



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

**CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING** Chair Hunter Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

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

Staff Liaison Kristen Cunningham shared various City 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 present.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Item moved to the next Commission meeting.

5. **BLACK LIVES MATTER FLAG RAISING EVENT**

Discussion and possible action regarding the September 26, 2020 event to raise the Black Lives Matter flag at City Hall.

Commissioners discussed the final logistics around the Black Lives Matter flag raising event scheduled for September 26, 2020.

6. **LISTENING SESSION DISCUSSION**

Discussion and possible action regarding listening forums for community members to tell their stories as it relates to social justice.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming listening sessions, scheduled to begin in November 2020. Commissioners discussed outreach including ensuring the City's other Boards, Commissions, and Committees are all aware of the events. Staff Liaison Kristen Cunningham will work with the City Clerk to relay the appropriate messaging to Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

**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.

MLK event organizer Pat Durham provided preliminary information about the 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. events. Due to COVID-19 and the need to maintain a safe and socially distanced environment, the planning committee is working on a different approach to this year's event. Preliminary discussions have been around partnering with BART for a car parade at either/both El Cerrito BART stations. Additional details will be worked out through the MLK Planning Committee.

**8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:37 p.m.