

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, March 25, 2010

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Agenda was approved by consensus.

Members Present: Bixson, Blomberg, De Anda, Kudo, Privateer

Members Absent: Clinton, Leyva

II. Approval of Minutes –January 28, 2010

Blomberg moved and Privateer seconded, a motion to approve the January 28 minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

Norb Kumagai explained the Downtown Business Association was concerned about panhandling in the downtown and had scheduled a meeting with representatives from downtown businesses, the city, Davis Community Church and others to discuss the issue. Suggested the Commission consider agendizing an update on the issue, as discrimination and diversity pertain to the treatment of the homeless.

Consensus among commissioners to agendize an update on this issue for the next meeting.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

No Commissioner comments.

IV. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

At the request of commissioners, Stachowicz explained the schedule for the upcoming Council election and answered questions about the Davis Coop Boycott and the hate crimes on campus.

VI. Discussion/Action Items

A. Election of 2010 Chair and Vice Chair

Stachowicz explained how process works and answered questions on the appointment process for commissioners.

Blomberg moved and Bixson seconded, a motion for Justin Kudo as chair. Nico De Anda also expressed an interest in the Chair position and self-nominated. The Commission discussed the candidates and suggested the possibility of Co-Chairs. Kudo moved and Bixson seconded the motion to have Kudo and DeAnda as Co-Chairs. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2010 Thong Hy Huynh Awards – Category and Schedule Determination

Stachowicz explained the process the Commission needs to follow for the Huynh Awards.

Commissioners discussed whether they need to have a subcommittee. Privateer, Bixson and De Anda

volunteered to participate on a subcommittee. The Commission also requested by consensus a change to the wording of the rules to specify that "voting" commissioners are not eligible to receive an award. There was further consensus to keep all the existing categories.

C. Review of Proposed Council Resolution on Hate Crimes

Stachowicz explained that Councilmember Heystek, at a recent Council meeting, had requested the Council agendaize a proposed Hate Crimes resolution. The Council has agreed to agendaize the resolution for the March 30 meeting. Staff is bring the draft resolution to the Commission for review and comment prior to the Council meeting. Staff will share any commission comments with the Council at the meeting on Tuesday.

Blomberg thinks things that generate energy on this issue are necessary. Believes a task force should be time-limited and focused. Believes the resolution is a general gesture of support to step up the city's involvement in such issues.

Kudo suggests there is a role for the police departments in the city and on campus, the campus, the city and individuals and that city/campus should work closely together and interact when possible. He is not certain if a reward fund is useful or feasible but believes an anonymous tip line might be helpful.

Privateer thinks the reward fund is a good idea.

Bixson stressed the importance of educating the community about these types of issues.

Staff will summarize commission comments and provide them to the City Council at the March 30 meeting.

D. Continued Discussion of Diversity and Discrimination Survey and Next Steps

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. Updates

A. 2010 Cesar Chavez Celebration – *De Anda and Blomberg provided an update on the preparations for the Cesar Chavez celebration on March 27. During Public Comment on the item, N. Kumagai reminded commissioners of Bob Ross as a good candidate to participate in a future Chavez celebration.*

B. UNAFF Traveling Film Festival – *Stachowicz reported the Film Festival is scheduled to go forward on Sunday, April 18 with three films: The Peace Soldiers, Milking the Rhino and The Sari Soldiers.*

C. Tree Dedication – *The Commission agreed to try for a Sunday, May 2 or Saturday, May 8 ceremony date.*

Commissioners requested Lt. Waltz give an update on the student riots and subsequent police action at the next meeting.

The Commission adjourned at 8:40 pm.