



City of Arts & Innovation

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024, 6 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Ayra, Vice Chair Cavett, and Commissioners Woods-Adeyeye, Fujimoto, Raya, Durkee, Shirley, Martis, German, Lewis, Harmoush and Goe.

ABSENT: Commissioners Polichetti, and Agramon

STAFF PRESENT: Randy Solis, Susan Wilson, Daisy Gastelum and Monique Morrison-Cook

The Human Relations Commission meeting was convened at 6:02 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner German and seconded by Vice Chair Cavett to increase public comment time to 6 minutes total for the meeting on February 22, 2024. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Polichetti and Agramon absent.

Miguel Melendez, Eplanet Thunderstriker, Michelle Sanchez, Desek Tran Bell, Shaheen Nassar, Adam Wedeking, Rumzi, Haitham Aranki, Arman Saadakhn, Avraham Coutin, Kevin M., Robert Tah, Balgis, Muhammad, Aarsal A., Ehaab Zubi, Shaheen Nassar, Osman Rhan, Hebah Khas, Robin Bond and five callers online who spoke about the ceasefire resolution.

PRESENTATION

BROWN ACT

City Attorney's Office Susan Wilson presented on the Brown Act.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Chair Cavett and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, and Polichetti absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2024, were approved as presented.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ABSENCES

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Goe and seconded by Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye to record Commissioner Durkee absence as excused. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, and Polichetti absent.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Martis and seconded by Commissioner Durkee to record Commissioner Harmoush absence as excused. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Agramon, and Polichetti absent.

OPEN NOMINATION FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Following discussion, Vice Chair Cavett nominated Commissioner German for Vice Chair. Chair Ayra nominated Vice Chair Cavett for Chair. Item will be agendaized in the upcoming meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Eplanet Thunderstriker spoke regarding social meet and greet Ad Hoc committee made suggestion for all Human Relations Commission members. No formal motion was taken.

SOCIAL MEET AND GREET AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioners Lewis, Martis and Shirley volunteered to participate.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Eplanet Thunderstriker and one caller online spoke regarding By-Laws Ad Hoc committee.

BY-LAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioners Lewis, German, Woods-Adeyeye and Goe volunteered to participate. No formal motion was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Eplanet Thunderstriker spoke regarding Community Event Ad Hoc committee.

COMMUNITY EVENT AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioners Fujimoto, Vice Chair Cavett, Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye and Commissioner Harmoush volunteered to participate. No formal motion was taken.



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COMMISSION MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

HRC AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair Ayra provided an update on the HRC grant committee front. Voting will take place during the March 2024 Human Relations Commission meeting. Vice Chair Cavett provided an update on the Ad Hoc Marketing Committee.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

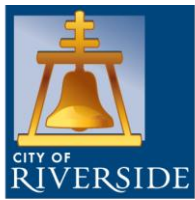
Chair Ayra requested a discussion item to be brought up for an upcoming meeting, a listening session item. Chair Ayra also requested an item to be brought up for an upcoming meeting regarding consideration of City of Riverside contracts and agreements and spending. Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye requested a discussion item to be brought up for an upcoming meeting, regarding council comments that were said in previous City Council Meeting. Chair Ayra requested an update before the next Human Relations Commission meeting regarding items being approved or unapproved for future Human Relations Commission meetings. Chair Ayra requested a discussion item to be brought up for an upcoming meeting, a discussion regarding procedures on items that are not under purview for the commission and how to manage and avoid conflict for the Commission. Commissioner Lewis requested a follow up on Riverside Police Department presentation on updated data statistics. Commissioner Lewis also requested a speaker to present regarding the issues with homelessness and mental health.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION STAFF UPDATES

Principal Management Analyst Randy Solis provided a reminder regarding the March Officer Elections for Human Relations Commission, as well as an update for the grant applications selection.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONER UPDATES ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND COMMITTEES ATTENDED

Commissioner Goe shared information regarding the black history parade that was held in Riverside. Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye attended the black history month flag raising event. Commissioner German shared the pick group of young professions is hosting a boards and commission workshop. Commissioner German wanted to remind everyone regarding the one life, one heart poisoning, and overdose 5k and awareness that will take place on April 13, 2024, in Fairmount Park in Riverside. Commissioner Martis shared that she attended the Justice Matters conference in Murrieta. Commissioner Lewis



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attended the No where to run in Traffic and play, in January 2024 Commissioner Lewis spoke during black history month flag raising event, Commissioner also attended the black history month parade. Commissioner Lewis would like to invite everyone to an event tribute to gospel in the Civil Rights Institute which will be taking place on February 24, 2024. Vice Chair Cavett shared he attended a conference in Las Vegas, as well as sharing an event that will taking place on March 30, 2024, transgender day visibility and rally. Chair Ayra shared he attended a Riverside Neighbors opposing warehouse meeting. Commissioner Durkee shared the Riverside pick group of young professions will be hosting their membership summit on February 29, 2024. Commissioner Harmoush shared he attended the City Council meeting in the beginning of the month.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Chair Ayra adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM
SR. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT