



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Thursday, April 6, 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 6:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Jocelyn Baird, Commissioner Joan MacDonald, Commissioner Erik Poicon, Commissioner Molly Smith, Commissioner Xavier Webb, Vice Chair Nirvana Nwokidu, and Chair IdaRose Sylvester

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval for March 2, 2023

M/S – Poicon/Nwokidu to approve the minutes with the following modifications to item 7:

“Commissioner Smith requested more information on applicants for future CDBG funding cycles. Vice Chair Nwokidu encouraged applicants to attend future CDBG public hearings to respond to questions.”

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner MacDonald

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Bystander Intervention Training Subcommittee

Commissioner Poicon reported that the Council on American Islamic Relations will provide the training which is tentatively scheduled for May 11.

5.2 Housing Insecurity Subcommittee

Chair Sylvester reported that the subcommittee is identifying panelists. Commissioner Webb shared that there will be an art display at the event. Commissioner Poicon reported on potential partners for tabling at the event.

5.3 Mental Health Subcommittee

Vice Chair Nwokidu reported that the National Alliance on Mental Illness will provide the main programming at the event and that there will be a meditation and/or mindfulness exercise. The subcommittee is exploring dates in late June.

6. NEW BUSINESS**6.1** Advisory Body Input on the Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Council Work Plan Potential Projects

The Commission identified the following potential Council Work Plan projects as most important:

- *Develop a comprehensive Homelessness Response Strategy*
- *Develop a Community Workforce Agreement*
- *Update the Race, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan*
- *Explore strategies for supporting renters not covered by the CSFRA*
- *Implement Displacement Response Strategy actions*
- *Develop a strategy to facilitate low- and middle-income home ownership*
- *Develop a Citywide Decarbonization Plan (transitioning from SAP-4)*
- *Complete a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment*
- *Review and Update the Historic Preservation Ordinance*
- *Implement strategies for a vibrant downtown, including the Castro Pedestrian Mall*

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

Commissioner Webb reported that he had facilitated an International Women's Day event and shared information about the Crestview Hotel project. Chair Sylvester reported attending a community convening hosted by the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation. Commissioner Baird announced that the Community Services Agency Empty Bowls fundraiser for homeless services will be held on April 30.

Principal Management Analyst James announced that: beta testing for the new City website is live; the Community Development Block Grant/HOME funding recommendations will be on the April 25 City Council agenda; the May 4 HRC meeting will have an option for remote public participation via Zoom; and that the Council updated Council Policy K-2 regarding overdue Form 700 filings. Principal Management Analyst James also announced that the May 4 HRC meeting would include a discussion about the Fiscal Year 2023-24 HRC Work Plan and asked that Commissioners begin considering projects that align with the HRC's role and whose scope can be completed by the Commission during the work plan implementation period (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) alongside other work plan projects.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sylvester adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.