



AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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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.

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair: Walter Williams Members: Buddy Akacić, Julia Conant, 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 April 13, 2022 meeting.
- 5. STANDARDIZED CHECKLIST FOR ALL HRC EVENTS**
Discussion and possible action on developing a standardized checklist when planning and organizing HRC events.
- 6. LATIN FESTIVAL/CELEBRATION**
Discussion and possible action regarding planning a small Latin Festival/Celebration in honor of a community member's passing.
- 7. COMMUNITY LISTENING FORUM SERIES**
Discussion and possible action regarding 2022 Listening Sessions specifically around the topic of Whiteness.
- 8. HRC RECRUITMENT STRAGETY**

Discussion and possible action to strategize and recruit new HRC Commissioners. Currently 3 vacancies.

9. HRC COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Discussion and possible action regarding the HRC's community involvement and ways to improve.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. 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

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Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. VIA

Staff Liaison

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TELECONFERENCE

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Walter Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Present:** Chair Walter Williams, Buddy Akacić, Julia Conant, Mina Wilson, and Council Member Paul Fadelli - Quorum established at this time
Absent: None
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi provided an update that City Hall hours are still modified due to the pandemic (M-Th; 9am-1pm) and that all services are available online. Council Member Paul Fadelli provided an update that the 4th of July Festival will be returning this year and more information about the event can be found on the City's website.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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No members of the public present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Conant / Commissioner Akacić **Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2021 meeting. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, Williams and Conant. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
5. **2022 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION'S UTILITY BOX PROGRAM- HRC REPRESENTATIVE ON SELECTION PANEL**

Staff Liaison Alexandra Orologas presented this item on behalf of the Arts and Culture Commission (ACC). The ACC has requested to nominate an artist, limited to El Cerrito residents. The ACC has issued a Call for Artists and looking for someone to represent El Cerrito values. Buddy volunteered to serve on the selection panel.

Moved/Seconded: Chair Williams/Commissioner Conant **Action:** Motion to approve Commissioner Akacić to serve on the ACC selection panel. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, Williams and Conant. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.
6. **EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS AND EQUITY AND INCLUSION WORKPLAN**
City Manager Karen Pinkos introduced and presented the Equity and Inclusion Workplan project, assigned by City Council, and requested to establish a sub-committee to discuss further.

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Chair Williams **Action:** Motion to establish a sub-committee for the Equity and Inclusion Workplan project **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, Williams and Conant. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

7. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE DEBRIEF

Guest speaker Patricia Durham debriefed the 2022 MLK Parade and Festivities. Pat reported that the event was as major success despite limited funds and had around 700-800 attendees. The event made an appearance on the local televised news station.

8. APPROVAL THE 2022 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

2022 Draft Regular meeting calendar was presented to meet on the second Wednesday of the month with a summer break in the months of July and August.

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/ Commissioner Akacić **Action:** Motion to approve the 2022 Regular Meeting calendar **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, Williams and Conant. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

9. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The HRC discussed the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Conant/Chair Williams **Action:** Motion to approve Commissioner Walter Williams as Chair again. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, Wilson and Conant. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Chair Williams **Action:** Motion to approve Commissioner Julia Conant as Vice Chair again. **Ayes:** Chair Williams, Members Akacić, Wilson and Conant. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

10. LOVING DAY

The HRC discussed the 2021 Loving Day event that was held virtually due to the ongoing concerns and safety during the pandemic. 4 people were in attendance last year. Commissioner Conant and Chair Williams commented that the HRC has no people power due to the vacant positions. A standardized checklist also needs to be established so that planning events can be simplified and consistent.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Standardized Checklist for all events
- Latin Festival Celebration
- Listening Sessions- The Meaning of Whiteness
- Gentrification Impact on the Community
- HRC Recruitment Strategy and Discussion

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:24 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