



**CITY OF REDLANDS
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting
May 10, 2021 6:30 pm**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Stephanie Miranda, Chairperson
DC Lozano, Vice Chairperson
Ken Ford, Treasurer
Janelle Guerrero, Secretary
Gretchen Andrews, Commissioner
Isabella Martinez-Spencer, Student Commissioner

ABSENT:

Shaheen Zakaria, Commissioner
Jay Patel, Commissioner
Councilmember Jenna Guzman-Lowery

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

A Quorum was established. The meeting opened at 6:32.

II. Approval of Minutes of Month meeting

On motion of Commissioner Ken Ford, the Human Relations Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting from March 08, 2021. The minutes will be made available online.

Votes: 6-0 Approved

Absention: 2

III. Chairperson Report - Stephanie Mirands

- A. Commissioner Ana McNaughton has resigned.
- B. Jenna Guzman-Lowrey is our City Council liaison. She will be at the July meeting.



IV. Status Reports From Subcommittees including:

A. Hate Crime Subcommittee - Discuss Coronavirus anti-AAPI racism incident reporting tool *Stop AAPI Hate* and how to make it accessible to residents: (<https://stopaapihate.org/>) (*subcommittee members: DC, Shaheen, Janelle, Stephanie with guest speaker Priya Vedula*).

1. *Discussion*

- a) Reporting tool allows community members to report incidents of hate. Ms. Vedula emphasised that this data collection is imperative in our understanding of how local AAPI people and businesses are being affected by racism, discrimination and hate crimes. While the tool does not replace the role of police in responding to hate crimes, it does provide a platform for members of the AAPI community to share their story. The City of Palm Springs has taken the lead in including this on their city website. Including this link of the City of Redlands Covid-19 response page would be beneficial in building awareness and access to the resource.
- b) Commission's question about bystander training in Redlands - not sure of local training, but there are resources within our county for virtual training.
- c) Question as to how to help fund toward these efforts. The reporting also offers opportunities for funding.
- d) Question as to social media presence. Using #stopasainhate

2. Motion made by Commissioner Ford and seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to present the coronavirus anti-AAPI racism incident reporting tool to City Council and recommend the resource be added to the City of Redlands Coronavirus webpage and Human Relations Commission webpage. Votes in Favor - 6 Against - 0 Absent 2

B. HRC mission, vision and values - Provided update on defining the role of HRC in the community (*subcommittee members: DC, Shaheen, Janelle, Stephanie*)

1. Revisions for mission, vision and values will be brought to the July meeting for vote.

C. Housing and Development - discuss research into inclusionary housing policy (*subcommittee members: Stephanie and Janelle*).

1. Subcommittee to continue investigating affordable housing needs and solutions for our community, particularly inclusionary housing policies.



2. The Commission discussed the possibility of hosting an information forum to address affordable housing options for Redlands. HRC will make a motion after the subcommittee meets to discuss a plan of action.
- D. Education (*subcommittee members: Isabella, Shaheen*)
1. Student Commissioner Martinez-Spencer shared efforts to finish gender neutral bathrooms at High School and expand current reading curriculum to include diverse titles.
- E. Community Events/Outreach - Commissioners share outreach efforts since March meeting
1. Commissioner Andrews asked about the 4th of July event. Fireworks to be done differently and will be done at Moore Middle School.
 2. Commissioner Guerrero provided an overview of the Women's Celebration event, Spread Paint Not Hate project with community involvement of painting Texonia courts May 24-28th, and Kids Sports Bubble with weekly Covid tests which meet every Saturday.
 3. Commissioner Ford to do a video with St. Bernardines regarding his weight loss journey.

V. Old Business

- A. none

VI. New Business

- A. Health Equity Subcommittee - Discuss and take possible action on creating a new subcommittee with commissioners and members from Healthy Redlands.
1. Group of experts from Healthy Redlands into subcommittee with HRC; mapping health inequities and underserved areas known to have higher risks. Bring resolution into action with accountability. Vote on creating a special subcommittee with 2-4 commissioners to work alongside Healthy Redlands with the goal to implement initiative. Commissioner Ken seconds motion. Votes in Favor - 6 Against - 0 Absent 2
 2. Commissioners Ford & Andrews volunteered to be on the special subcommittee.
- B. Discuss and take possible action to sponsor and participate in the University of Redlands virtual Juneteenth celebration, specifically in the workshop “Untold Stories of Black History in Redlands” <https://www.redlands.edu/juneteenth/>



1. Sharing stories of black history in Redlands and requesting pictures of past events, dedication of Israel Beal park.
2. Commissioner Ford motioned to sponsor the University of Redlands Juneteenth event. Commissioner Andrews second. Votes in Favor - 6 Against - 0 Absent 2

VII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A. Updates from subcommittees with recommendations and/or proposed initiatives for 2021.

VIII. Council Liaison Report

IX. Staff Report

- A. Application for new commissioner is closed and expected to be appointed before the next regular meeting.

X. Adjournment at 7:32pm

The next regular meeting will be held July 12, 2021 at 6:30pm