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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

June 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair: Commissioner Rebecca Curry Members: Vice Chair Buddy Akacić, Mina Wilson,
- 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 10, 2023 meeting.
- 5. JUNETEENTH EVENT**
Discussion and possible action regarding planning a Juneteenth event for 2023.
- 6. LOVING DAY**
Discussion and possible action regarding planning a Loving Day event for 2023.
- 7. EVENT PLANNING CHECK LIST**
Discussion and possible action regarding creating a general event planning check list.
- 8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 10, 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 7:05 p.m. **Present:** Commissioner Buddy Akacić and Rebecca Curry and Council Member Tessa Rudnick, Quorum established **Absent:** Commissioner Mina Wilson
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Council Liaison Tessa Rudnick reported out that the City is well underway the budget season; that there are survey tools being utilized to measure priorities from the public; and that at the last Council Meeting, department heads presented their department information in preparation for the budget meeting and further discussion. There were no staff Liaison reports. Commissioner Akacić reported that he attended the Hana Gardens event with the Mayor.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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No members of the public spoke.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Curry / Commissioner Akacić **Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting. **Ayes:** Members Curry, and Akacić. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
5. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
Commissioner Curry nominated herself to be Chair and Commissioner Akacić was in support of that idea moving forward. Commissioner Akacić nominated himself to be vice chair, and Commissioner Curry was in support of that.
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, and Akacić. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
7. **HRC RECRUITMENT STRATEGY**
The Commission continued the discussion of additional ways to recruit. Commissioners reported that they have been actively recruiting. Commissioner Curry reported that she attended the Earth

Day event for the City and was at a booth providing information to the public encouraging them to apply to the HRC via flyers and QR Code. Commissioner Curry talked to about 20-30 people and felt it was successful. Commissioners discussed ways to recruit and agreed to target different demographics if possible.

8. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE EVENT AND CELEBRATION

Commissioner Wilson was absent to provide a full report out.

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. Commissioner Akacić has been in communication with the St. Petersburg Church and has discussed the possibility of using their location as a venue. Commissioners discussed all ways to honor Juneteenth. It was discussed to have a booth at the Richmond Juneteenth festival and joined forces with another city due to limited staffing.

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. Commissioner Akacić showing a film again. Commissioners discussed ways to go about that.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Loving Day
- HRC Recruitment Strategy
- Juneteenth
- Event Checklist

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Commissioner Rebecca Curry, 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 the May 10, 2023 as approved by the Human Relations Commission.

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison