



Human Relations Commission

DATE: 6/28/18 TIME: 6:00-7:30

LOCATION: 5TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS

Present

Foreman	Rush	Stancil	Bennett	Ahmed
D. McNulty	Chitwood	Armster	Mabon	Pelzer

Absent

J. McNulty (prior notice)	Armstead (prior notice)	Imaku (prior notice)	Barth (prior notice)	

GUESTS PRESENT

LaTonia Scoggins, Ward 1 Resident	Robert Earl Bogan, Riverside Interfaith Council			

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:04 – By Chair Rush

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LaTonia Scoggins shared her concerns regarding the background check qualification and asked the commission to consider reviewing these requirements during charter review. Robert Earl Bogan, Riverside Interfaith Council spoke about the organization's work to build bridges between all of the faith groups in Riverside to promote inclusivity

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of May 17, 2018:
Commissioner Ahmed moved to approve, 2nd by Commissioner Stancil
Vote: Unanimous
2. Review of Attendance of March 15, 2018 Meeting:
Ahmed moved to approve absences of commissioners Chitwood, Mabon, Foreman, Imaku and Bennett, 2nd by Stancil
Vote: Unanimous



DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

3. Commission discussed the Ad Hoc Outreach Committee recommendations, with a focus on the facilitated retreat. Staff clarified that the retreat has to be agendaized and open to the public. Commissioner Chitwood asked that Housing First remain a topic of focus for the commission.
4. Commissioners decided that the retreat will be held after the regular meeting on September 20th at the IBEW Union Hall. Commissioner Mabon moved to reach out to a paid facilitator. The commission discussed the topic for the retreat, with Commissioner Bennett advocating that the opportunity be used to let commissioners become more familiar with one another. Commissioner Ahmed added that there should also be an expected outcome.
5. Chitwood moved to approve application for \$500 sponsorship for Nia Imani Heart Association for Swab 4TONY event. Commissioner Mabon 2nd, with unanimous approval.
6. Commission discussion on drafting a general statement about inclusivity in Riverside rather than a response to Sanctuary City since the council discussion item was removed. Executive committee to draft statement to reinforce the value of inclusivity in Riverside.

OTHER MATTERS

7. Commissioners provided updates on meetings they have visited and upcoming events:
 - a. Commissioner Mabon attended a Riverside African American Historical Society meeting, NAACP meeting, Juneteenth Committee meeting and Eastside Reconciliation Committee meeting.
 - b. Commissioners Armster, Barth, Bennett, Foreman and Ahmed attended the Iftar on June 7.
 - c. Commissioner Stancil requested the presence of commissioners at her Drown Proof event at Sippy Pool on August 18 from 9-1, as well as a Community Awards Potluck Luncheon on July 25 at Bordwell Park from 11-3:30.
 - d. Commissioner Bennet provided an update on the work of the Rotary and their \$40,000 donation to the Grove Church for the Tiny Homes Village for the homeless, and invited commissioners to join a mentoring group for young women through Women's United, and the next meeting is July 16.
 - e. Commissioner D. McNulty has been attending RRR meetings and advocating for a rational conversation surrounding the Housing First policy.
8. Staff Update: Staff provided update on the commission budget (\$15,299 available), and asked that commissioners send items for the Google calendar via email.
9. Future Agenda Items: Approval of expenditure for bottled water at meetings, discussion of charter review, discussion of background check requirement for commissioner appointment, approval of inclusivity statement, reimbursement of Vivian for greeting card for Commissioner Imaku, set a budget for retreat, set an agenda for the retreat

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm