



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Thursday, May 4, 2023

6:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Baird joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Present 6 - Commissioner Jocelyn Chadwell, Commissioner Joan MacDonald, Commissioner Erik Poicon, Commissioner Xavier Webb, Vice Chair Nirvana Nwokidu, and Chair IdaRose Sylvester

Absent 1 - Commissioner Molly Smith

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes Approval for April 6, 2023

M/S - Poicon/Webb - Minutes for the April 6, 2023, regular meeting were approved with no modifications.

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

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bystander Intervention Training Subcommittee

Commissioners Poicon and Webb provided the update. The training has moved to June and the subcommittee is working with the Council on American Islamic Relations to confirm availability.

Housing Insecurity Subcommittee

Chair Sylvester provided the update. The event on May 25th will include tabling, speakers, and art, and an Eventbrite link will be available shortly.

Mental Health Subcommittee

Vice Chair Nwokidu provided the update. The event will include a presentation by the National Alliance on Mental Illness and will take place on June 28 at the Community Center in Rengstorff Park.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan Development Discussion

Principal Management Analyst James provided an overview of the work plan process and an FY 22-23 HRC Work Plan update to the Commission and facilitated the discussion regarding potential FY 23-24 HRC Work Plan projects. The Commission discussed the following potential topics and projects for consideration in the next fiscal year's work plan:

- Language accessibility beyond minimum legal requirements – process; the ability for local/neighborhood groups to access services.
- Refugee settlement informational report and discussion.
- Mobile home parks - bring an event as a Commission to create more connection with the City.
- Resilient Mountain View - work w/ City staff to assist with Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment community outreach.
- Carry forward FY 22-23 mental health work to hold a follow-up event/workshop in partnership with Community Health Awareness Council.
- We Are Mountain View - solicit community stories for display (online or location) and a possible event. Collect stories over several months in set formats and multiple languages.
- Experiences of gender in MV – organize an event facilitated by a single speaker with expertise on all aspects of gender followed by a Civility Round Table discussion.
- Hold a second Candidly Speaking event (can be connected to specific topic/ideas).
- Carry forward mental health work to a follow-up event to offer coping skills/resources/support.

Commissioner Baird left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Chair Sylvester announced that May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as well as Mental Health Awareness Month and shared that she will be in attendance at a luncheon celebrating AAPI Heritage Month on Saturday.

Commissioner MacDonald noted that Cinco de Mayo is tomorrow, Friday, May 5 and that on Sunday, April 30, the Community Services Agency held a successful annual Empty Bowls fundraiser event at Rengstorff Park.

Commissioner Poicon added that Mother's Day will be observed on Sunday, May 14.

8. ADJOURNMENT