



## HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS

### COMMISSION

#### *Regular Meeting Minutes*

February 3, 2022, 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

#### **I. Call to Order: 5:01pm**

As we gather today, we acknowledge that Eureka, California is ancestral territory of the Wiyot people. We also honor all Indigenous people and territories and Sovereign governments that share governance within Humboldt County, California. We gather with respect and gratitude to these Indigenous People.

We thank and honor the Indigenous Caretakers of this land who continue to cherish and protect it. Their elders have instructed the young to consider the seven generations ahead as they continue to protect the rights of the land and all people who live on it.

We encourage all to align and follow the lead of local Indigenous communities as they steward the land and protect all of its natural resources.

One minute of silence

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

Present: Lochtie, Larsen, Glover, Miller, Perkins, Aronoff, Haynie, Lyons, Morgan

Excused absence: none

Unexcused absence: Harper

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

January, 13, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES approved

#### **IV. Agenda Adjustments:** Chief Watson updated to Chief Jarvis

Morgan arrived 5:07pm

#### **V. Guest Speakers:**

Chief Jarvis EPD texting update. Chief Jarvis was not present.

**V. Public Comment:** None

**VI. Commission Communications:**

- a) **Emails, Regular Mail:** None
- b) **All other announcements and communications**

Lochtie - This is Black History Month and we need to acknowledge

Lyons - Jan 25th meeting, there was a moment of remembrance for Erin Rowe, obituary read into the BoS meeting minutes

- c) **Message Line Report**

**Future Scheduling of Message Line**

Jan 1-15-----Morgan

Jan 16-31---Lyons

Feb 1-15—Lochtie

Feb 16-28—Aronoff

Mar 1-15—Larsen

Mar 16-31—Sundberg

Apr 1-15—Perkins

Apr 15-31— Haynie

Miller said a woman called the line reporting uninhabitable living conditions and is working to liaison a call from the jail.

Morgan did not get any calls during his time.

Lyons getting Resource Cards from the County for distribution. One caller left a message with no return phone number. Another caller had questions about the human trafficking fund and procedures.

Lochtie - caller returned paper survey and also wanted to know if the HRC could inform him of if the Grand Jury had received his letter. Lochtie redirected the caller to the County. Also gave call from the jail to the liaison Miller.

Aronoff - needs a copy of the resource card for the McLean grant.

Glover - we will want to ensure the County website is updated to the Resource card with

the latest time date stamp.

Miller - suggest someone go through the lines on the card to verify their continued existence.

## **VII. Treasurer's Report:**

Aronoff \$1347.94 balance in account. Received \$201 from McLean Foundation to close out the current grant.

Glover - is still getting mail and paper bank statements at the County office. Aronoff says Glover can toss any statements, they will be coming to Aronoff electronically now.

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

Copies of the Human Rights Survey will be posted in the jail for inmates.

Larsen setting up to be able to visit inmates.

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

### **SANCTUARY ORDINANCE**

[Haynie, Morgan, Aronoff]

Planning to call a public meeting to present information re: local implementation of the Sanctuary Ordinance.

Lochtie - In addition to Centro del Pueblo, we should also invite LatinoNet and Promotores to the meeting

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND**

[Glover, Morgan, Lochtie, Sundberg]

Glover set to take over chair for this committee. Next meeting will be agendized and Access Humboldt will be invited so that the event can include Sean McLaughlin and Tina Sims.

Lochtie - Chair needs to go to BoS to request the next round of \$20000 for grants because time will likely be pressing. Lyons to reach out to Clerk of the Board to get this on the BoS agenda.

Aronoff - trafficking fund balance around \$5400 and there has been no money back into the account recently. Most recent grant not yet on report.

## X. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

### **RACISM / CULTURAL AWARENESS-expired**

**Purpose:** To deal with current issue of concern to the community.

**Current Issue:**

**Committee Members:**[Larsen, Desir, Sundberg, Haynie]

*Motion to propose creating an ad hoc Cultural Awareness Committee with the purpose of creating a list of cultural resources for the community. M/Larsen, S/Lothie. Vote y/9 n/0 a/0. **Motion passes.** Larsen to chair. Haynie, Miller also on committee. End date - Aug 31, 2022*

### **HOMELESSNESS-Committee ending date:12-31-2022**

**Purpose:** To propose actions that will improve housing options by providing adequate shelter for all residents.

**Current Issue:** Proposal to the Board of Supervisors

**Committee Members:**[Aronoff, Desir, Haynie]

Lothie - a reminder to reach out to Janelle Egger regarding her letter she sent to the Commission.

Aronoff - looking to the guidance of the Commission at large for the plan to help approach the BoS concerning the letter to the BoS this Committee approved last year.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS SURVEY-Committee ending date: 6-30-22**

**Purpose:** Create a survey on human rights for Humboldt County..

**Current Issue:** Distribute Human Rights survey, collect data, and distribute results.

**Committee Members:**[Lothie, Glover]

Glover - If we are sending the Human Rights survey to the jail, we will need to provide consent forms as well. Survey extended to March 15th.

Perkins - is the survey end date listed?

Murphy - end date recently implemented, March 15th

202 results in as of now on the adult survey. Hoping to get more from students, link sent to 300 students at HSU. 50 orgs and 20 media orgs emailed the survey information. EHS set to disseminate survey as well as Senior News and multiple family resources centers in the County.

**NEW COMMISSION LOGO-Committee ending date: 6-30-22**

**Purpose:** Develop an HRC logo.

**Current Issue:** Create a competition utilizing citizen suggestions/art.

**Committee Members:**[Perkins, Glover]

Not getting responses from local art groups so Glover and Perkins looking at presenting a brochure to local organizations in person and online to try and get submissions.

Glover and Perkins discussed having only one first prize.

Motion to offer one \$500 prize to the winner of the best entry for the logo out of HRC bank balance. M/Glover S/Morgan. Vote y/9 n/0 a/0. **Motion passes.**

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES-Committee ending date: 6-30-22**

**Purpose:** To assure respect of indigenous peoples and promote their safety and rights within the county.

**CURRENT ISSUE:** Murdered and missing Indigenous People.

**Committee Members:** [Sundberg, Aronoff, Miller, Larsen]

A meeting is being planned

**XI. Unfinished Business:**

McLean Foundation requests for 2022. Aronoff is handling and taking further requests from Commissioners for approval. Lochtie and Larsen sent posters to Aronoff to help supplement the request for the grant from the McLean Foundation.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominate/elect Vice Chair - Commissioners should send nominations by email to Secretary for election of Vice Chair position next meeting. Chair to reach out to BoS to let them know we need new members selected for the Human Rights Commission.

Morgan says this will be his last term. Has found someone interested and advised her to apply.

**XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Voting on new bylaws to be approved

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** 6:18 pm