



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

### Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING: Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Present: Chair Walter Williams, Buddy Akacić, Julia Conant, Mina Wilson, Indy Singh, Alice Morris, Diane Johnson (present for parts of the meeting)

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

Staff Liaison Alexandra Orologas re-shared an update that the HRC Staff Liaison role is in transition since former Staff Liaison Kristen Cunningham's departure. Alexandra explained the plan is to have HR Specialist, Shannon Bassi, transition in as the permanent Staff Liaison. Shannon Bassi provided an update that the Black Lives Matter flag has been put up on the City Hall flagpole and is flying. Shannon Bassi also introduced the two new commissioners, Indy Singh and Diane Johnson. In addition, Shannon Bassi provided an update on the upcoming virtual Budget Meeting on May 8 and encouraged all to attend. Council Member Lisa Motoyama was not present to provide a Council update. Chair Williams did not have any updates.

### 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.

No members of the public requested to speak.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting were approved.

### 5. OHLONE GREENWAY DISCUSSION

This item was skipped because Council Member Lisa Motoyama is to provide an update on this topic and was not present at the meeting.

### 6. OVERVIEW OF THE BROWN ACT AND MEMBER ROLES

The Commission received a thorough presentation from the City Clerk on requirements of the Brown Act and an overview of roles and responsibilities.

## **7. COMMUNITY LISTENING FORUM SERIES**

Vice Chair Julia Conant provided an update on how the Community Listening Sessions have been going. She noted that the community is engaged in the sessions and they are going well. Feedback was provided from the community that the flyers were not clear, and some community members did not understand the topic. The Commission agreed to try to translate the flyers if possible, to help spread the word within the community.

## **8. LOVING DAY**

Further discussion occurred regarding the Loving Day Event in June 2021. Commissioners agreed to focus on a virtual event due to the Shelter in Place restrictions and overall health and safety of the community. Commissioners Akacic and Singh agreed to lead the Loving Day event.

## **10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- MLK Event/Sub-committee
- Ohlone Greenway
- Listening Session Update
- Loving Day
- Mindfulness Around Policing

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:57 p.m.