



HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

I. Call to Order: 5:01 p.m.

The Wiyot land acknowledgement statement was read followed by a moment of silence.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Five members present for a quorum.

Glover, Larsen, Lochtie (District One); Perkins (District Two); Aronoff (District Three)

Excused:

Miller (District Two); Lyons and Morgan (District Four); Sundberg (District Five)

Guest:

Ellen Murphy and Jamie Jenson

III. Agenda Adjustments:

The July 7, 2022 agenda was accepted as presented.

IV. Opening Notes:

Chairperson Glover opened the meeting with a statement "How to deal effectively with Hate Speech and actions in our community.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The June 9, 2022 regular meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Aronoff reported a balance of \$491.89 in the bank account.

VII. Guest Speaker:

The guest speaker, Jamie Jenson, Chair of the Social Work Department at Cal Poly Humboldt provided a presentation regarding the concept of creating a Junior Human Rights Commission program. The commissioners asked various

questions about this idea highlighting the following:

- Who would be the advisors
- When would be a good time to initiate the program
- What target age group (students) and schools
- How to fund such a program
- Possibility for students to receive school credits
- Ideas to attract student interest

In general the Commissioners were interested in developing a Junior Human Rights Commission and asked Ms. Jenson and Ms. Murphy to return to the next meeting. In addition, place the Junior Human Rights Commission concept on next month's agenda.

VIII. Public Comment:

None at this time.

IX. Commission Communications:

a) Emails, Regular Mail:

None at this time.

b) All other announcements and communications:

Chair Glover reported he is working on finding a place to meet in person and so is the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Lochtie announced LationNet is having a meeting at noon Friday, July 8 and will send a NorCan announcement to Chair Glover to distribute to the commission.

c) Message Line Report:

Chair Glover reported the male unit in the County Correctional facilities is shut down due to COVID. The female unit is still open; which may be the reason for receiving calls from just females. Commissioner Larsen reported she listened to two received calls on the message line then referred them to Commissioner Miller.

Future Scheduling of Message Line

June 1-15 ~ Miller
June 16-30 ~ Perkins
July 1-15 ~ Aronoff
July 16-31 ~ Glover
August 1-15 ~ Larsen
August 16-30 ~ Perkins
September 1-15 ~ Miller
September 16-30 ~ Lyons
October 1-15 ~ Lochtie
October 16-31 ~ Glover

X. Correctional Facilities Liaison Report:

No report at this time.

XI. Standing Committee Reports:

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE

(Aronoff, Morgan)

Commissioner Aronoff reported the committee has not met. It was reported that this committee only needs to meet if a complaint is received.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND

(Glover, Lochtie, Morgan, Sundberg)

Chair Glover reported the committee met in June and there is a balance of \$5,427 in the Human Trafficking Fund held at Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF). Commissioner Aronoff will reach out to Centro de Pueblo to present to Human Rights Commission (HRC). Commissioner Larsen reminded the commission that Ms. Katrina Sims is waiting for an invitation to present on her human trafficking fund project. Chairperson Glover will reach out to Mr. Woods at HAF regarding a submitted proposal request.

XII. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

RACISM / CULTURAL AWARENESS - End date: 8-31-2022

(Larsen, Lochtie, Miller, Sundberg)

Commissioner Larsen reported that a Cultural Awareness Resource list has been drafted with input from all ad hoc committee members. The third draft was emailed to the ad hoc committee members for their final review. The list should be available to present to the commission at the next meeting.

HOMELESSNESS - End date 12-31-2022

(Aronoff)

Commissioner Aronoff mentioned the recent fire at Betty Chin's mobile units and that this is the year to seek funding from the state and federal for addressing homelessness.

Chairperson Glover appointed himself and Commissioner Larsen to sit on this ad hoc committee.

SURVEY RESULTS AND POLICIES - End date: 06-30-2022

(Glover, Lochtie, Ellen Murphy)

The ad hoc committee's end date was extended to December 31, 2022. Once Ms. Murphy is appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, she was asked to become the chair of this ad hoc committee. Ms. Murphy is still working on the final draft results.

NEW COMMISSION LOGO-Committee - End date: 8-31-22

(Perkins, Glover)

Commissioner Datso reported difficulty with amending the event page, the poster (seeking interest in submitting a logo) is up at target areas, and inquired how to place on the commission's Facebook page.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMMITTEE-End date 12-31-2022

(Sundberg, Aronoff, Larsen, Miller)

No report at this time.

XI. Unfinished Business:

Meetings and Protocols, COVID continues and Outreach is Challenging

Chairperson Glover reported the County BOS is trying to find us a meeting place, meeting will continue with the Zoom option, need to follow the Brown Act rules for holding a meeting, and posting the agenda.

Chairperson Glover mentioned there is confusion regarding the posting of the agenda and will seek out more clarification.

Possible Change of Meeting Times to begin at 5:30 p.m.?

The commissioner agreed to changing the meeting time.

Motion: Commissioner Lochtie moved to approved changing the Human Rights Commission meeting time to 5:30 p.m. still on the first Thursday of the month. Seconded by Commissioner Aronoff. Yes – 5, No – 0, motion carried.

Laminated Signs Available for Purposeful Distribution in Businesses, Offices, etc.

Chairperson Glover informed the commission that the respectful store window signs are available for commissioners to distribute to businesses and offices. Contact Glover for the signs.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report Progress

Chairperson Glover called for an Officers meeting set for July 14 to discuss the annual report progress.

How to Attract Members

We have two possible individuals who are interested in becoming a commissioner. There are still three vacancies. The commissioners were asked to think of other individuals who may be interested in serving on the commission.

Student Human Rights Commission

Received the Junior Human Rights Commission presentation at the start of this meeting and will add this item to next month's agenda.

Proposed ByLaw Amendment

Chairperson Glover shared he emailed prior to this meeting a draft of the amended ByLaws to the commissioners for their review. Now that the proposed amendments have been presented in writing, the amended ByLaws will be placed on the August 4, 2022 agenda for adoption.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Proposed agenda items for August 2022. The following items were mentioned for the next meeting:

- Supreme Court Decision regarding Roe versus Wade – commissioners may make a statement
- Recent Fourth of July racial difficulties –
- Anti-demonstrations in Arcata – invite Arcata City Police Chief
- Federal possible decision regarding DACA – invited Centro de Pueblo to a meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 6:17 p.m.