



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

5:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Causey, Eberle, Hsieh, Kraus, Savage, Smith

Staff: Minka Van Der Zwaag, Alayna Cruz

I. ROLL CALL

II. BUSINESS

1. Welcome new commission members Katie Causey, Amy Hsieh, and Mary Kate Stimmler

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. April 27, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Savage moved, seconded by Commissioner Kraus, to approve the minutes of April 27, 2023.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

VI. BUSINESS

3. PUBLIC HEARING: Presentation of the Recommendation of the Adoption of a Draft Ordinance Amending Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) to Add Rental Registry Program (RRP) Ordinance. - *Action - City Staff*

MOTION: Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Kraus, to accept the basic framework of the RRP as presented by staff with the following outstanding issues needing to be addressed:

1. Fees and cost to property owners
2. Penalty structure and costs to property owners
3. Possible exemptions of fees for duplexes where one unit is owner occupied and ADU's
4. Outlining of privacy mandates and how they will be facilitated
5. Description of tenant privacy
6. Exemption of ADU's from the RRP

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

4. Review of Past Year – *Discussion* - Smith

NO ACTION TAKEN

5. Overview of Core Responsibilities, Liaisons & Buddies – *Discussion* - Eberle

NO ACTION TAKEN

6. Public Comment for Agenda Item Number 7

7. Development of Workplan and Divvying up of Liaison & Buddy responsibilities for the Year - *Action* – Smith & Eberle

MOTION: Commissioner Causey moved, seconded by Commissioner Savage, to approve the workplan:

Core responsibilities:

- CDBG follow-up
- HSRAP site visits in Spring 2024
- A professional Human Service Needs Assessment by a consultant in anticipation of the 2026-2027 HSRAP funding cycle.
 - Assess the role of HSRAP, the goals of the grant program how impact is measured.
- Emerging Needs Grants

Continuation of Work

- Inclusion and Belonging
 - AANHPI lived experience - community outreach, community interviews, listening sessions.
 - Equity work and partnering with the City on bias training for commissions and policy language.
- FBI community education on hate crimes
 - Human trafficking
 - Online targeting of youth
 - Community conversations
 - Local businesses and hotels trained on how to intervene/de-escalate hate crimes/incidents that are in progress.
- Climate Change
 - Partnership with PAUSD student group
 - What we can do to protect residents, particularly the most vulnerable, when there is flooding, heatwaves, power-outages (more stress on the power grid, cost of transferring to electric). Possibility of city funds to help low-income/vulnerable populations transfer to electric and the smart meters.
- Renter protections recommendation memo to Council (by end of June)
- Holiday framework recommendation memo to Council (by end of June)

New Work

- Reinstatement learning sessions
 - Public Health - post-pandemic wellbeing (work, personal loss, mental health, physical health, job loss) of residents. Day of remembrance for COVID-19.
 - Lack of community and walkability in South Palo Alto and other under-resourced communities.
 - Zoning
 - Timeline for rebuilding the Bill's Cafe complex of businesses
 - New housing elements
 - Seniors
 - Affordable housing
 - Elder abuse
 - Food security (access)
 - Digital divide
 - Affordable and reliable transportation

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.