

Regular Meeting 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 Commissioners 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 Commissioners 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 Rush, 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