



## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

825 Fifth Street, Room 1A Eureka, California 95501

### ***Regular Meeting Agenda***

April 6, 2017 5:00 pm-7:15 pm

#### **I. Call to order:**

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

**III. Approval of minutes from regular meeting:** March 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--Jonnie Rush                    April 16-30---Byrd Lochtie  
 Changes to recorded message have been made.

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

**VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:** (30 minutes)

- a) **Discussion Item:**  
**SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT MEETING** Committee Report (Glover, Lochtie, Miller)  
 (10 min)  
 This concludes this committee's work unless extended.
- b) **Discussion Item,**  
**EASTERN HUMBOLDT MEETING:** Committee report (Glover, Dubois, Weston)  
 (2 min)
- c) **Discussion Item:**  
**PARTICIPATION FAIR:** Committee report (Dubois, Rush, Glover)  
 (Glover- 2 min)
- d) **Discussion Item:**  
**RESOURCE CARDS:** Committee to review resource cards for accuracy and changes, prepare for new printing. Review to be complete by June15.  
 (Glover- 2 min)
- e) **Discussion Item:**  
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** Committee report (Morton, Weston, Miller)  
 (5 min)
- g) **Discussion Item:**  
**IMMIGRATION / CIVIL RIGHTS:** Committee report (Morton, Lochtie, Miller)  
 (5 min)

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

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

**SHARPS / NEEDLES CONTAINERS:** Consider recommending to BOS to immediately authorize measure z funds to installing such containers in the Garberville-Redway area.

(Open-5 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote.*

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

**FACEBOOK:** Should the HRC create and maintain a Facebook page or similar activity to broaden our outreach efforts. (demonstration)

(Open—10 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote*

**X. New Business:** (30 minutes)

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

**IMMIGRATION STATEMENT:** Consideration of drafting a “Sanctuary” recommendation or proclamation.

(Commission-15 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote*

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

**INTERNSHIP INTEREST:**

(Open-5 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote*

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

**SPEAKER’S BUREAU:** Consideration of re-establishing a Speaker’s Bureau (Lochtie-5 minutes)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote*

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

**LECA LIAISONS:** Consideration of re-establishing a liaison ad hoc committee with the Law Enforcement Chiefs Association. Initially to function for three months, ending June 30, 2017

(Commission-5 min)

*Time for public comment immediately before any vote.*

**X. Agenda Suggestions for May 4, 2017 regular meeting or future agenda:**

Recruitment of Commissioners

BOS/HRC Appointments

Human Trafficking

## **XII. 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.118/120*

***Draft Minutes***  
***SPECIAL MEETING***  
***Garberville, CA***  
**February 5, 2017**  
**1:30-3:30pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Glover called the special meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**SPECIAL PROGRAM**

There was no pre-determined agenda except for presentations by Glover, Lochtie, and Miller of HRC history, functions, goals, and limitations.

After the initial presentations were completed the conversation was turned over to the audience of approximately 30 people. The event was broadcast live on KMUD radio until 3pm. A listing of most subjects raised by the audience was maintained by Lochtie (a version of that was to be made available to the full commission at the next regular meeting).

Although a couple of attempts were made to broaden the subject matter, it was clear that the primary issues on the minds of the audience were lawlessness, property and homeless rights, drug use, and lack of services.

**Adjournment**

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.

***Draft Minutes***  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 2, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Glover called the special meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

A quorum was present.

Glover shared that Jean Munsee has had to step down due to family circumstances. Lochtie suggested the Chair write a letter of appreciation from the commission for her years of service. The chair agreed to do so.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of February 2, 2017 were approved as amended.

*M/Lochtie, S/Dubois*

*Approved 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain*

**AGENDAN REVIEW / CONSIDERATIONS**

*Consolidation of two items was agreed to by consensus*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Five guests were present, with two speaking. Brandie Wilson speaking on behalf of HACHR with emphasis on drug paraphernalia protections including needle boxes for public disposal of used syringes, etc. and Samantha Bredeson on behalf of Faith Center's public awareness efforts about human trafficking. Wilson was asked if she could return at a future date as her topic was not on the agenda and more time was required to fully discuss it. Bredeson was asked to collaborate with the commission in future PSA outreach efforts with the commission.

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

Renee Saucedo, accompanied by her husband and mother, made a presentation on immigration issues on a local, state, and national level. She provided examples of abuse, concern, and worry among the Latino community in our area. She also shared thoughts on what three areas the commission could advance protections for this community. Those areas include, but are not limited to, Sanctuary or Safe Haven proposals to governmental entities (she emphasized we can choose other

wording for better acceptance), statements of public support (PSAs), taking public positions on advocacy, including SB54 and other measures.

Due to time constraints, we requested that Ms. Saucedo to return at a later date to work further with the commission. She was agreeable to that idea.

#### **Commission Communications:**

A review of emails, regular mail and phone calls (other than the message-line) was reported by Glover. Although received message-line calls were not reported on due to time constraints (they will be at the next regular meeting), volunteers for April are Rush and Lochtie. Glover announced there would be phone training for the message-line at 9 am, March 9 in the grand jury office for anyone that would benefit from it.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Lochtie reported on our bank balance and of the need to reimburse commissioners who advanced funds for costs associated with the Garberville Community Conversation. She also noted she would be contacting the McLean Foundation to advance additional funds previously granted for public outreach. This will help finance any costs involved in the April, Eastern Humboldt event.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Several reports were deferred to the next regular meeting due to time constraints

The chair announced a location for the Eastern Humboldt Community Conversation has been secured. The Special Meeting will be held at the Open-Door Clinic Resource Center in Willow Creek from 5:30-7pm on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

The chair reminded the commission of the LWV Community Participation Fair being held Thursday, March 16 from 5:30-7pm at the Arcata Community Center. Commissioners Dubois and Rush volunteered to represent the HRC along with the chair.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A discussion of Human Trafficking was held, with a presentation by commissioner Weston and an impromptu discussion by visitor Bredeson as previously noted earlier. With suggested changes to the Weston language, a committee of he, Morton, and Miller was formed to report back with a recommendation suitable to forward to the BOS.

With a variety of “sanctuary” or “safe-haven” proposals on the table, including a modified version of the San Francisco Sanctuary City ordinance, an ad hoc committee, composed of Morton, Miller, and Lochtie was formed to come up with a civil liberties / diversity proposal suitable to forward to the BOS or publicly endorse.

Commissioner Dubois made a power-point presentation to the commission on the options available in developing a Facebook presence for the HRC. An ad hoc committee composed of Dubois, Rush, and Glover will meet to consider a plan to propose to the commission.

Due to time constraints, some information was distributed, including an annual “700 “Conflict of Interest form that is due by the April 6 meeting. Also distributed were sheets showing subjects highlighted at the Garberville Special Meeting, updated rosters for commissioner communications, and a page for insertion in each members’ Procedures Handbook.

### **Adjournment**

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at approximately 7:20 PM.



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Humboldt County  
State of California  
Civil Rights and Diversity Resolution  
Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Whereas the County of Humboldt is home to persons of diverse racial, ethnic and national backgrounds, including a large immigrant population, with varied cultures, religions, orientations, abilities and viewpoints; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County believes that diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of the American people makes our nation, our communities, and our economy richer and stronger; and

Whereas, recent events have spurred a sense of uncertainty and fear among many communities in Humboldt County, throughout our State and across the Nation; and

Whereas, the County respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all of our residents; and

Whereas, the County assures its many diverse communities, including the most vulnerable, that the County supports them, will strive to maintain and improve their quality of life, and will not tolerate acts of hate discrimination, bullying, or harassment; and

Whereas the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors directed the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission to prepare a draft resolution in light of the above noted expressed concerns from the general public and in concert with the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Resolution n. 04-70 (2004, amended, 2007);

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors shall:

1. Provide essential and necessary services to all County residents regardless of immigration status in compliance with all state and federal laws; and
2. Develop solutions to ensure respect for the rights of all residents; and
3. Take actions to ensure the family unity, community security, dignity and due process for all residents of Humboldt County; and
4. Encourage and support local law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff's office, to not use staff resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes, except as directed by State and Federal laws, and as stated in the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office declaration of March 14, 2017: "Enforcement of immigration laws is not the job of the Sheriff and my office does not and will not conduct or practice any creative immigration enforcement duties in this community"; and
5. Encourage and support the Sheriff's office in accomplishing its mission which states, "We, the members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's office, are committed to providing competent, effective and responsive public safety services to the citizens of Humboldt County and visitors to our community, recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to all persons and holding ourselves to the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct."; and
6. The Board of Supervisors acknowledges and appreciates the input of various community groups and individuals, including the work of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, in developing this resolution.