

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes – Amended
October 3, 2019

I. Call to order: 5:03 pm

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Glover, DuBois, Lochtie, Loreus, Miller, Morgan, Rowe, Vanlandingham

Absent: Anzada, Larsen, Lyons

III. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: September 5, 2019.

Lochtie commented and it was moved, seconded, and adopted to amend previous minutes.

IV. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None received.

VI. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

a) Emails, Regular Mail, Phone Calls:

Bank statement was received.

b) All other announcements and communications: (10 min)

Miller expressed concerns about access to correctional facility inmates. Any way to communicate without involvement of staff?

c) Message Line:

Rowe reported the receipt of four calls and Glover reported three. Continuing attempts to be reached by inmates was frustrated by the inability to receive calls without paying for collect calls.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Lyons (reported by Glover) reported a balance of \$1,398.35 in our account.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Discussion and Possible Action Item

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND COMMITTEE

DuBois reported on recent efforts to secure new applicants for the approved \$20,000 in county funding. Further meetings were planned to reach out to HAF and to develop additional press releases and information.

b) Discussion and Possible Action Item

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Glover noted there had been no complaints received since our last meeting and thus no action was required by the Commission.

IX. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Discussion and Possible Action Item

HOMELESS CRIMINALIZATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

We learned that court cases regarding homeless criminalization were actually Federal cases and thus not noted in local court records. It was also noted that a second case in Federal Court would soon be coming regarding panhandling. Dubois referenced a Homeless Summit to be held in Arcata.

b) Discussion and Possible Action Item

KINDNESS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Dubois reported a change in the emphasis of the committee and thus a change in the name to reflect a new campaign. This campaign will include proclamations during Human Rights Awareness Month in December and a schedule of activities during 2020 centered on battling hate speech and more.

c) Discussion and Possible Action Item

CULTURAL AWARENESS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioners were encouraged to attend one of several Belonging Circles, the first of which is October 10th.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Discussion and Possible Action Item

LatinX WELCOMING EVENT

Lochtie reported on a successful event even though the Commission was unable to be represented.

b) Discussion and Possible Action Item

BOS ANNUAL REPORT

Rowe reported on making the presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Lochtie was also in attendance. Although no commitments were received regarding the webex licensing for the conference room, it was believed the presentation was well received. A formal request was recommended.

c) Discussion and Possible Action Item

WELCOME SIGN REVISIONS RECOMMENDED

A brief discussion took place regarding what would make the welcome signs more welcoming. Lochtie was to present the recommended improvements to the Central Office as the next step.

d) Discussion and Possible Action Item

TIMES-STANDARD NEWS STORY

Glover reported on the major news story regarding our support for the 2018-2019 Grand Jury reports on homelessness.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: 6:45 pm (10 min)

a) Discussion and Possible Action Item

BYLAWS LAID ON TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION

Morgan and Glover are to form an ad hoc committee to develop policies regarding remote access to meetings and videoconferencing in general.

XIII. Adjournment: 6:50 PM