



HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Glover called the 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

AGENDA 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.

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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.

74 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

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

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

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91 Due to time constraints, some information was distributed, including an annual
92 “700 “Conflict of Interest form that is due by the April 6 meeting. Also distributed
93 were sheets showing subjects highlighted at the Garberville Special Meeting,
94 updated rosters for commissioner communications, and a page for insertion in
95 each members’ Procedures Handbook.

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98 **Adjournment**

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

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