

8. LOVING DAY

Discussion and Possible action regarding Loving Day Event in June.

9. FORMER TRADEWAY STORE HISTORY

Discussion and possible action regarding the history of the former Tradeway Furniture Store, now the site of Hana Gardens Senior Apartments. Tom Panas invited to the meeting to speak further on the topic.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING: Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Present: Chair Walter Williams (arrived at 7:00 pm), Buddy Akacić, Julia Conant, Mina Wilson. Absent: Alice Morris

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

Staff Liaison Alexandra Orogas shared an update from March 2, 2021 City Council meeting to report there was a poet presentation on behalf of the Arts and Culture Commission. In the same Council Meeting, Alexandra shared two proclamations were conducted: Women's History Month and the 62nd Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising and Affirm Support to the People of Tibet. Lastly, Alexandra formally welcomed Lucy Sterba, Student Commissioner, to the meeting. New Council Member Lisa Motoyama introduced herself.

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.

No members of the public present.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting were approved.

5. APPROVAL THE 2021 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule was approved. It was agreed to continue to take the July and August meeting off for Summer break.

6. OHLONE GREEWAY DISCUSSION

Informational presentation by Sherry Drobner. Commission agreed to take action in the next council meeting. Requested by Commissioner Mina Wilson that Sherry Drobner send the presentation to Staff Liaison Alexandra Orogas to be shared with the Commission.

7. ANTI-ASIAN RACISM DISCUSSION

Commission discussed the recent Asian racism events that have been on the uprise recently and throughout the pandemic. Council Member Motoyama shared resources from her local community groups to aide in further action to end the racist and violent acts against Asians in the community. Commission agreed to make a firm statement that the activities are not tolerated. Chair Williams and Commissioner Wilson volunteered to attend the March 16, 2021

City Council Meeting to speak on behalf of the HRC regarding the topic. Council Member Motoyama will reach out to Vincent Chen to possibly speak a future HRC meeting.

8. BLACK LIVES MATTER FLAG

Discussion regarding Black Lives Matter Flag at City Hall. Commission reviewed several flag designs and voted on a flag design. Staff Liaison Alexandra Orogas will order the flag on behalf of the Commission.

9. LISTENING SESSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Further discussion regarding the November/December 2020 community listening forums. Subcommittee reported on the progress and the commission agreed to continue the Listening Sessions each month.

10. LOVING DAY

Discussion regarding Loving Day Event in June 2021. Discussion included the following talking points: virtual event more appropriate with Shelter in Place, Asian inclusion theme, an outdoor event would pose too much risk and involve manpower the Commission does not have due to the S.I.P. Commission agreed to add to the agenda for the next meeting and possibly form a subcommittee.

11. FORMER TRADEWAY STORE HISTORY

Discussion and possible action postponed to next meeting regarding the history of the former Tradeway Furniture Store, now the site of Hana Gardens Senior Apartments.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Former Tradeway Store History
- BLM Flag update
- Ohlone Greenway
- Listening Session Update
- Tom Panas- Historical Society

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:52 p.m.