



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Thursday, January 5, 2023

6:30 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Commissioner Jocelyn Baird, Commissioner Nirvana Nwokidu, Commissioner Erik Poicon, Commissioner Molly Smith, Commissioner Xavier Webb, and Vice Chair IdaRose Sylvester

Absent 1 - Commissioner Jill Rakestraw

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes approval for December 1, 2022

M/S - Nwokidu/Webb - Minutes for the December 1, 2022 regular meeting were approved with no modifications.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rakestraw

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Midyear Work Plan Review

Principal Management Analyst James provided an oral report. The Commissioners discussed subcommittee assignments for the newly-appointed commissioners and formed the following subcommittees:

- Housing Insecurity Storytelling: Commissioners Poicon and Webb, Vice Chair Sylvester

- Bystander Intervention Training: Commissioners Baird, Poicon, and Webb

- Mental Health: Commissioners Nwokidu and Smith, Vice Chair Sylvester.

5.2 Housing Insecurity Subcommittee

Vice Chair Sylvester provided the update. The Subcommittee plans to host an event on May 25 that will be open to the entire Mountain View community to share their own and hear others' stories and experiences of housing insecurity and/or homelessness in the community. Commissioner Baird asked if the Subcommittee is partnering with safety net organizations. Vice Chair Sylvester reported that they are currently working with one such organization and will be connecting with others in the upcoming weeks.

5.3 Mental Health Subcommittee

Commissioner Nwokidu provided the update. The Subcommittee plans to hold an event in June which will include a panel and/or speakers on issues related to mental health struggles, acknowledging that it is a sensitive topic. Commissioners Poicon and Baird asked questions about the goals and focus of the event. Commissioner Nwokidu explained that the Subcommittee hopes to address stigma and open conversation around mental health issues.

6. NEW BUSINESS**6.1** Election of Commission Chair

Vice Chair Sylvester was nominated to serve as the HRC Chair for 2023.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rakestraw

6.2 Election of Commission Vice Chair

Commissioner Nwokidu was nominated to serve as the HRC Vice Chair for 2023.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rakestraw

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

Principal Management Analyst James provided reminders about the Form 700 and upcoming Brown Act trainings, as well as the return to in-person Council Advisory Body meetings in February.

Commissioner Webb asked Principal Management Analyst James to confirm that upcoming training and conference information received in the HRC inbox is forwarded to new Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed past participation in the Spring Family Parade.

Commissioner Webb and others expressed gratitude for the new commissioners and excitement for working together.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Sylvester adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.