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## AGENDA

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93022215828?pwd=b0dWNmIrRU5BRXhuQkZjei91VUYvQT09>

**Join by Phone:** 1-213-338-8477 or 1-408-638-0968

**Webinar ID:** 930 2221 5828

**Passcode:** 560167

Pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, and in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Teleconference Restrictions of the Brown Act Have Been Suspended, as Well as the Requirement to Provide a Physical Location for Members of the Public to Participate in the Meeting.

Any person wishing to speak to the Human Relations Commission on any of these matters is invited to participate via teleconference as described above.

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Human Relations Commission via email to [aorologas@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:aorologas@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

#### **7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING**

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Walter Williams Members: Buddy Akacić, Julia Conant, Alice Morris, Mina Wilson, Indy Singh, and Diane Johnson
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
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.*
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Consider approval of the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting.
5. **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP AND AGENDA BUILDING**  
Discussion and possible action on Strategic Planning Workshop.
6. **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND ACTIVITES**  
Discussion and possible action regarding MLK Event in January 2022.
7. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at [www.el-cerrito.org/106/Human-Relations-Commission](http://www.el-cerrito.org/106/Human-Relations-Commission).



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Walter Williams called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. **Present:** Chair Walter Williams, Vice Chair Julia Conant, Buddy Akacić, Indy Singh, Diane Johnson and Student Commissioner Lucy Sterba - Quorum established at this time  
Mina Wilson (arrived at 7:52 p.m.) **Absent:** Alice Morris
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**  
Mayor Paul Fadelli reported the City's budget was passed at the June 22, 2021 City Council Meeting. Chair Williams provided an update regarding the Truth Reconciliation Project and that a token of appreciation will be provided to those participants. Staff Liaison Alexandra Orologas reported that all City Buildings are now open to the public with special hours as of July 6, 2021.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
  - Kevin Guana commented on a tree issue involving his property and a neighboring property.
  - Maia Bazjanac commented further on the same tree issue involving Kevin Guana's public comment.
  - Roy Harkow commented on recent pickleball concerns involving the Parks and Rec Commission.
  - David Lewis commented on the same tree issue that Kevin Guana and Maia Bazjanac had concerns about.
  - Marilyn Ashlin commented on pickleball concerns involving the Parks and Rec Commission
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Moved/Seconded:** Commissioner Chair Williams / Commissioner Akacić **Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Conant; Members Akacić, Johnson, Singh and Wilson. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
5. **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP AND AGENDA BUILDING**  
Commissioners discussed the beginning stages of the Strategic Planning Workshop and Agenda Building session. **Moved/Seconded:** Commissioner Johnson / Chair Williams **Action:** Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Johnson, Wilson and Chair Williams to discuss and plan for a planning retreat before the end of the calendar year. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Conant; Members Akacić, Johnson, Singh and Wilson. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**Moved/Seconded:** Commissioner Johnson / Chair Williams **Action:** Motion to adopt the proposed calendar included in the agenda packet and continue to meet through the summer months. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Vice-Chair Conant; Members Akacić, Johnson, Singh and Wilson. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

Additionally, Staff Liaison Orologas mentioned to the HRC that the regularly scheduled meeting date will need to be moved and that she will bring back options for the group to explore.

**7. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Supporting the Senior Community
- Follow up on Public Comment
- MLK planning
- Possible Ohlone Greenway update

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:05 p.m.