

# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

## MINUTES

Thursday, October 23, 2008

City Hall Conference Room

23 Russell Blvd, Davis, CA.

6:30 pm

### Voting Members

Lee Bixson

Craig Blomberg

Arthur Clinton

Nico De Anda-Scaia

Justin Kudo

J. Jesus Leyva (Alternate)

Najme Minhaj (Chair)

Ann Privateer

### Ex Officio Members

Saraf Nawar (Student)

John Pamperin (Faith-based)

Pamela Mari/Mel Lewis (DJUSD)

Rahim Reed (UCD)

Lt. Tom Waltz (Police Dept)

Vacant (ASUCD)

### Council Liaison

Stephen Souza

Lamar Heystek (Alternate)

### Staff Liaison

Kelly Stachowicz

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Minhaj called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **Oath of Office for New Commissioners**

Blomberg, De Anda-Scaia, Kudo and Leyva completed the Oath of Office.

### **I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda (6:30)**

*Members Present:* Bixson, Blomberg, De Anda-Scaia, Kudo, Leyva, Minhaj, Privateer, Nawar

*Others:* Stachowicz

*Members Absent:* Clinton

Privateer moved and Bixson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.

Commissioners introduced themselves and talked about their interests related to the Commission.

### **II. Approval of Minutes- September 25, 2008**

Privateer moved and Bixson seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Unanimous vote in favor.

### **III. Public Comment- None**

### **IV. Announcements**

Blomberg – Asked Commission to think about ways to bring the public to the Commission meetings. Also suggested having speakers to address certain topics at Commission meetings and possibly hosting similar forums specifically for the public.

Minhaj replied that Commission would brainstorm such ideas at the November meeting.

Blomberg suggested that Commission consider some type of training around issue of responding to a crisis. At the request of the Commission, staff will bring back some options for this idea.

Blomberg asked what the status of Davis Diversity Days and Take Back the Night are. Commission has not recently participated directly in events, but staff will find out and report back.

## **V. Staff Announcements**

Stachowicz reported out on an email she received from a Davis resident who encountered hate speech as a network name through wireless internet connections while at her dentist's office. The network name that popped up in her screen was a racial slur. The dentist office was aware of the issue, but they did not know to whom the network name belonged. Comcast does not control or oversee network names, nor does the City. Stachowicz spoke with Lt. Tom Waltz about the issue, but there is little, if anything the City can do to prevent it.

## **VI. Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise – Stachowicz provided a report on the annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals. The Commission received the report and did not provide any further comments.
- B. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Planning
  - Stachowicz provided background on the event. The subcommittee of Kudo, Nawar, Privateer and De Anda-Scaia was appointed to work on specifics. Blomberg will work on Davis Media Access/KDRT, etc.
  - Stachowicz will connect subcommittee with Bob Bowen for a meeting prior to November HRC meeting.
- C. HRC Slogan
  - Bixson suggested “Supporting a Fair and Just Community”
  - Stachowicz suggested that Commission should consider what they want a slogan for. Determining its use and purpose are the first steps.
  - Commissioners will consider possible slogans and will submit ideas to staff. Staff will compile and bring back at the November meeting.

## **VII. Updates/Important Dates to Remember**

- A.** Community Conversation – November 15 at Davis High School
  - Stachowicz explained the event and will send the Commissioners the flyer and the brochure.
  
- B.** UNAFF Traveling Film Festival – March 1, 2009
  - Commission appointed subcommittee of Blomberg, Privateer and De Anda-Scaia to work with staff on the event.
  - All Commissioners are encouraged to look at the website: [www.unaff.org](http://www.unaff.org) and see if there are films there that might be good to preview.
  - Staff suggested that Davis utilize the 2008 theme of “Blue Planet, Green Planet” and focus films for festival around sustainability.

### Future Meetings:

Commission determined that November meeting would be held Thursday, November 20 and December meeting would be held Thursday, December 18.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.