



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Thursday, February 2, 2023

6:30 PM Pala Conference Room, 500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA
94041

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Webb joined the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes Approval for January 5, 2023

M/S - Nwokidu/Baird - Minutes for the January 5, 2023 regular meeting were approved with no modifications.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Shraddha Chaplot discussed opportunities for students to get involved and partner with City government, including the Human Relations Commission.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bystander Intervention Training Subcommittee

No update.

Housing Insecurity Subcommittee

Chair Sylvester provided the update. The subcommittee is preparing for an event on May 25th at which unstably housed community members will share their stories. The subcommittee has reached out to community groups working with unstably housed residents.

Member of the public Rajiv Mehta inquired about the purpose of the event. Chair Sylvester responded that its purpose is to bring people in the community together to build

connections, understand the many ways to be unstably housed, and share stories of housing instability more broadly.

Mental Health Subcommittee

Vice Chair Nwokidu provided the update. The subcommittee is developing a format and identifying partners for an event that will include practical exercises. The event is tentatively planned for June 2023.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

Commissioner Webb reported attending a Crestview Hotel community outreach meeting as well as the Rental Housing Committee's most recent meeting where individual utility meters were discussed.

Commissioners Baird and Poicon reported attending a Displacement Response Strategy stakeholder meeting where COPA/TOPA was discussed.

Commissioner Poicon reported attending the Asian Law Alliance's candlelight vigil for victims of recent mass shootings in California and expressed grief for the victims, their families, and the AAPI community.

Commissioner Nwokidu encouraged her fellow Commissioners to share community event information with the HRC and other community members.

Chair Sylvester reported on the closeout of the History of Housing project. Oral history interviews will be digitally archived on the City website and physically archived in the Library History Center.

Commissioner Webb and Chair Sylvester expressed appreciation and gratitude for former Commissioner Solomon's work on the project.

Chair Sylvester announced that she is beginning a new role at the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation. She also shared that applications are being accepted for the one vacant position on the HRC.

Staff reminded Commissioners that the March 2, 2023 regular meeting will be held in City Council chambers and that the agenda will include public services and capital projects funding allocations.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sylvester adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.