MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING: Chair Walter Williams called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Present: Chair Walter Williams, Vice Chair Julia Conant, Buddy Akacić, Indy Singh, Diane Johnson and Student Commissioner Lucy Sterba - Quorum established at this time
Mina Wilson (arrived at 7:52 p.m.) Absent: Alice Morris

2. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS
Mayor Paul Fadelli reported the City’s budget was passed at the June 22, 2021 City Council Meeting. Chair Williams provided an update regarding the Truth Reconciliation Project and that a token of appreciation will be provided to those participants. Staff Liaison Alexandra Orologas reported that all City Buildings are now open to the public with special hours as of July 6, 2021.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
   • Kevin Guana commented on a tree issue involving his property and a neighboring property.
   • Maia Bazjanac commented further on the same tree issue involving Kevin Guana’s public comment.
   • Roy Harkow commented on recent pickleball concerns involving the Parks and Rec Commission.
   • David Lewis commented on the same tree issue that Kevin Guana and Maia Bazjanac had concerns about.
   • Marilyn Ashlin commented on pickleball concerns involving the Parks and Rec Commission

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Chair Williams / Commissioner Akacić Action: Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting. Ayes: Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Conant; Members Akacić, Johnson, Singh and Wilson. Noes: None. Passed unanimously.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP AND AGENDA BUILDING
Commissioners discussed the beginning stages of the Strategic Planning Workshop and Agenda Building session. Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Johnson / Chair Williams Action: Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Johnson, Wilson and Chair Williams to discuss and plan for a planning retreat before the end of the calendar year. Ayes: Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Conant; Members Akacić, Johnson, Singh and Wilson. Noes: None. Passed unanimously.
6. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Johnson / Chair Williams
Action: Motion to adopt the proposed calendar included in the agenda packet and continue to meet through the summer months. Ayes: Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Conant; Members Akacić, Johnson, Singh and Wilson. Noes: None. Passed unanimously.
Additionally, Staff Liaison Orologas mentioned to the HRC that the regularly scheduled meeting date will need to be moved and that she will bring back options for the group to explore.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Supporting the Senior Community
- Follow up on Public Comment
- MLK planning
- Possible Ohlone Greenway update

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:05 p.m.