



REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Commissioner Felix, Commissioner Godinez, Commissioner Lake, Commissioner Olaoye, Commissioner Pajanor, Commissioner Ratner, Vice Chair Kean-Ayub, Chair Branch

Absent: Commissioner Custodio-Tan

Also Present: Staff Liaison Adrianna Hernandez, Marketing and Communications Manager Anne Steinberger, Community Engagement Specialist Karla Mendez

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:12 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Hernandez called the roll.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Presentation and Introduction of City Community Engagement Specialist, Karla Mendez

Marketing and Communications Manager Anne Steinberger introduced Karla Mendez as the City Community Engagement Specialist and discussion ensued.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Margaret Baker submitted a written comment regarding the item.

Moved by Vice Chair Kean-Ayub

Seconded by Commissioner Godinez

Commission approve minutes.

Yes (8): Commissioner Felix, Commissioner Godinez, Commissioner Lake, Commissioner Olaoye, Commissioner Pajanor, Commissioner Ratner, Vice Chair Kean-Ayub, Chair Branch

Result: Carried (8 to 0)

5.2 Report and Discussion on Welcoming City and the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative

Marketing and Communications Manager, Anne Steinberger and Staff Liaison, Adrianna Hernandez presented a report on Welcoming City and the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative and discussion ensued.

The following members of the public submitted written communications regarding the City's Welcoming City designation:

- Kelly Zavala
- Carolyn Scofield
- Pedro Rios
- Alex Romero
- Kathy Hardy
- Jonathan
- Adriana Jasso

- Wendy Gelernter
- Margaret Baker
- Nancy Relaford

The following members of the public spoke regarding the City's Welcoming City designation:

- Margaret Baker
- Nancy Relaford
- Connie Mack

Vice Chair Kean-Ayub requested the team involved in the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion initiative come present to the Commission.

At the direction of Commissioner Godinez, consensus was reached to bring back an item to the March meeting of the Commission, recommending the City Council re-certify with Welcoming America for the next three years.

5.3 Updates, Discussion, and Potential Action Regarding Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

Chair Branch introduced the item.

Margaret Baker, Chula Vista resident, submitted an electronic comment expressing support for continuing the ALPR Ad-Hoc.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the ALPR Ad-Hoc:

- Margaret Baker
- Nancy Relaford

Commissioner Felix requested a statement from the Chula Vista Police Department reassuring the Commission that there is no ALPR data sharing with federal law enforcement agencies. Additionally, a request was made for the Department to come to the next meeting of the Commission.

Commissioner Lake spoke regarding the Community Survey Ad-Hoc and will bring something actionable at a future meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Lake

Seconded by Commissioner Olaoye

Disband the Data Sharing Technologies/ALPR Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

Yes (8): Commissioner Felix, Commissioner Godinez, Commissioner Lake, Commissioner Olaoye, Commissioner Pajanor, Commissioner Ratner, Vice Chair Kean-Ayub, Chair Branch

Result:Carried (8 to 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff Liaison Hernandez provided an update on the following items:

- Consolidation of several Boards and Commissions as well as the addition of a youth member to the Human Relations Commission
- Columbus Statue Task Force final recommendations to City Council

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chair Kean-Ayub requested consensus to bring back an item to the next meeting of the Commission to recommend City Council look into creating a Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB). Vice Chair stated that while ad-hoc committees are great, they have a lifetimes. A CLERB board would address issues and allow the public a space to address the Police Department directly. Consensus was reached.

Also, Vice Chair requested a discussion in March about bringing a speaker to the May meeting of the Commission on AAPI hate as May is AAPI history month.

Commissioner Felix thanked the voters for the passage of Measure K.

Commissioner Godinez recognized the individuals who came for public comment. Godinez thanked Councilmember Preciado for his efforts in creating the ad-hoc and hopes they re-certify as Welcoming City.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Adrianna Hernandez Secretary

Adrianna Hernandez, Secretary