



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes

### Human Relations Commission

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Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room and Video Conference,  
500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Jocelyn Baird, Commissioner Joan MacDonald, Commissioner Erik Poicon, Commissioner Molly Smith, Commissioner Xavier Webb, Vice Chair Nirvana Nwokidu, and Chair IdaRose Sylvester

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

##### 3.1 Minutes Approval for May 4, 2023

*M/S - MacDonald/Nwokidu - Minutes for the May 4, 2023 regular meeting were approved with no modifications.*

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Baird, Commissioner MacDonald, Commissioner Poicon, Commissioner Webb, Vice Chair Nwokidu, and Chair Sylvester

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Smith

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

*None.*

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### 5.1 Bystander Intervention Training Subcommittee

*Commissioner Poicon provided the update. The event will be held on June 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center.*

##### 5.2 Housing Insecurity Subcommittee

*Chair Sylvester provided the update. The "A Place Called Home: Stories of Housing Insecurity in Mountain View" event took place on the evening of Thursday, May 25 at the Mountain View Community Center. The event included art displays from Recovery Café and Reach SV, a panel of four speakers discussing their experiences of housing insecurity, and table discussions. Community organizations tabled at the entrance and offered resources and volunteer opportunities to attendees. Approximately 95 people attended the event, 35 of whom used interpretation services provided by the City's Multicultural Engagement Program.*

### 5.3 Mental Health Subcommittee

*Vice Chair Nwokidu provided the update. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be headlining the event at 6:30 p.m. on June 28, 2023, at the Mountain View Community Center. The presentation will be accompanied by a mindfulness/meditation exercise.*

The Mental Health Subcommittee will present an oral update. No action will be taken on this item.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan

*Principal Management Analyst James presented the recommended work plan to the Commission. The Commission discussed and finalized work plan items for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to be submitted to the City Council for approval.*

*M/S – Poicon/Webb – the Human Relations Commission Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan was approved with amendments noted above.*

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Baird, Commissioner MacDonald, Commissioner Poicon, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Webb, Vice Chair Nwokidu, and Chair Sylvester

### 6.2 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Human Relations Commission Meeting Schedule

*Principal Management Analyst James presented the item. The Commission discussed the possibility of moving the meeting schedule from the first Thursday of the month. The meeting schedule was approved as recommended.*

*M/S – Baird/Smith – to approve the staff recommendation.*

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Baird, Commissioner MacDonald, Commissioner Smith, Vice Chair Nwokidu, and Chair Sylvester

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Poicon, and Commissioner Webb

## 7. COMMISSION/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Commissioner Webb shared that he remains concerned about the Crestview Hotel project because construction has not begun and the landscaping is not being maintained.*

*Commissioner MacDonald shared that she will be attending a related meeting on Monday.*

*Chair Sylvester acknowledged that the HRC has had a year of success and recognized that is the first year of this group of Commissioners working together.*

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair Sylvester adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.*