



## HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

### *Regular Meeting Minutes*

January 13, 2022, 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

#### **I. Call to Order: 5:04pm**

A reading of the Wiyot land acknowledgement was read followed by one minute of silence.

#### **II. Roll Call:**

Present: Lyons, Glover, Miller, Aronoff, Lochtie, Haynie, Perkins (delayed),

Larsen, Sundberg (delayed)

Excused Absence: David Haynie

Unexcused Absence: Desir-Harper, Morgan

It was brought to the attention of the Commission that Commissioner, Erin Row had passed away. There was a moment of silence. Notice of her passing will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

#### **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

December 2, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES approved

#### **IV. Agenda Adjustments:**

Moved Logo Committee report to last report of the evening due to late expected arrival of Perkins.

#### **V. Guest Speaker:**

Captain Brian Stephens of the Eureka Police Department gave a brief update regarding the Texting issue and subsequent actions. He could not provide much detail, but assured the Commission the Interim Police Chief, Todd Jarvis could be available to report at our February meeting with the likely outcome of disciplinary actions likely to be taken against the officers. The process has a little further to go before that happens.

## **VI. Public Comment:**

Janelle Egger questioned if there would be a Homelessness Committee report. She wanted to know if her letter to the Commission had been considered. She was assured Aronoff would be in touch with her to allow for her participation.

## **VI. Commission Communications:**

### **a) Emails, Regular Mail:**

Glover noted an accumulation of postal letters in his possession, including a survey returned by a resident.

### **b) All other announcements and communications:**

Lochtie reported on participation in a Soroptomist Club zoom event where various stakeholders, including the HRC presented their views and contributions to the Human Trafficking issue in Humboldt County. Glover was also present.

### **c) Message Line Report:**

Due to Haynie's absence there was no report for the first part of December. Miller reported on the last half of the month, noting primarily Correctional Facility matters with which we were unable to assist. In lieu of Morgan's report for the first part of January, Miller reported on four calls thus far through January 15.

### **Future Scheduling of Message Line**

Jan 1-15----Morgan

Jan 16-31---Lyons

Feb 1-15---\_Lochtie

Feb 16-30---Aronoff

Mar 1-15---Larsen

Mar 16-30---Sundberg

**VII. Treasurer's Report:** Aronoff -Reported a balance in our account OF \$1197.94.

## **VIII. Correctional Facilities Liaison Report:**

Miller reported on the difficulty of the Covid situation within the Correctional Facility. He also noted the medical protocols response from Sara Flores, the liaison with the HRC. Larsen then inquired if we had a representative to deal with female inmates. Lyons is serving in that capacity and now Larsen will be given an application so she may also represent females that contact the Commission.

## **IX. Standing Committee Reports:**

### **SANCTUARY ORDINANCE**

[Haynie, Aronoff, Morgan]

Although chair Haynie was unable to report, Aronoff reported recent contact with EPD Captain Stephens, APD Chief Ahearn, and Sheriff Honsal to discuss the status of The Sanctuary Ordinance within the county.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND**

(Morgan, Lochtie, Glover, Sundberg)

Lochtie again mentioned the Soroptomist event and the need for the Commission to decide if it will ask for renewed funding from the Board of Supervisors. She also noted the Catholic Charities participation in the issue.

## **X. Ad hoc Committee Reports:**

### **RACISM / CULTURAL AWARENESS- End date: 12-31-2021**

[Larsen, Desir, Sundberg, Haynie]

No report. It was agreed to let this committee expire, but to revisit the issue in February when all HRC members have been encouraged to suggest a short, but clear statement for any reconstituted committee.

### **HOMELESSNESS-Committee End date:12-31-2021**

[Aronoff, Desir, Haynie]

No meeting has been held since last month. He noted significant strides being taken by the Cities of Eureka and Arcata to provide additional shelter. Sundberg encouraged the HRC to revisit the recommendations to the BOS to get a hearing on the matter in the near future.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS SURVEY- End date: 6-30-22**

[Glover, Lochtie]

Glover, backed up by Lochtie and Murphy, reported we had a structure in place, but were not receiving much support from the media in promoting the survey. It was suggested that involvement of Commissioners, who also have other group contacts, would help to spread the word that we need participation if we are to have significant recommendations to make to the Board of Supervisors. Murphy will distribute a message with links so various Commissioners can become more involved in this effort.

**Indigenous Peoples Committee-End date 6-30-2022**

SEE ABOVE COMMENTS RELATED TO Racism and Cultural Awareness

**NEW COMMISSION LOGO-Committee ending date: 2-28-22**

[Perkins, Rowe, Glover]

Unable to get responses from local art groups. Perkins suggests making it more of a social media competition, and reaching out to The Boys and Girls Club. A future discussion will ensue regarding what kind of cash prize should be advertised to garner more interest.

**XI. Unfinished Business:**

- Existing storage and records - nothing to report
- Resource Cards Report - Glover questioned if Laurel Johnson had been contacted to discuss the status of current resource cards. Glover pointed out that Fortuna Police are still using an outdated card from 2015. He is to provide Lyons with Johnson's phone number.
- Future meeting planning - It is expected no change will occur in the format of HRC meetings for the next two to three months.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Consider Bylaw Amendments offered by Lochtie and Glover. We spent time going through all the recommended changes to the document with improvements made to language and clarity related to committee purposes. A vote to enact the changes will come before the February Commission meeting.

**XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Steps to be taken regarding the Vice Chair vacancy

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 6:51pm**