for commissioners to get to know each other better since there are many newer members
 - 3. More focus on smaller local issues
- Commissioner Mabon gave an update on his travels in Belize and Florida – he visited Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School while in Florida. He also spoke about an upcoming NAACP meeting, he will send details to be added to calendar
- Commissioner Stancil gave an update on a meeting she attended regarding Fraud in Housing
- Commissioner Ahmed spoke about an upcoming Mental Health Awareness event, he will send details to be added to calendar
- Commissioner Bennett spoke about the Chief's Breakfast and the impression that the youth involvement of Riverside Police Department left on her, especially the Judo program



8. Staff Update: Staff provided list of potential meeting sites used by other commissions

- Pastor Harris, Eastside Reconciliation Coalition update – he is out of town in April, Commissioner Mabon will arrange for an update from him at the May meeting
- Boards and Commissions Recognition Dinner
- Website has been updated, will attempt to reset Facebook password
- Commission Report to City Council on April 24 – Chair Rush to present
- Working on filling vacant seats

9. Future Agenda Items:

- Tamale Festival grant application
- Ad Hoc Outreach Committee recommendations
- Presentation from Dr. Holmes, RUSD, equity plan and diversity

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:44