



DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING Acting Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Acting Chair Mina Wilson, Buddy Akacić, Lee Kariuki, Alice Morris. **Absent:** Margo Parisi, Walter Williams.

2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**

Staff Liaison Maya Williams reported on the Budget Town Hall and the upcoming City Council Meeting.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Comments are typically limited to three minutes per person and are limited to items not on the meeting agenda. Comments can also be heard at the time the item is discussed.

Jeanetta Minix of Delta Sigma Theta expressed her support of the commission and its work.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved/Second: Member (Buddy/Lee) Action: Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 special meeting as submitted. Ayes: Acting Chair Mina Wilson, Buddy Akacić, Lee Kariuki, Alice Morris. Noes: None. Passed unanimously.

5. **DISCUSSION AND FOLLOW-UP TO JULY 1 JOINT SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE (EQC)**

Discussion and possible action regarding HRC actions regarding social justice.

Programming Subcommittee Update (Williams, Wilson) – Commissioner Wilson provided an update on the meeting of this subcommittee. They would like to focus on listening forum for community members to tell their stories about their interactions with law enforcement and the educational system. There may be a special session on storytelling by young people. The listening sessions would be preceded with historical data and social science to set context. Thinking about different media to get a broad range of responses and a waiver/agreement for participants. The subcommittee proposed launching the sessions in early September 2020.

Buddy Akacic will be joining the programming subcommittee.

Community Outreach Subcommittee Update (Kariuki, Morris, Parisi) - Commissioner Morris provided an update on the meeting of this subcommittee. They has reach out to multiple community partners and are exploring ways to reach out to city boards, committees, and commissioners.

6. BLACK LIVES MATTER FLAG

Discussion and possible action regarding time, place, and manner to display or fly a Black Lives Matter flag.

Public Comment

Sherry Drobner encouraged the subcommittee to be careful about using writing for storytelling as it may limit participation.

Lucy Sterba (Youth Solidarity Project) expressed support and pledged the participation of their group in the listening session effort.

Interim Staff Liaison Williams provided background. Each commissioner expressed their support for flying a Black Lives and agreed to think more about it and make a final recommendation at another meeting.

7. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE AND ACTIVITIES

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and related activities.

This item was continued to next meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Listening session planning, Black Lives Matter flag, and 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:33 p.m.