



AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Link:

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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 sbassi@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, and Mina Wilson
- 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 June 8, 2022 meeting.
- 5. JUNETEENTH EDUCATION EVENT**
Discussion and possible action on planning a Juneteenth Education Event.
- 6. CRITERIA TO HONOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
Discussion and possible action regarding creating a procedure to honor community members.
- 7. LISTENING SESSIONS**
Discussion and possible action regarding 2022 Listening Sessions specifically around the topic of Whiteness.
- 8. HRC COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
Discussion and possible action regarding the HRC's community involvement and ways to improve and increase involvement.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

10. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Staff Liaison, (510) 215-4302. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

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.



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Walter Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Present:** Chair Walter Williams, Buddy Akacić, Mina Wilson, - Quorum established at this time
Absent: Julia Conant, Council Member Paul Fadelli
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi provided an update that last night's council meeting was the first reading of the budget; there will be another reading at the next meeting on June 21 and more information is provided on the City's website. Staff Liaison Bassi also reported that the City Council passed two proclamations at the meeting, which included Loving Day and LGBTQIA Month. In addition, Staff Liaison Bassi reported the new progress pride flag has been put up in front of City Hall. Lastly, Staff Liaison Bassi reported out that City Council approved Juneteenth as an official holiday and will be observed on June 20 this year and that Student Commissioner, Lucy Sterba, is leaving for college and will be resigning as Student Commissioner. There were no Commissioner or Council Liaison reports.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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No members of the public present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Seconded: Chair Williams / Commissioner Akacić **Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, and Wilson. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
5. **STANDARIZED CHECKLIST FOR ALL HRC EVENTS**
Chair Williams agreed to contact a former HRC Commissioner Georgina, who had heavy involvement with HRC event coordination and learn more about past practice. There was discussion around creating a handbook to act as a guide for any commissioner to plan an event with ease.

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/ Akacić, **Action:** Motion to create a subcommittee to create a standardized check list. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, Williams **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
6. **LATIN FESTIVAL**
Discussion around a community member's passing, Miguel, and the desire to honor him; a one-time event some time next year. HRC decided to hold on planning an event to first create criteria on how to proceed with event planning as it relates to Item #5.

7. Listening Sessions

Discussion around next topic for Listening Sessions- Whiteness/Structural Racism/Gun Violence; invite others to tell their testimonies and stories; create greater equity and justice. Discussed finding a subject matter expert to provide guidance around the topic and possibly form a sub-committee in the future.

8. HRC RECRUITMENT STRAGETY

Discussion around ways to recruit HRC commissioners; reaching out to personal contacts to network; seek out different ethnic backgrounds to help support the variety of ethnic backgrounds within the City.

9. HRC INVOLVEMENT

Discussion around bringing commissioners together through events; find additional ways to connect, plan, and assist the community. Commissioners agreed to bring 3 ideas each to the next meeting.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Juneteenth Education Event
- Criteria for honoring community members
- HRC Involvement
- Listening Sessions- The Meaning of Whiteness

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Walter Williams, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Human Relations Commission meeting of April 13, 2022 as approved by the Human Relations Commission.

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison