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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair: (Vacant) Members: Buddy Akacić, Mina Wilson, Rebecca Curry
- 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 April 12, 2023 meeting.
- 5. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
Discussion and possible action regarding election of the Chair and Vice Chair.
- 6. APPROVAL THE 2023 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 regular meeting schedule for Human Relations Commission
- 7. HRC RECRUITMENT STRATEGY**
Discussion and possible action regarding the HRC's recruitment strategy.
- 8. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE EVENT PARADE DEBRIEF**
Debrief of annual MLK Parade and Celebration that occurred in January 2022.
- 9. JUNETEENTH EVENT**
Discussion and possible action regarding planning a Juneteenth event for 2023.
- 10. LOVING DAY**
Discussion and possible action regarding planning a Loving Day event for 2023.
- 11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** In absence of a chair, Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. **Present:** Commissioner Buddy Akacić and Rebecca Curry **Absent:** Council Member Tessa Rudnick, Commissioner Mina Wilson
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi reported out that all HRC Meetings will be in person at City Hall Council Chambers now due to updated guidance issued. Commissioner Akacić welcomed new HRC Commissioner Rebecca Curry and reported out that he has attended many events recently including the Senior Stroll. Commissioner Akacić also reported out that there is an El Cerrito Committee on Aging meeting he will be attending next week.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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No members of the public spoke.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Akacić / Commissioner Curry **Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022 meeting. **Ayes:** Members Curry, and Akacić. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
5. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
This item will be moved to the next agenda when hopefully all Commissioners are present to vote.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE 2023 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**
The proposed calendar was presented, every 2nd Wednesday of the month with taking July and August off for summer vacation break.
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Curry / Commissioner Akacić **Action:** Motion to approve the proposed 2023 Regular Meeting Calendar for the HRC.
Ayes: Members Curry. **Noes:** Commissioner Akacić. **Motion did not pass.**
7. **HRC RECRUITMENT STRATEGY**
The Commission continued the discussion of additional ways to recruit. Commissioners reported that they have been actively recruiting. Commissioner Akacić volunteered to help at a booth at the 4th of July Festival to help recruit. Commissioner Curry volunteer to help at a recruitment booth for Earth Day. It was commented that recruitment should not be based on ethnic background alone. Other ways to improve recruitment were word of mouth, social media, newsletters.

8. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE EVENT AND CELEBRATION

Commissioner Wilson was absent to provide a full report out. Commissioner Akacić commented that this event is extremely important to the community and has been part of longstanding history with the City; expressed interest in continuing the event.

9. JUNETEENTH EVENT

Commissioners discussed possible ideas to celebrate and honor the Juneteenth holiday, although with low staffing it is hard to plan and host an event. Commented that Commissioner Wilson is already busy with MLK each year.

10. LOVING DAY

Loving Day is on June 12 this year. Commissioners had an interest in planning and hosting an event if possible. Commissioner Akacić was going to check with the local church to see if there was an interest there to partner with. Discussed how close Loving Day and Juneteenth were within each other and how to plan events strategically.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- MLK Debrief
- Loving Day
- HRC Recruitment Strategy
- Juneteenth
- Chair/Vice Chair
- Regular Meeting Calendar

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

VACANT, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Human Relations Commission meeting of November 9, 2022 as approved by the Human Relations Commission.

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison



2023 Regular Meeting Schedule



City Holiday/Closed

Regular Meeting

Location: In-person at

Council Chambers (10890 San Pablo Ave)

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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