



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Commissioners Ball, Batton, Romero, Sharma, Vice Chair Sylvester and Chair Solomon

Thursday, September 5, 2019

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Commissioner Kevin Ball, Commissioner Fernando Romero, Vice Chair IdaRose Sylvester and Chair Julie Solomon

Absent 2 - Commissioner Linda Batton and Commissioner Arti Sharma

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1

Minutes approval for June 6, 2019

M/S - Ball/Romero - Minutes for the June 6, 2019 meeting were approved with the following modification:

5.1 Fiscal Year 2019-20 Work Plan Final Discussion

-Research, draft, and recommend a City policy to improve access at City Council meetings and public hearings for people with disabilities (e.g. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretations for the Deaf and hard of hearing residents)

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Romero, Vice Chair Sylvester and Chair Solomon

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Batton and Commissioner Sharma

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Speaking form the floor, expressions of concern, support, and recommendations were received from:

Ms. Wei Qun E

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1

Update on initiatives to assist the Homeless and Unstably Housed in Mountain View

Assistant City Manager Ramberg provided an update on the initiative to assist the Homeless and Unstably House in Mountain View, introduced the proposed involvement of the HRC with safe parking community outreach, and answered questions regarding the initiative and activities.

Speaking from the floor, expressions of concern, support, and recommendations were received from:

Mr. Bruce Englund

Motion - M/S - Ball/Sylvester - The HRC is interested in facilitating communication amongst City, community groups, private property owners and the general public to expand safe parking sites in Mountain View.

Subcommittee members will include Commissioners Ball, Romero, and Vice Chair Sylvester

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Romero, Vice Chair Sylvester and Chair Solomon

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Batton and Commissioner Sharma

5.2 Review of Draft Tentative Agenda Calendar for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Assistant to the City Manager Gilmore provided an overview of the draft tentative agenda calendar for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Commissioner Post-Break Check-In on HRC Related Matters

Vice Chair Sylvester led the Commission in a post-break check-in discussion regarding HRC related matters.

6.2 Census 2020 Update

Assistant to the City Manager Gilmore provided an informational update on Census 2020 and answered questions regarding the City of Mountain View's participation.

6.3 Subcommittee Appointments

The Commission reaffirmed the following subcommittee appointments:

- Civility Roundtable - Vice Chair Sylvester and Commissioner Ball*
- Immigrant Resources Needs and Assets Assessment - Chair Solomon, and Commissioners Batton and Romero*

The Commission established the following subcommittee appointments pending Council direction regarding the HRC's participation in safe parking outreach:

- Safe Parking - Vice Chair Sylvester, and Commissioners Ball and Romero*

6.4 Civility Roundtable (CRT) Subcommittee Update

Vice-Chair Sylvester and Commissioner Ball provided an oral update on the development of a Civility Roundtable event. The subcommittee proposes to hold a series of three Civility Roundtables that provides training and education and promotes dialog around implicit bias with each focusing on a different but related topic (e.g. gender equity, allyship, and race).

6.5 Immigrant Resources Needs and Assets Assessment Subcommittee Update

Chair Solomon announced the Immigrant Needs and Assets Assessment Survey is live. Outreach has been conducted through the City's website, social media, Next Door, MCOP, Ambassadors Program, and Community for All grantees. To date, 206 surveys have been completed. The survey will close on October 4.

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

Chair Solomon shared an email from a community member with a suggestion for future Civility Roundtable topics and/or events.

Vice Chair Sylvester shared regards from former Commissioner Stone.

Chair Solomon attended the LGBTQ Services meeting held on August 19 in partnership with SCC County, and announced that she will be unable to attend the September 26 Central Neighborhoods CNC meeting.

Assistant to the City Manager Gilmore announced the following:

CNC - Central Neighborhoods Meeting on 9/26 at 7 pm at Edith Landels School

CNC - Springer/Cuesta/Phyllis Neighborhoods Meeting on 10/10 at 7 pm at Benjamin Bubb School

HRC Vacancy Recruitment - Applications are due to the City Clerk on 9/27

Interfaith in Mountain View: Separation of Church and State - Thursday, 9/12 at 6:30 pm at the MVCPA

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting to the regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission to be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019, in the Plaza Conference Room, located at City Hall, 500 Castro Street.