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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
September 27, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS
Demetra Stall-Nash, Chair
Dela Weeks-Morris, Vice Chair
Nona Cohen-Bowman
Morgan L. Hannigan
Melvin E. Jones
Courtney Davis
Marissa Serafino

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. REPORTS

a. **Report from the Secretary**
    i. **Update on request for presentation on homelessness**
b. **Report from Commission Council Member Liaison, Council Member Matulac**
c. **Commissioner reports**

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a. **Approval of Minutes**
Recommendation: Approval of the minutes from the April 26, 2023, regular meeting and the July 26, 2023, regular meeting.

7. ACTION ITEM(S)

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a. **Discussion regarding the frequency of Human Relations Commission meetings.**
b. **Discussion on appearing at Waterfront Weekend and other local events.**

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. ADJOURNMENT

I, Shawn Hadnot, 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 6:00 p.m., September 27, 2023.

Dated: 9/27/23

Shawn Hadnot, Secretary to the Human Relations Commission

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL PRESENT: Chair Stall-Nash, Vice Chair Weeks-Morris, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Hannigan, City Attorney Knight, Staff C. Lee and M. Angel
ABSENT: Commissioner Cohen-Bowen, Council member Matulac

4. REPORTS

a. **Report from the Secretary –** No report
b. **Report from Commission, Council Member Liaison Matulac –** Recording played from Council Member Matulac to the Commission
c. **Commissioner reports -** Chair Stall-Nash raised concerns about homeless citizens and discussed the City sponsored warming shelters

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a. **Approval of Minutes**
Recommendation: Approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2023, special meeting. APPROVED: Unanimous approval

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a. **Discussion on inclusive and accessible playgrounds/parks for people of all abilities in Vallejo with presentation by Greater Vallejo Recreation District General Manager, Gabe Lanusse –** GVRD General Manager Gabe Lanusse gave a presentation on a planned site for an all-ability inclusive park, but mentioned funding was not secured for the project. Chair Stall-Nash asked GM Lanusse could look into wheel swings in parks in all quadrants of Vallejo. Commission Cohen Bowman asked about the status of ADA compliance at GVRD Parks. Vice Chair Weeks-Morris suggested doing the all-abilities park plan in phases to help with cost.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Stall-Nash: concerned about dredging and would like to discuss dredging the local waterway further for recreational boaters. Commission voted unanimously to agendize.

Commission requested to agendize the topic of addressing City Council requesting to increase the frequency of the Human Relations Commission Meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

I, Christina L. Lee, 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, April 26, 2023.

Dated: April 21, 2023

Christina L. Lee, Communications and Public Information Officer

HRC meeting notes

July 26th

HRC chair shared that the waterways organization will meet with the City Manager regarding 7A

Discussion on complaints and challenges expressed by individuals in connection with waterway dredging and means of improving communication between those individuals and the City.

City safety is important to the commission.

Security company providing safety for the COV waterfront is 11 million. The Commission feels more presence should be noticeable for that cost.

Cohen- Bowman wants to know the steps necessary to change the ordinance. Commission feel meeting every 4 months prevents the commission from doing work of the commission.

- What can the commission do to change the ordinance?
- Ordinance is on the HRC webpage
- Cohen-Bowman will research the historical language of the ordinance.
- The ability to have a special meeting was discussed.
- 24 hours' notice for a special meeting; 72 hours for a regular meeting
- The Commission wants to meet in September. (Special mtg)
    - A special meeting is the best way to meet more often without changing the ordinance.
    - Date/location and attendance of Commissioner must be confirmed before the Commission secretary can confirm a special meeting.
- The Commission Chair wants to update the HRC brochure. The Commission is now fully staffed
- The Commission Chair also wants to know about the inquiry card that Ms. Lee previously created.
- The Commission wants to become more visible at Vallejo community events.
- The Commission voted and so moved on the following:
    - Discussion of increasing the frequency of Human Relations Commission meetings and other strategies for moving action items forward
        - A special meeting will be held in September and the HRC wants more visibility at City events.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The Commission wants a presentation at the next meeting on Homelessness.
    - Natalie Peterson from the CMO will be contacted to provide the presentation.
        - Presentation should cover:
            - The IHeart program
                - Point of contact for the program; what can or can not they do.

- Information about the Nav. Center
- What's the COV plan for the homeless community in the City
- City plan regarding cleaning up of the Homelessness camps