



City of Mountain View

Plaza Conference Room
500 Castro Street

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Commissioners Batton, Bonte, Sharma, Solomon, Vice Chair Boer and Chair Malik

Thursday, September 7, 2017

6:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Malik called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
Commissioners Batton and Sharma were introduced to the Commission.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Boer arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Present 6 - Commissioner Linda Batton, Vice Chair Kevin Boer, Commissioner Serge Bonte, Commissioner Arti Sharma, Commissioner Julie Solomon, and Chairperson Aila Malik

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval.

Motion - M/S Bonte/Solomon - To approve the Minutes for the June 1, 2017 meeting.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Batton, Commissioner Bonte, Commissioner Sharma, Commissioner Solomon, and Chairperson Malik

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Boer

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No oral communications from the public were received.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Multicultural Festival Debrief

Commissioner Bonte and Chair Malik provided an oral report, debriefing the Commission on the Multicultural Festival held on June 10, 2017.

The Commission discussed incorporating learning opportunities, fundraising for charities, a community service component, and local musicians who performed during the Palo Alto Music Festival into a future event.

5.2 LGBTQI Needs and Assesses Assessment Update

Commissioner Solomon provided an oral report on the status of the subcommittee's work plan progress, including document and literature reviews and key informant interviews.

A next step is to explore an opportunity to partner with Santa Clara County's Office of LGBTQI Affairs to hold a listening session in Mountain View.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Community Roundtable (CRT) Topic Discussion

The Commission discussed topics to consider for an upcoming CRT event, possibly in November 2017 and April 2018:

- LGBTQI (e.g., listening session with the County, focus on inclusivity and being a more LGBTQI friendly community, homelessness/unhoused LGBTQI community members)*
- Recent events of civil unrest and/or terror attacks (e.g., Charlottesville, Barcelona)*
- Understanding the limits of free speech*
- Implicit/Unconscious bias*
- Human Trafficking and its implications*
- DACA/Immigrant Rights protection*
- Engaging in respectful dialogue/civil discourse workshop*

6.2 Subcommittee Appointments

The Commission made the following subcommittee appointments:

- CRT: Vice Chair Boer and Commissioner Batton*
- LGBTQI: Commissioners Solomon and Sharma*
- Multicultural Festival: Chair Malik and Commissioner Bonte*

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

7.1 Staff Announcements, Updates, and Requests

Assistant to the City Manager Gilmore made the following announcements:

- The City Council will receive an update and discuss Freedom Cities and Immigration Violation Enforcement Policies at the September 12, 2017, City Council Meeting.*
- The City Council will discuss and provide direction to staff on a Sanctuary City and Anti-Registry Policy in October 2017.*
- The Advisory Body Celebration of Service event is September 27, 2017, at Michaels at Shoreline.*

Commissioner Bonte attended the Council Neighborhood Committee meeting on June 15, 2017. Grant funding is available for neighborhood associations.

Commissioner Solomon attended the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission meeting on June 27, 2017. The County HRC is planning Human Rights Day activities for December 10, 2017, and a forum on Adult Incarceration, TBD.

Commissioner Solomon announced that the Mountain View Central Neighborhood meeting is September 28.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 p.m., Chair Malik adjourned the meeting to the Human Relations Commission meeting to be held on October 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Plaza Conference Room, 500 Castro Street.