



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Jocelyn Chadwell

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval for June 1, 2023

M/S - MacDonald/Poicon - Minutes for the June 1, 2023 regular meeting were approved with no modifications.

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

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Bystander Intervention Training Subcommittee

Commissioner Poicon provided the update. The event was held on June 15, 2023.

5.2 Mental Health Subcommittee

Commissioners MacDonald and Nwokidu provided the update. The event was held on June 28, 2023.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program Updates and Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Action Plan Process

The purpose of this New Business item was to provide the Commission with updates on the CDBG funding process and obtain direction on continuing direction allocation for capital projects in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CDBG and HOME funding process.

Housing Specialist Harsha Ramchandani presented and Housing Director Wayne Chen was available to answer questions.

Chair Sylvester opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. No members of the public were present to speak. Chair Sylvester closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

The Commission voted to recommend continuing the direct allocation method of funding capital projects for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Action Plan process. M/S: MacDonald/Nwokidu.

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

6.2 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan and Committee Appointments

Principal Management Analyst James presented on this item.

The Commissioners assigned the following Ad Hoc Committees and positions to complete work plan items:

- Gender Experiences Civility Roundtable: Commissioners McDonald and Webb, Chair Sylvester*
- Resilient Mountain View Community Outreach: Commissioners Chadwell, Poicon, and Smith*
- We Are MV Creative Storytelling: Commissioner Smith, Vice Chair Nwokidu, Chair Sylvester*
- Council Neighborhood Committee Meetings: Commissioners MacDonald, Poicon, and Webb, Vice Chair Nwokidu*
- Multicultural Festival Planning Liaison: Commissioner Webb*

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

Commissioner Poicon noted an increased need for interpretation services and shared that the City of San Jose will now provide Spanish-language interpretation services at every City Council meeting.

Commissioner MacDonald shared that "Compassion Week" will be kicking off on Saturday, October 7th at City Hall Plaza from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with volunteer opportunities.

Commissioner Webb reported attending a groundbreaking ceremony for teacher housing hosted by Supervisor Joe Simitian.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sylvester adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.