



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
825 Fifth Street, Room 1A Eureka, California 95501

***Regular Meeting Agenda***

March 2, 2017 5:00 pm-7:15 pm

**I. Call to order:**

**II. Roll call:** DuBois, Glover, Heise, Larsen, Leamon, Lochtie, Miller, Morton, Munsee, Rush, Smith, Weston  
(1 min)

**III. Approval of minutes from regular meeting:** February 2, 2017 (3 min)

**IV. Agenda Review/Considerations** (1 min)

**V. Public Comment:**

Recognition and introduction of guests and visitors (9 minutes). Public is invited to speak regarding matters not on the agenda. Comments will be limited to **three minutes** (Chair may extend time). Pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act, Commission may not act on an item not appearing on the agenda. If a member of the public speaks and requests assistance on a non-agenda subject, the Commission may not take any action or propose any solutions, but the citizen(s) may be given a resource card for contact information relevant to their issue, the citizen(s) may be given a complaint intake form for purposes of adding to a future agenda of the next regular HRC meeting, and finally an individual commissioner may speak to the citizen(s) apart from the meeting and recommend steps they might take. Public will be allowed to speak on agenda items only at the conclusion of general commission discussion, prior to any action or vote by the commission. (2 minutes per person)

**VI. Commission Communications:** (18 minutes)

a) **Emails:** (2 min)

b) **Regular Mail:** (1 min)

- c) **Phone Calls** (other than Message Line): (1 min)
  - d) **All other announcements and communications:** Items should be brief and/or submitted to Secretary for inclusion in agenda. (10 min)  
 Reminder on communicating with YOUR supervisor  
 Proposal to BOS for recruitment and appointment process to be drafted by April.  
 (Glover-2minutes)
  - e) **Message Line Monitoring Report and Scheduling:** (4 min)  
 Mar 1-15\_\_\_\_Jim Glover\_\_\_\_Mar 16-31\_\_\_\_Lelehnia DuBois\_\_\_\_  
 April 1-15\_\_\_\_\_April 16-30\_\_\_\_\_
- Changes to recorded message have been made.

**VII. Treasurer's Report:** (Lochtie - 1 min)

**VIII. Special Guest, Renee Saucedo with follow-up discussion on immigration rights.**  
 (20 min)

**IX. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:** (25 minutes)

- a) **Discussion Item:**  
 Report on Southern Humboldt Special Meeting on Sunday, February 5.  
 (Lochtie, Glover, Miller-10 min)  
 This concludes this committee's work unless extended.
- b) **Discussion Item,**  
 Committee report on next Forum (Conversation) in Eastern Humboldt.  
 Location secured, helpful contacts to pursue (Larsen)  
 (Glover-3 min)
- c) **Discussion Item:**  
 Committee to table at LWV Community Participation Fair, Thursday March 16, 2017.  
 Three volunteers needed to table and interact with public from 5:30-7pm at Arcata  
 Community Center.  
 (Commission-3 min)
- d) **Discussion Item:**  
 Committee to review resource cards for accuracy and prepare for new printing.  
 Goal is to be printing by late May or early June, 2017  
 (Glover-5min)
- e) **Discussion Item:**  
 Draft recommendations on creation of Facebook / Social Media policy.  
 (Dubois-5 min)

f) **Discussion Item:**

Appoint 3 commissioners to a Committee on Human Trafficking and statement to BOS.

(Glover-3min)

**X. Unfinished Business:** (15 minutes)

a) **Discussion Item:**

Results of BOS action in consideration of changes to make-up of HRC. Appointment of three commissioners to meet and offer plans to the BOS regarding appointments, etc. which would be due by June. In the meantime, we must focus on succession planning. If you have a term expiration approaching, consider remaining or encouraging a replacement.

(Glover-5 min)

b) **Discussion Item, Possible Action Item:**

Follow-up to previous Human Trafficking presentation with focus on what steps, if any, the Commission could take in advancing public policy or awareness of this issue. Would a PSA endorsing training be in order?

(Open-10 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote.*

**XI. New Business:** (25 minutes)

a) **Discussion Item, Possible Action Item:**

Consideration of drafting a Sanctuary proclamation

(Commission-10 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote*

b) **Discussion Item,**

Committee report on next Forum (Conversation) in Eastern or Northern Humboldt.

(Glover-5 min)

c) **Discussion Item, Possible Action Item:**

Should the HRC create and maintain a Facebook page or similar activity to broaden our outreach efforts? Establish committee to report back with suggestions.

(Glover-5 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote*

d) **Discussion Item, Possible Action Item:**

Consideration of re-establishing a Speaker's Bureau

(Lochtie-5 minutes)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote*

**XII. Agenda Suggestions for April 6, 2017 regular meeting or future agenda:**

## Recruitment of Commissioners

### **XIII. Adjournment.**

*Meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available in the lot at 5th & K Streets directly below the access ramp of the Courthouse. If you are a person with a disability and need disability-related modifications or accommodation to participate in a meeting, please contact the HRC at 707-268-2548. Requests for such modification or accommodation must be made at least two full business days before start of the meeting.*

*As officials appointed by a legislative body (Humboldt County Board of Supervisors), members of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HCHRC) have an obligation to understand, follow and abide by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) and to ensure that everything the HCHRC does is open and available to the public for review. It is important for the HCHRC and all commissioners to follow the intent of the law as well as any legal rulings. To that end, the HCHRC has adopted guidelines for the use of any technology, especially email. The entire email policy is available on our website. 124/135*

### **Proposal:**

Want to propose we recommend BoS proclamation of Humboldt as Safe Haven or Sanctuary for non-violent undocumented aliens.

1. Applaud Trump Admin for its quick action to identify, detain and deport any undocumented aliens convicted of violent crimes.
2. Instruct all County agencies and employees to refuse to cooperate directly or indirectly with federal immigration authorities to identify, detain and deport non-violent undocumented aliens. In particular, nonviolent undocumented parents of children here, regardless of immigration status or nationality, must be left in peace, due to clear deleterious impacts on those families in our communities.

FYI. Humboldt Dept of Ed informs only SoHum and Northern Humboldt school districts of the 33 total are known to have adopted official Safe Haven status.

Regards, Chris Weston

## ***Draft Minutes*** **February 2, 2017**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Glover called the regular meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present were Dubois, Glover, Larsen, Leamon, Lochtie, Miller, Munsee, and Weston. Not present were Heise and Smith.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of January 5, 2017 were reviewed. Chair Glover called for a motion.

### **MOTION 1**

**M/Munsee, S/Leamon moved to approve the amended Minutes.  
Approved Y-6, N-0, A-1**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public: four community citizens were present.

Special Guest: Elle Snow

### **AGENDA REVIEW / CONSIDERATIONS**

The Agenda for February 2, 2017 was reviewed then accepted by consensus.

### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **a) Emails**

Chair Glover reported receiving multiple news flashes.

#### **b) Regular Mail**

We received the bank statement.

#### **c) Phone Calls (other than Message Line)**

There was a call from KMUD and two from Mr. Weston.

#### **d) All other announcements and communications: None**

Chair Glover read the Carter article dated December 2016. Many comments were expressed by Commissioner as it relates to human rights regarding the President's Immigration Executive Order.

### **MESSAGE LINE MONITORING REPORTING**

Mr. Miller received two calls; Ms. Lochtie received one call. Two of the calls requested HRC resource cards. Humboldt State University and Homeless Council would like more resource cards to handout. The two new Commissioners inquired about the process for responding to calls and requested tutoring. Chair Glover directed them to their commission binders and several of the other Commissioners offered their assistance as needed. The Patients' Rights phone number, (916) 504-5810, was provided in case a Commissioner needed to share the number with a specific caller.

Volunteers for upcoming phone monitoring are as follows:

February 1-15 ~ Munsee

February 16-28 ~ Miller

March 1-15 ~ Glover

March 16-31 ~ Dubois

## **AMEND AGENDA**

### **X UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- c) Follow-up to previous Human Trafficking presentation with focus on what steps, if any, the Commission could take in advancing public awareness of this issue. Guest, Elle Snow.**

Ms. Snow presented on the topic of Human Trafficking in our local area. She shared a brief story of her situation and being a survivor. Ms. Snow has established a non-profit organization to educate and train individuals about human trafficking, to provide support for victims, and prevention awareness. This serious situation exists in Humboldt County. Mr. Weston requested to place the topic of creating a statement about human trafficking on next month's agenda.

## **CONSENSUS 1**

The Human Rights Commission agreed to place on March's agenda the subject of public statement about human trafficking.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Lochtie reported a checking balance of \$284.37 minus \$25.23 for printing of posters; leaving a balance of \$259.14. There will be additional expenditures for the Southern Humboldt open forum refreshments.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following are Discussion Items:

**a) Report on plans for Southern Humboldt Special Meeting on Sunday, February 5.**

Chair Glover announced the meeting is from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at 786 Sprowel Creek Road in Garberville. Commissioners should arrive at 12:30 PM, and it is open to the public. It was brought to HRC attention that the posters do not indicate the time.

**b) Report on possible Women's Month activity for March. AAUW activity.**

It was reported there are several events locally that honor Women. They are:

- League of Women Voters – participation in a fair on March 16
- Girls Scout – sometime in March

Mr. Weston suggested that all Commissioners, if possible, participate in support of these events.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following are Discussion Items, Possible Action Items:

**a) Consideration of policy statement regarding public endorsement or support of individuals or ballot issues.**

Chair Glover read the proposed statement of endorsement of individuals and measures then asked for input. The HRC decided to add the following language to the statement:

*“The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission reserves the right to recommend to the Board of Supervisors supporting or opposition to a peculiar ballot measure if one should directly affect an area mentioned in the purpose of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission.”*

**MOTION 2**

**M/Dubois, S/Weston moved to report to the Board of Supervisors the Statement of Endorsement of Individuals and Measures including the amended language.**

**Approved Y-7, N-0, A-0**

**ACTION 1**

*Chair Glover to add to the March agenda the topic of how to communicate with the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.*

**b) HRC actions regarding pending Board of Supervisors changes to make-up of the Commission.**

Chair Glover reported several of the Commissioner's spoke with their respective Supervisor as requested. After a brief discussion, the HRC made the following motion.

**MOTION 3**

**M/Weston, S/Dubois moved that the Human Rights Commission recommend to hold in abeyance and to wait six (6) months to reduce**

**the size and to work toward communicating with regular reports to the Board of Supervisors.  
Approved Y-7, N-0, A-0**

The Commissioners suggested the Mr. Lochtie speak first at the Board of Supervisors meeting then Chair Glover present the recommendation.

- c) Follow-up to previous Human Trafficking presentation with focus on what steps, if any, the Commission could take in advancing public awareness of this issue. Guest, Elle Snow.**

This agenda item was previously addressed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The following are Discussion Items, Possible Action Items:

- a) Form committee to organize an April Forum (conversation) in Eastern Humboldt.**

It was suggested to use the same forum used for Southern Humboldt. Chair Glover asked volunteers to participate on the committee. The following volunteered: Weston, Glover, Dubois, and Larsen to assist with contacts.

- b) Should the HRC create and maintain a Facebook page or similar activity to broaden our outreach efforts?**

Chair Glover asked for input on creating a Facebook page.

## **ACTION 2**

*Ms. Dubois volunteered to develop a draft Facebook policy.*

## **MOTION 4**

**M/Lochtie, S/Weston moved to set up an Ad-hoc Committee to explore and investigate setting up a Facebook page. Volunteers are Weston, Dubois, and Glover.**

**Approved Y-7, N-0, A-0**

- c) Consideration of policy for long-term storage of HRC records**

This agenda items was not addressed at this time.

- d) Consideration of re-establishing a Speaker's Bureau**

Vic Chair Lochtie will speak with English Express to inform them of what HRC does.

## **AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR March 2, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OR FUTURE AGENDAS:**



Chair Glover informed HRC that he asked Mr. Heise to invite a guest to present on transgender issues.

**Adjournment**

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 7:08 PM.

**MOTION 5**

**M/Lochtie, S/Leamon moved to adjourn.**

**Approved Y-7, N-0, A-0**