



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Davis

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Davis, Commissioners Cohen-Bowman, Hannigan, Gaddies, and Stall-Nash

Absent: Commissioners Wilson, and Weeks-Morris

Staff Present: Secretary Lee, Chief Innovation Officer Ashraf, and City Attorney Knight

4. REPORTS

A. Report from Secretary to the Human Relations Commission

Goal setting for city council occurred on April 11, 2022

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

None

C. Commissioner Reports

Vice Chair Andra Davis gave a presentation/report on homeless statistics.

Commissioner Stalls-Nash announces Vallejo homeless roundtable every third Wednesday of the month. Also announced how many were served at the Vallejo Dignity Day.

5. COMMUNITY FORUM

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approval of the minutes from the January 26, 2022, meeting.

Action: Approved minutes unanimous by all commissioners present

7. PRESENTATION

A. Homelessness Resources Presentation by Natalie Peterson, Interim Assistant to The City Manager, City of Vallejo.

Commissioner Stalls-Nash questioned about what happened to the acquisition of land for a long-term shelter for our homeless population and mentioned her visit with Mayor McConnell to Camp Hope in Martinez. Commissioner Hannigan questions housing stock and why rooms or shelter were not in the list of resources for the homeless. Commissioner Hannigan also questions how many units will be in the Sacramento Street Project. Another Commissioner commented that it was 70-units.

Commissioner Stalls-Nash asks about what the Commission do to help obtain property for the homeless.

8. ACTION ITEM(S)

- A.** Review and discussion regarding current workplan
Recommendation: Agendize additions or changes to the workplan at the July 27 meeting
Action: Approved minutes unanimous by all commissioner present
Commissioner Hannigan Substitute motion to have staff to schedule a special meeting before the July 27 regular meeting. Unanimous by all commissioners present

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- B.** Discussion of Agenda Items for Future Meetings
Updates to the brochure

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Topic	Presenter	Intent	Tentative Meeting
☒ City Communications	Christina Lee	Explain Citywide communication initiatives	January 2022
☒ City Attorney's Office	Katelyn Knight	Discuss the function of the City Attorney's Office and the role it plays in Human Relations matters	October 2021
☒ Brown Act/Rosenburg's Rules of Order/Code of Conduct	City Attorney's Office	Provide Commissioners with mandatory training	January 2022
☐ Workplan	Commission	Review and revise Commission workplan	April 2022
☐ Homelessness	Natalie Peterson	Share information about homelessness service providers & resources	April 2022
☐ Homelessness	Solano County	Share information about dental health resources	April 2022
☐ Education regarding Homelessness	Commission	Discuss opportunities to educate the public about the state and nature of homelessness	April 2022
☐ Police/Community Relations	VPD	Hear from VPD regarding community relations efforts	July 2022

COMMISSION BROCHURE

HRC GOALS 2020-2021

Vallejo's Human Relations Commission (HRC) has two goals for 2020-2021:

- 1) Outreach to the community and get specific feedback on what's happening in Vallejo and how the HRC can best serve you;
- 2) Participate, volunteer and engage at citywide events and meetings especially around issues regarding homelessness, education and police relations.



What can the HRC do for me?

The Human Relations Commission will listen to the concerns of Vallejo residents and make recommendations (to the City of Vallejo and/or Vallejo City Council if necessary) to try and improve the situation or resolve conflicts within the city of Vallejo.

What are your concerns about the Vallejo Community?

We want to hear from you!
Let us know by contacting us at:

humanrelations.commission@cityofvallejo.net

or visit:
www.cityofvallejo.net/hrsignup

Community

Feedback

Unity

Trust

PURPOSE

According to Chapter 2.40 of the Vallejo Municipal Code, the primary purpose of the the **Vallejo Human Relations Commission** is to "...promote the equal treatment of all individuals, prohibit discrimination in the City of Vallejo and promote just and positive interactions between and among people and groups in the community. "

OUR DUTY TO THE COMMUNITY

The Commissioners all have a strong commitment to good human relations, fairness, and diversity 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.

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CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONERS

Any questions or concerns, email us at:

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City of Vallejo Human Relations Commission



Promoting just and positive interactions between and among people and groups in the Vallejo community