

***Humboldt County Human Rights Commission***

***Amended Regular Meeting Minutes***

March 4, 2021 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** 5:00 pm

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Morgan, Haynie, Lochtie, Miller, Sundberg, Aronoff, Rowe, Larsen, DuBois

Unexcused absence: Lyons

Excused absence: Davies

5:04pm Desir joined

**III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** None

**IV. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Postponed until next regular meeting

**V. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Postponed until next regular meeting

**VI. COMMISSIONER INTROS, GUESTS, or SPEAKERS:**

Amanda B. Freeman, Deputy County Counsel, County of Humboldt "The Brown Act and Virtual Meetings".

County Counsel Amanda Freeman gives presentation discussing compliance with Brown Act and how it relates to the topic of Meetings, Serial Meetings. Agenda Requirements. She noted any apparent discrepancies between Brown Act and the Governor's disclaimer allows for some variation at this time.

Haynie: Do we have to read FB comments. County Counsel will

follow up

Sundberg: Wants copy of presentation. Will be put in minutes

Haynie: Question, if we have a committee and don't get quorum, the meeting never starts.

**VII. APPROVAL OF OPENING STATEMENT and LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT :**  
Postponed until next meeting

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Meg Stofsky: How can someone with voice limitations still access the meetings. And how can the public access the minutes. DuBois responds that the County posts the minutes that are for public access.

Florence Parks: The Zoom chat is accessible to meeting participants so the chat should be monitored and addressed.

**IX. COMMISSIONER-COMMUNICATIONS:**

DuBois. Rowe and Desir presenting to Zero to Fierce. HAF reviewing angel investments, invited Commissioners to find out more.

**X. Emails, Regular Mail, Phone Calls:**

**XI. All other announcements and communications:**

**XII. Message Line:**

A. Current monitoring report

Lyons on message line first half of Feb but not present.

Lochtie: Larry got in touch with a gentlemen who will call back. Another call from

someone afraid of being evicted but was unable to reach him, left message in case he tries to call back. Lochtie got to a person concerned about insurance that was supposed to be providing medical transportation and she felt she was being harassed and not getting good service. Lochtie found phone number of Insurance commissioner of California and referred her there.

#### Upcoming Commissioner Message Line schedule

1. Feb 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Lyons\_\_\_\_\_
2. Feb 16-28 \_\_\_\_\_ Lochtie\_\_\_\_\_
3. March 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Sundberg\_\_\_\_\_
4. March 16-31 \_\_\_\_\_ DuBois\_\_\_\_\_
5. April 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Miller\_\_\_\_\_
6. April 16-28 \_\_\_\_\_ Haynie\_\_\_\_\_
7. May 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Rowe\_\_\_\_\_
8. May 16-31 \_\_\_\_\_ Sundber\_\_\_\_\_
9. June 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Larsen\_\_\_\_\_
10. June 16- \_\_\_\_\_ Miller\_\_\_\_\_
11. July 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Lyon\_\_\_\_\_
12. July 15--30 \_\_\_\_\_ Haynie\_\_\_\_\_
13. August 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_
14. August 15-31 \_\_\_\_\_
15. September 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_
16. September 15-30 \_\_\_\_\_
17. October 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_
18. October 15-31 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **XIII. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Lyons absent

#### **XIV. REPORTS:**

##### **A. CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LIAISON**

Morgan - community member emailed a complaint, committee followed up. Inmate was released, no action was necessary. Miller asks who is going to the facility. Morgan says Morgan and Lyons, but more people can come. Miller would like to help and is already cleared to visit facility.

##### **B. HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND-STANDING COMMITTEE**

1. Morgan - nothing to report. Meeting to be called asap

### **C. SANCTUARY ORDINANCE-STANDING COMMITTEE**

1. Nothing to report.

### **D. KINDNESS-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Sundberg - outline for committee worked on, will be presented to Commission for approval soon.
2. Motion to extend 3 months M/Sundberg S/Lochtie Vote y/10 n/0 a/0 . Motion passes

### **E. RACISM / CULTURAL AWARENESS-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Haynie - Changing committee name and structure discussion. Larsen agrees we may want to change name of committee and racism is a systemic issue so a standing committee is more appropriate. Sundberg explains sensitivity training is done with the Tribes and can be done here. Desir echoes that we should talk to Equity Arcata who provides equity training for organizations. They might even be able to cater training to us.

DuBois assigns 3 tasks to Ad Hoc Committee:

1. Find 3 racial equity training programs to present to the Commission by next month
2. Identify racial equity gaps in our community within 2 months.
3. Plan to address what has been found as social inequities.

### **F. DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

1. Morgan - systems are working well currently, but looking for feedback from Committee on ways to address accessibility

### **G. HUMAN RIGHTS CANNABIS INQUIRY-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- (expires) 1. Committee expires.

### **H. HOMELESSNESS AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Rowe - Plan outline in process. Rowe will start outreach once names are all filled in.

### **I. CITIZEN OBSERVER AD-HOC COMMITTEE (expires)**

1. Committee expires

### **J. APPLICATION REVIEW AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Rowe - Jim Glover added idea to update Application with a check box to indicate if there are conflicts with the mission of the Human

Rights Commission.

Motion to present to the BoS with changes to the Human Rights Commissioners application: Add the mission statement of the human rights commission, a Yes or No question asking do you support this mission statement, and additional space for comment. M/Lochtie S/Rowe Vote y/10 n/0 a/0. Motion passes.

Committee disbanded, mandate finished.

**K. BYLAWS AND POLICY REVIEW AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Meeting planned, nothing to report yet.

**XV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Human Rights Survey for Website**

DuBois - survey moved to next meeting

DuBois leaving Commission. DuBois last day will be April 1st.

**XVI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Nominations for Chair**

1. Morgan says he will try to have a new Chair in place within 3 months

**XVII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Human Rights Survey for Website**

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT: 7:34pm**