



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

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

Thursday, November 7, 2019

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Kevin Ball, Commissioner Linda Batton, Commissioner Fernando Romero, Vice Chair IdaRose Sylvester and Chair Julie Solomon

Absent 1 - Commissioner Arti Sharma

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1

Minutes approval for October 3, 2019

M/S Batton/Sylvester - Minutes for the October 5, 2019 meeting were approved with the following modifications:

-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 Deaf residents)

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Ball, Commissioner Batton, Commissioner Romero, Vice Chair Sylvester and Chair Solomon

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Sharma

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1

Immigrant Resources Needs and Assets Assessment Subcommittee Update

Commissioners Batton, Romero, and Chair Solomon provided an update. 286 survey's were completed. The subcommittee will meet to discuss the next steps for the survey data analysis.

5.2

Civility Roundtable (CRT) Subcommittee Update

Commissioners Ball, Batton, and Vice Chair Sylvester provided an update. The Civility Roundtable is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020. A facilitated community discussion will be held on the topic of Unconscious Bias and Racism.

5.3 Safe Parking Outreach Subcommittee

Commissioners Ball, Romero, and Vice Chair Sylvester provided an update. The subcommittee has met twice with staff to receive a program overview and outreach materials. Safe parking outreach events are scheduled for November 15, and November 23, at the VTA lot.

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

Mr. Bruce England

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

Vice Chair Sylvester announced that a memorial service will be held for community organizer Dr. Mike Fischetti on November 23, at 1 p.m. at the Los Altos Methodist Church.

Vice Chair Sylvester announced that a Veterans Day event will be held on Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at Eagle Park.

Chair Solomon attended the Council Neighborhood Committee (CNC) meeting held for the Springer/Cuesta/Phyllis Neighborhood Area on October 10.

Commissioner Romero shared that many of the Mountain View residents who speak an indigenous dialect from Oaxaca, Mexico are comfortable with completing the 2020 Census in Spanish.

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Sylvester, and Commissioner Batton attended the Celebration of Service event held on October 28.

Assistant to the City Manager Gilmore shared the following updates:

-The City Council will make Advisory Body appointments on November 18.

-The 2020 Chair and Vice-Chair nomination process will be held during the December 5 HRC meeting. Any Commissioner may nominate themselves or a fellow Commissioner to serve as Chair or Vice Chair for 2020.

-The January 2, 2020, HRC meeting will be canceled due to the New Year's holiday and the Civility Roundtable event scheduled on January 22.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:42 p.m., Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting to the regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission to be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019, in the Plaza Conference Room, located at City Hall, 500 Castro Street.