

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, March 26, 2009

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Bloomberg opened meeting at 6:37 pm

Members Present: *Blomberg, Clinton (dep 7:50), Kudo (arr 6:50), Privateer, Leyva, de Anda (arr. 7:30)*

Ex Officio Members Present: *Nawar, Pamperin, Waltz*

Members Absent: *Bixson, Minhaj*

Privateer moved and Leyva seconded a motion to approve the agenda, taking items VIIB and VIB first. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Clinton moved and Blomberg seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 24. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

No comments

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Nawar- Announced that she is working with the high school to put together the annual memorial service for Thong Hy Huynh. She will provide more information later.

Pamperin- Announced the Harlem Ambassadors on May 11, 2009.

Privateer- Attended Principles of Community at UC Davis

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

Lt. Waltz provided additional information to the Commission related to the February 17 Sacramento Bee article on the Davis Police Department. Encouraged Commissioners to go on ride-alongs with the Police Department if they had questions and/or visit the department's simulation training. Further suggested Commissioners encouraged any members of the public who wanted to know more about the Police Department to enroll in the Citizen's Academy. Privateer and Leyva expressed interest in doing a ride-along.

VII B. Updates: Preparation for event to address Israel/Gaza Issue:

Clinton explained proposed tree planting and possibility of accompanying plaque. Blomberg explained that only one side of the issue was present at the subcommittee meeting. Believes a plaque should reflect the pain suffered by all in the region but explained that the subcommittee had not agreed on specific wording. There was consensus among Commissioners to go forward with the concept of a tree planting and determine details of the event.

VI B. Initial Discussion on Diversity and Discrimination Report

Clinton suggested taking several issues from the original report (or update) each meeting and addressing them by assessing progress from the original report. Blomberg suggested going through items and asking the community for new input. Kudo suggested grouping by subject to discuss. Start by agendaizing discussion on one section and inviting the public.

Blomberg moved and Kudo seconded a motion of move forward on updating the Diversity and Discrimination Report by examining sections of the 2000 Update, with assistance of community members and through outreach to the public. Motion passed by the following vote: Blomberg, Kudo Privateer, Leyva, de Anda.

VII A. Preparation for City of Davis Cesar Chavez Day Celebration

Leyva explained that program was coming together and that subcommittee was trying to reach out to many in the community. Program is set for Saturday, March 28 at 11:30 at Central Park.

VI. Huynh Awards Nomination Period

Stachowicz reminded Commission that Huynh Award nominations were due Friday, April 17 in the City Manager's Office. Asked all Commissioners to consider submitting nominations and encouraging others to nominate people/organizations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.