



## HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

### *Regular Meeting Minutes*

April 7, 2022, 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

#### **I. Call to Order: 5:16pm**

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, Glover, Miller, Perkins, Aronoff, Haynie, Lyons, Morgan.

Excused absence: Larsen

Unexcused absence: Sundberg

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

March 3, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES approved as corrected

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

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

Chief Todd Jarvis EPD texting update

Glover suggest HRC writes a formal letter to the Eureka Police Chief to appear at our main meeting.

**V. Public Comment:** None

**VI. Commission Communications:**

a) **Emails, Regular Mail**

Glover: HRC invited to the April 22nd and 23rd forum for discussion and arts held by Eureka Bahai. Glover volunteering to attend.

b) **All other announcements and communications**

Haynie brings up the 5 year anniversary of David Josiah Lawson. Glover asks the Commission to write a My Word on behalf of the HRC for this tragedy that hasn't been solved. Loctie asks to be able to read the letter before her signature is added. Miller asks for the letter to request more funds and support to have the case resolved. Aronoff discusses asking positions of upcoming DA candidates on the David Josiah Lawson letter.

Loctie reminds us the League of Women Voters is having a forum May 18th on KEET for the upcoming DA candidates.

c) **Message Line Report**

**Future Scheduling of Message Line**

Mar 1-15---Larsen

Mar 16-31—Sundberg

Apr 1-15---Perkins

Apr 16-30—Haynie

May 1-15—Lyons

May 15-31– Glover

June 1 -15–Miller

June 16-30–Perkins

**VII. Treasurer's Report:**

Aronoff: Current balance: \$1190.24

**VIII. Correctional Facilities Liaison Report:**

Miller: Call from Datso via phone line was woman inmate who said she wasn't given proper medical attention for over a week. Inmate may be getting out on early release. Will be a new jail liasion, Marsella Macado.

## IX. Standing Committee Reports:

### **SANCTUARY ORDINANCE**

[Haynie, Morgan, Aronoff]

Working to call meeting

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND**

[Glover, Morgan, Lochtie, Sundberg]

Need ideas for how to fund support for the community.

\$5427.35 left from HAF money from years ago. Glover asks should we take applications for the remaining HAF funds. Lochtie says we can recap last funding during request from BoS for more funding. Glover will inform HAF that we can take applications for existing HAF anti-trafficking funds and publicize the open application status on the HRC Facebook page.

BoS funding requests window ends April 11th so we need to try and get in for funding for anti-trafficking projects before that window to get funds in the next fiscal round.

## X. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

### **RACISM / CULTURAL AWARENESS-end date 8-31-2022**

**Purpose:** Create a list of cultural resources for the community

**Current Issue:** Gathering resource contacts

**Committee Members:**[Larsen, Haynie, Miller, Lochtie]

### **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, Sundberg, Haynie]

Aronoff: Funds are coming to the area for homelessness, and how will the BoS take an active role in ensuring how that funding is dispersed?

Glover says Lyons should ask for the status of a response on the HRC's letter during her upcoming meeting with Supervisor Virginia Bass. Miller suggests multiple Commissioners go to the meeting with BoS board members.

### **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:**[Lochtie, Glover]

May 24th presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Needs to be on agenda for next month, 15 minute presentation by Ellen Murphy previewing the results of her work on the survey.

332 adults 34 teens participated. 0.3% of total population. Murphy discusses some initial findings from the survey. Top issues noted by the community included homelessness, access to medical resources, and policing.

Committee addressing organization of data and an executive summary being made available on the County website.

**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]

Commissioners will help distribute flyers for logo contest. Morgan will help distribute to Norcan to help distribute to a lot of non-profit organizations.

**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]

Washington state just enacted an Indigenous peoples alert system. Committee will meet to address replicating efforts in this area.

## **XI. Unfinished Business:**

BOS funding grants to HRC

May be too late to request funding from the upcoming fiscal round. We may need to focus on using existing fund. Lochtie wants to remind BoS to make sure we get this into the County budget as a recurring funding item.

Planning Guide. Motion to adopt the Planning Guide as presented. Glover seconds. M/Lochtie, S/Glover. Vote y/7, n/0 a/0. Motion passes.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Meeting in person. HRC will no longer be able to meeting in the former conference room. Lyons will be contacting the Veterans Hall as potential location for future in person meetings.

Lyons to send Glover info on where to pickup resource cards.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** 6:38pm