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**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
6:00 P.M.
JANUARY 26, 2022**

COMMISSIONERS
VACANT, Chair
Morgan Hannigan, Vice Chair

Nona Cohen-Bowman
Andra Davis
Loretta Gaddies
Demetra Stall-Nash
Dela Weeks Morris
Phillip Wilson

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- 2) on a Consent Calendar item are limited to three minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.310; and an Action Calendar item are limited to five minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.420.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

4. ROLL CALL

5. REPORTS

A. Report from Secretary to the Human Relations Commission

B. Report from Council Liaison Brown to the Human Relations Commission

C. Commissioner Reports

This is an opportunity for Commissioners to shared updates regarding Commission work, items directed related to the Commission Workplan or Commission Chater.

6. COMMUNITY FORUM

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The conduct of the community forum shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes, with each speaker limited to a maximum of three minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.300.

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A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2021 special meeting.

8. PRESENTATION

- A. Commission Training on the Brown Act and Rules of Order–Katelyn Knight, Assistant City Attorney
- B. City Manager's Office Presentation on Citywide Communications Efforts - Christina Lee, Public Information Officer

9. ACTION ITEM(S)

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- A. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
- B. Review and Discussion Regarding Commission Work Plan

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion of Agenda Items for Future Meetings
 - April 2022
 - o Homelessness Resources Presentation

11. ADJOURNMENT

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I, Felicia Escover, Executive Secretary, do hereby certify that we have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Human Relations Commission, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 14, 2022.

Dated: January 14, 2022



Felicia Escover, Executive Secretary

**HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
VIA TELECONFERENCE
6:05 P.M.
October 27, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Davis at 6:10 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Davis, Stall-Nash, Weeks-Morris, and Cohen-Bowman

Absent: Vice Chair Hannigan and Commissioner Gaddies

Staff Present: Councilman Brown, Secretary Escover

4. REPORTS

A. Report from Secretary to the Human Relations Commission –

- a. Secretary Escover informed the Commission that City Council had commissioner interviews on October 19. There is one vacancy for this commission and one individual applied. City Council will be making official appointment for this commission and other commissions at the November 9 meeting.
- b. Commissioner Stall-Nash and Davis hosted a table at Waterfront Weekend to collect input on how this commission can help make Vallejo an inclusive and welcoming place. The feedback will be summarized and shared with the Commission.
- c. The voting for Participatory Budgeting has concluded. The results have been announced. Staff is looking for feedback from members of the public regarding how to make PB process more inclusive.
- d. This meeting was scheduled for two presentations, one from the City Attorney's Office and the other from the Public Information Officer, Christina Lee. The PIO couldn't come for this meeting but is scheduled for January's meeting.
- e. Last night, the City Council voted to return to in-person meetings starting November 16th. This action also applies to meetings of legislative bodies which means that the next Commission meeting will be held in person.

B. Report from Council Liaison Brown to the Human Relations Commission –

Councilmember Brown reported that a DOJ hosting a collaborative reform community listening session November 1 at 5:00 p.m. as a continuation on their work on police reform, including what the City of Vallejo, Vallejo PD, and DOJ are doing.

C. Commissioner Reports – Commissioner Davis has updates concerning safety. Down in the waterfront, a young man pulled a knife on Davis and was hostile; community members were there to help her. Commissioner Davis also shared that they went to visit a tent city on Sacramento Street, gathered information on where these people came from, ethnicities, and why they were there. Some individuals stated that they were there because they wanted to be there.

Commissioner Stall-Nash stated she works with Vallejo Together and the homeless, they just passed out tents today. They have meetings Wednesdays and Thursdays to address homelessness. Stall-Nash started driving around Vallejo to find potholes, it

was an issue brought up during Waterfront Weekend. It was brought to her attention that pavers were bought for the City, but they aren't being used for years. Stall-Nash brought this attention to the Commissioners to see what they could do to help take action. She also attended the Collaborative Reform Community Listening Session, her group focus was the relationship between the police and community and tools that needed to be addressed in order to achieve this. Stall-Nash would also like to discuss about sending something out to the community about there being new Commissioners and for the community to reach out to them/give input.

Commissioner Cohen-Bowman asked if it were possible to get the Department Head for Maintenance, who handles the City's streets, about the process they use to fill up the holes. This will allow the Commissioners to know the process and share with other community members.

Commissioner Weeks-Morris has concern over how meetings are supposed to run and what roles Commissioners have. Secretary Escover stated that January's meeting, City Clerk will present and give training to the Commissioners.

5. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2021 special meeting.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Stall-Nash and seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously by Commissioners present to approve the Minutes.

7. PRESENTATION

A. City Attorney's Office - Katelyn Knight, Assistant City Attorney

Katelyn talked about the function of City Attorney's Office and their role with the HRC. They provide legal advice to City Council, City Boards and Commissions, and City Departments and Staff, review and prepare legal documents, represents and defends the City in certain negotiations and administrative proceedings, defends City in litigation in state and federal court, and prosecute criminal and civil cases. Katelyn is the Attorney assigned to the Human Relations Commission.

8. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**A. Discussion of Agenda Items for Future Meetings
January 2022**

- Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
- Communications/PIO Presentation
- Presentation of Community Survey Results
- Discussion Regarding Work Plan
- Commissioner Training

April 2022

- Presentation regarding resources for homeless individuals

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Commissioner Davis, CHAIRPERSON

Felicia Escover, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Feedback Collected from Vallejo Waterfront Weekend -

Prompt: How can the Human Relations Commission make the City of Vallejo a more inclusive place?

Eliminate Sideshows

Open facilities for those who are mentally ill and addicts

Less gun violence

Improve mental health system/train police on how to handle them

Find out those who don't go to council meetings want

Deal with homelessness/housing issues

Spend \$2.5 million to build out city fiber network

Equitable representation in city staff and elected officials

Open City Hall Now

Fill the potholes on Redwood Street, etc

Move homeless to one specific area

More police needed

Get more industrial usage on Mare Island

Emergency Disaster Plan for Citizens (where do they go if an Earthquake happens)

Garbage cleanup on freeway exits

Build up downtown with shops (ice cream shops, boutiques, lunch spots, etc)

More community/cultural events

More stop signs

Improve public restrooms

More trash cans throughout the city

Stop shootings

Catch drivers who do not follow stop signs and drive fast

Illegal dumping

Permanent Solution for homelessness

Playgrounds for athletic adventures

Downtown streets patrolling with police

Playgrounds for those with disabilities

Initiate community roundtable events with Mayor and City Council, where public input is encouraged, periodically

Makes businesses responsible for the cleaning of the parking lots and potholes on their streets

CITY OF VALLEJO

Human Relations Commission

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Per Vallejo Municipal Code Chapter 2.40

The primary purpose of Vallejo human relations commission is to promote the equal treatment of all individuals; to prohibit discrimination in the city of Vallejo based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, genetic information, marital status, sexual or gender orientation and identity, medical condition, political activities, military or veteran status, or status as a victim of domestic violence; to be a community educator, conciliator and mediator to create a climate favorable to good human relations among people in the community and to promote just and positive interactions between and among people and groups in the community.

DUTIES

Per Vallejo Municipal Code Chapter 2.40

- A. Lead the community in efforts to foster understanding and appreciation of and for the many ethnic, racial, religious, and nationality groups and traditions present in Vallejo. The commission will engage in education, in the planning of specific events, and in other appropriate means to accomplish this function of understanding, appreciation, and celebration;
- B. Inform and consult with the city council and initiate processes to alleviate tension and conflict. These processes can include working with the groups involved through conference, mediation, persuasion, conciliation, and community meetings and forums. If any commission community meetings are held which specifically pertain to any governmental agency, the commission shall communicate with the head of that agency. For the purpose of alleviating tension and conflict, the commission may use other city council-approved processes. The commission will attempt to resolve tensions and conflicts in a relaxed climate of mutual understanding and trust, where possible;
- C. Make recommendations as appropriate, educating and referring the public to appropriate agencies and services in instances of perceived discrimination based upon the categories set forth in Section 2.40.010 above; work with staff or agency representatives in determining whether patterns of concern are valid; and, if valid, the commission may use the processes of conference, mediation, persuasion, conciliation, and community meetings and forums to enhance good community relations. If there is no existing procedure to address a citizen's concern, the commission may decide to investigate and act on that concern, using the processes of conference, mediation, persuasion, conciliation, and community meetings;
- D. Review, evaluate and make recommendations to staff, labor groups, the civil service commission and city council, so as to promote equal employment opportunity within the city of Vallejo, and fair contracting practices on a continuing basis;
- E. Consider issues that involve the relationship between the police, justice system, and the community as it relates to more effective communications. Make recommendations to the city council on findings;
- F. Submit report as deemed necessary to the city council on the state of human relations in the Vallejo area, focusing on both achievements and tensions, conduct special studies, if necessary, and formulate recommendations to city council on issues related to human relations;
- G. Recommend to the city council any legislation which would improve human relations and civil rights in Vallejo;
- H. Recommend to the city council any legislation or policy changes which would further address or implement the goals as set forth in Section 2.40.010.

2020/2021 Goals

1. Outreach to the community and get specific feedback on what's happening in Vallejo and how the Commission can best serve the people
2. Participate, volunteer and engage at citywide events and meetings especially around issues regarding homelessness, education and police relations.
3. Participate, help to plan and table at Unity Day this year and have a continued presence each year moving forward.
4. Investigate, analyze and make recommendations to the City Council regarding workshops, trainings and tools to improve human relations amongst the Vallejo community.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

- SPECIAL MEETING - September 7, 2021 | TIME: 5:00 PM
- REGULAR MEETING - October 27, 2021 | TIME: 6:00 PM
- REGULAR MEETING - January 26, 2022 | TIME: 6:00 PM
- REGULAR MEETING - April 27, 2022 | TIME: 6:00 PM
- REGULAR MEETING - July 27, 2022 | TIME: 6:00 PM
- REGULAR MEETING - October 26, 2022 | TIME: 6:00 PM

PRESENTATIONS & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

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