



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

UPDATED

REGULAR MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015
PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL - 500 CASTRO STREET
6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Chair Ramirez presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Kevin Boer, Aila Malik (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Evan Ortiz, Josette Langevine, Pamela Baird, Jim Neal, and Chair Lucas Ramirez.

Absent: None.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes for the March 26, 2015 and April 22, 2015 meetings were approved without modification.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Larry Voytilla addressed the Commission and inquired about the location of minutes from past Human Relations Commission meetings.
- Marilu Delgado addressed the Commission, submitted a rent stabilization petition, urged Commissioners to host a Civility Roundtable event about housing, and invited the Commission to a community meeting on Friday, May 8.
- Maria Marroquin addressed the Commission and encouraged Commissioners to organize and hold a Civility Roundtable discussion on housing issues.

- Edith Guzman addressed the Commission and communicated concern about the rising cost of housing and utility expenses and requested a Civility Roundtable discussion on housing issues.
- Linda Curtis addressed the Commission and voiced concerns about the adverse impact rent stabilization will have on landlords and renters.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Staff presented an oral report. The Commission discussed the significance of becoming a Human Rights City and what the designation could mean for the Human Relations Commission and the City.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR IN OPPOSITION AND OFFERING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Linda Curtis
- Larry Voytilla
- Barbara Goodwin

Motion—M/S Boer/Neal—FAILED 2-5; Baird, Langevine, Malik, Ortiz, and Ramirez no—To rescind the recommendation to become a Human Rights City and direct volunteers in the community.

Motion—M/S Malik/Ortiz—FAILED 0-7—To recommend the City Council adopt the recommended resolution adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with changes to the language to include volunteerism by residents.

Motion—M/S Malik/Boer—Carried 6-1; Neal no—To establish a sub-committee to review and make changes to the Human Rights City resolution language to include volunteerism and bring the revised resolution to the next Commission meeting for decision.

5.2 COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Commission discussed their Fiscal Year 2015-16 Work Plan projects.

Motion – M/S Boer/Ortiz – Carried 7-0 – To adopt the following Work Plan projects for Fiscal Year 2015-16:

1. Continue the Civility Roundtable series.
2. Request additional funding from City Council to support two (2) follow-up events from the Civility Roundtable series.
3. Work on meaningful, solution-oriented community pilots for the Civility Roundtable series.
4. Promote and further develop strategies for Citywide alignment with the Human Rights Declaration.
5. Promote and develop a multi-ethnic community event.
6. Presentation and possible action on Predatory Pay Day Loans.

5.3 CIVILITY ROUNDTABLE EVENT DEBRIEFING

Motion – M/S Neal/Ortiz – FAILED 2-5; Baird, Boer, Langevine, Malik, and Ramirez no – To defer the Civility Roundtable debriefing until the June 4, 2015 Commission meeting.

The Commission discussed the April 22, 2015 Civility Roundtable event.

6. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

7. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Neal excused himself from the meeting at 8:55 p.m. due to illness.

Commissioner Boer announced an International Festival will be held at Edith Landels Elementary School on May 15, 2015.

Commissioner Baird announced that May 28, 2015 is the next Council Neighborhoods Committee Meeting at the German International School of Silicon Valley.

Commissioner Malik was recognized by the Commission for being honored with the Athena Award and the Athena Young Professional Award by the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce.

The Commission will hold a joint meeting with City Council on July 7, 2015; no regular Commission meetings are scheduled for July or August 2015.

The Commission was notified that the City staff assigned to the Commission will be participating in an employer/employee exchange between September and December 2015. An interim staff member will be assigned to the Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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