



Human Relations Commission

DATE: 2/21/19 TIME: 6:00-7:30
LOCATION: LA SIERRA SENIOR CENTER

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS

Present

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

Absent

Armstead	Pelzer	Bennett		

GUESTS PRESENT

David Bacca	Liz Pinney-Muglia – Staff			
Christine Saunders				

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:08 – By Chair Rush

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Saunders extended an invitation to commissioners and explained the programming for an event titled “The Color of Law” at La Sierra University, featuring a speaker on the topic of housing discrimination.

David Bacca spoke before the meeting commenced and left, but turned in a public comment card later to the clerk’s office regarding his concerns with the requirement to have a photo ID to sign in to see a representative at City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of November 15, 2018:

Commissioner Ahmed moved to approve, 2nd by Commissioner Barth
Motion Carried Unanimously



PRESENTATION

2. Presenters from North and Norte Vista were unable to attend and will be added to a future agenda

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

3. Commission considered application from Riverside African American Historical Society for 2019 MLK Walk-a-Thon in the amount of \$500
Commissioner Mabon moved to approve, 2nd by Commissioner Stancil
Motion Carried Unanimously
4. Commission discussed use of funds to offer scholarships as had been done in the past. Staff provided a report on historic scholarship recipients. Commissioner Chitwood recommended setting a budget amount to distribute in scholarship funding through existing school foundations. An ad hoc committee was formed to identify these organizations, with Commissioner Chitwood as the Chair, and Commissioner J. McNulty and Commissioner D. McNulty joining Commissioner Chitwood. Commissioner Chitwood made a motion to set a budget amount of \$2500, with a \$750 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship for students in each school district (Alvord Unified and Riverside Unified).
2nd by Commissioner Armstead
Motion Carried Unanimously

OTHER MATTERS

5. Commissioners provided updates on meetings they have visited and upcoming events.
Commissioner Stancil attended the Grove Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the State of the City Address, the MLK Walk-a-Thon, the Black History Parade, a Disabilities Commission meeting, and took a trip to Woodland, TX to speak at the Inspire Film Festival, where a film that she was in was featured.
Commissioner Mabon attended the MLK Walk-a-Thon, the Black History Parade, an Art Alliance meeting, and a meeting for Today's Urban Renewal Network
Commissioner Rush attended the Grove Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and the State of the City Address.
Commissioner D. McNulty attended the State of the City Address.
Commissioner Barth attended the Grove Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the State of the City Address, and the Black History Parade.
Commissioner J. McNulty attended the Grove Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the State of the City Address, the MLK Walk-a-Thon, the Black History Parade and NAACP meetings. She also reminded commissioners of upcoming NAACP meetings and Hope Lutheran's call for sponsors for separated immigrant families.
Commissioner Chitwood has been monitoring and advocating for housing solutions in the online conversation surrounding homelessness.
Commissioner Scoggins attended the Grove Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the State of the City Address, and the MLK Walk-a-Thon. She also gave an update on her travels to Ghana to work as an advocate for orphaned children.



6. Staff Update: Staff reminded commissioners that the councilmembers that appointed them receive quarterly attendance records as provided by the Clerk and they are looking at unexcused absences closely.
7. Future Agenda Items: Ratify ad hoc committee for scholarships, North and Norte Vista student visits, reimburse Commissioner Scoggins for attendance at the Color of Law presentation, discuss funding for statue repair in the Walk of Peace in the downtown mall, consider application from the Stancil Foundation, invite former Mayor Loveridge to speak regarding the Our Kids Summit in Riverside

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm