



CITY OF
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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ACTION MINUTES

Friday, February 5, 2021

9:00 AM

SPECIAL MEETING

*****BY VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE ONLY*****

Commissioners Present: de Turreil, Regehr, Savage, Smith, Stinger

Staff: Minka van der Zwaag, Mary Constantino

I. ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS - None

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

IV. BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Review of Past Year

The Chair welcomed the Commissioners and discussed the many accomplishments the Commission had made during the past year.

No Action Taken

2. Discussion of Core Responsibilities

The Commission discussed the core responsibilities of the Commission which includes the following: The Human Services Resource Allocation Process (HSRAP) two-year funding through a RFP process; Emerging Needs Fund (quarterly) review which assists nonprofits serving Palo Alto residents; Federal HUD funding for the Community Development Grant Block (CDBG) to help serve Palo Alto residents; and approve the new mediators for the Palo Alto Mediation Program.

No Action Taken

3. Public Comment for Agenda Item Number 4

No Action Taken

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4. Development of Workplan for the Year

The HRC discussed various options for consideration of inclusion for their workplan for the coming year and any other Commission related operational issues for the coming year.

MOTION: Chair Smith moved, Seconded by Vice Chair Stinger

That the HRC will have the following focus areas in their workplan for the following year.

1. Core responsibilities, - including CDBG, HSRAP, and the Emerging needs Fund.
2. Continued work on inclusion and belonging focusing on repair and healing:
 - community conversations on race as referred by city council
 - hate crime policies
3. Housing – Which will be referred to an ad hoc sub-committee of the HRC for future focus
4. Public Health - Which we be referred to an ad hoc sub-committee for future focus

MOTION PASSED: 4-1 Regehr Abstain

- E. Commissioner Savage asked if the Commission would discuss moving the HRC meetings to 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm for these reasons: With an earlier time, the meetings will end sooner, now that people are working from home initially the time was given because people needed to get home and have dinner and since that has been removed, they can think of a 6:00pm start time until they again meet in person.

MOTION: Commission Savage moved; Chair Smith seconded to move the HRC meetings to 6:00pm until the meetings begin again in person and then reassess.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:29am