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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

<https://zoom.us/j/97587834197?pwd=RW5XbDV6aEpYeXI5QTVWQmtyZ0FBdz09>

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Any person wishing to speak to the Human Relations Commission on any of these matters is invited to participate via teleconference as described above.

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Human Relations Commission via email to aorologas@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Walter Williams Members: Buddy Akacić, Julia Conant, Alice Morris, Mina Wilson, Indy Singh, and Diane Johnson
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Comments are typically limited to three minutes per person and are limited to items not on the meeting agenda. Comments can also be heard at the time the item is discussed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Consider approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting.
5. **OHLONE GREENWAY DISCUSSION**
Discussion and possible action regarding the Ohlone Greenway presentation.
6. **COMMUNITY LISTENING FORUM SERIES**
Discussion and possible action regarding 2021 Listening Forums.
7. **LOVING DAY**
Discussion and possible action regarding Loving Day Event in June 2021.

8. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND ACTIVITES

Discussion and possible action regarding MLK Event in January 2022.

9. LETTER OF SUPPORT TO NAACP

Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of support to the NAACP for West Contra Costa Unified School District to Include an ethnic studies course.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at www.el-cerrito.org/106/Human-Relations-Commission.



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING: Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Present: Chair Walter Williams, Buddy Akacić, Julia Conant, Mina Wilson, Indy Singh, Alice Morris, Diane Johnson (present for parts of the meeting)

2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

Staff Liaison Alexandra Orologas re-shared an update that the HRC Staff Liaison role is in transition since former Staff Liaison Kristen Cunningham's departure. Alexandra explained the plan is to have HR Specialist, Shannon Bassi, transition in as the permanent Staff Liaison. Shannon Bassi provided an update that the Black Lives Matter flag has been put up on the City Hall flagpole and is flying. Shannon Bassi also introduced the two new commissioners, Indy Singh and Diane Johnson. In addition, Shannon Bassi provided an update on the upcoming virtual Budget Meeting on May 8 and encouraged all to attend. Council Member Lisa Motoyama was not present to provide a Council update. Chair Williams did not have any updates.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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No members of the public requested to speak.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting were approved.

5. OHLONE GREENWAY DISCUSSION

This item was skipped because Council Member Lisa Motoyama is to provide an update on this topic and was not present at the meeting.

6. OVERVIEW OF THE BROWN ACT AND MEMBER ROLES

The Commission received a thorough presentation from the City Clerk on requirements of the Brown Act and an overview of roles and responsibilities.

7. COMMUNITY LISTENING FORUM SERIES

Vice Chair Julia Conant provided an update on how the Community Listening Sessions have been going. She noted that the community is engaged in the sessions and they are going well. Feedback was provided from the community that the flyers were not clear, and some community members did not understand the topic. The Commission agreed to try to translate the flyers if possible, to help spread the word within the community.

8. LOVING DAY

Further discussion occurred regarding the Loving Day Event in June 2021. Commissioners agreed to focus on a virtual event due to the Shelter in Place restrictions and overall health and safety of the community. Commissioners Akacic and Singh agreed to lead the Loving Day event.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- MLK Event/Sub-committee
- Ohlone Greenway
- Listening Session Update
- Loving Day
- Mindfulness Around Policing

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:57 p.m.