



City of Richmond
Human Rights and
Human Relations Commission
MEETING MINUTES

Jasmine Jones, Chair
Joyce Harris, Vice Chair
Betty Burrus-Wright, PhD, Commissioner
Texanita Bluitt, Commissioner

Courtney Cummings, Commissioner
Carole Johnson, Commissioner
Crystal Johnson, Commissioner

Councilmember Vinay Pimple, Council Liaison
Debra Vaca

Sr. Asst. City Attorney Everett Jenkins
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Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:30 pm
City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond CA 94804

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission on August 24, 2015 was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chair Joyce Harris.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vice Chair Harris, Commissioner Burrus-Wright, Commissioner Courtney Cummings, Commissioner Carole Johnson, and Commissioner Crystal Johnson,

ABSENT: Chairperson Jones and Commissioner Texanita Bluitt

C. AGENDA REVIEW

Agenda adopted as presented.

D. MEETING PROCEDURES

Members of the public attending a Human Rights and Human Relations Commission meeting for the first time are encouraged to read the "Meeting Procedures" information following the Agenda. Anyone who wishes to address the Commission during OPEN FORUM or on a specific item must file a Speaker's Form with staff.

E. OPEN FORUM #1

N/A

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

G. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

N/A

H. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

N/A

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Jones was not present.

J. STAFF REPORTS

No report.

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**K.1 COMMITTEE REPORT: EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE (15 MINUTES)
REVIEW AND APPROVE UPDATES TO COMMITTEE'S PLANS**

- a. Education Forum – Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Lovonya DeJean Middle School
 - a. Forum Theme: Reach One, Teach One, and Save a Child

Commissioner Burrus-Wright and Vice Chair Harris

Commissioner Burrus-Wright framed the item and reported latest updates. A conference spearheaded by the HRHRC's Education and Outreach committee on protecting the rights of the child is taking place on September 12 at Lovonya DeJean Middle School. Confirmed speakers and discussion topics include presentation by RPD Officer Lynette Parker on community engagement, presentation on "Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth" by Lucia Ray-Guillen from Community Violence Solutions, and "Let's Talk" Sex Literacy presentation by Commissioner Burrus-Wright.

Organizers arranged coffee and pastry donation from Starbucks in Pt. Richmond. Staff was directed to promote the event on different media outlets and newsletter including Mayor's e-Forum, City Manager's Report and marquee.

**K.2 COMMITTEE REPORT: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (15 MINUTES)
HEAR AND DISCUSS UPDATES**

- a. Developing Human Rights Survey

Chairperson Jones

Staff was directed to circulate results from the 2015 city-wide community survey.
Continued to September 28, 2015 Meeting.

K.3 COMMITTEE REPORT: POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 MINUTES)

HEAR AND DISCUSS UPDATES

- a. Police and Community Relations Regular Meeting Updates
- b. West County Detention Facility Expansion Updates
- c. Urban Shield 2015 – September 11-14

Commissioner Crystal Johnson, Commissioner Carole Johnson, Commissioner Cummings and Chairperson Jones

Commissioner Crystal Johnson framed the item. The PCRC meets regularly on every third Monday of the month. Next meeting of the committee is on September 21st at 6 pm. The committee is working on getting more clarification of the Police Commission's role in community and police engagement.

Commissioners provided an update on West County Detention Facility expansion. The Board of Supervisors are concerned about securing the required matching funds for the expansion to complete. More updates will be provided at the next meeting.

The HRHRC recently became aware of "Urban Shield," full-scale preparedness exercise assessing police departments' response and capabilities related to multi-discipline planning, policing, policies, and training. Police departments in the Bay Area are participating in this exercise in Alameda from September 11 – 14. In response to HRHRC's inquiry to Chief Chris Magnus regarding Richmond Police Department's participation, he indicated that Richmond PD participates in emergency response trainings and not looking to host Urban Shield in Richmond. Discussions ensued on the role of School Resource Officers and safety plans for merging of Richmond continuation schools. The Commission requested the PCRC to invite Chief Magnus to the September Regular Meeting.

K.4 3RD NORCAHRO REGIONAL CONVENING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN RELATIONS ORGANIZATIONS - ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 IN SAN JOSE (10 MINUTES)

DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Jones

The 3rd regional convening of human rights and human relations commissions will take place on Saturday, September 19 in San Jose. Goals for the conference are to establish and support local and regional networks of HRHRCs, and to build the capacity of organizations addressing human rights and human relations issues.

The following commissioners expressed interest to participate: Commissioner Courtney Cummings, Commissioner Carole Johnson, Commissioner Burrus-Wright, and Vice Chair Harris.

K.5 LETTERS TO FAMILIES OF CHARLESTON SHOOTING VICTIMS (5 MINUTES)

REVIEW AND APPROVE LETTER

Chairperson Jones

A motion was made by Commissioner Burrus-Wright, seconded by Commissioner Carole Johnson, to approve letters to families of Charleston shooting victims and Charleston Mayor. The motion was passed with the unanimous vote of the commission.

L. REPORTS

None.

M. OPEN FORUM #2 (At approximately 8:30P.M.)

N/A

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission's Regular Meeting on August 24, 2015 was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and to meet again on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers.