

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

5:30PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

First District: Howard Sapper (Officer-at-Large)

Second District: Elizabeth Escalante (Vice Chair), Iliana Madrigal, Yensi Jacobo

Third District: Katrina Phillips (Chair), Isabel Lopez

Fourth District: Paulina Lopez, Rosa Reynoza

Fifth District: D’Ayona Jerome

Staff: Adriana Call

Commissioners Absent:

First District: Kathleen Finigan, Omar Paz (resigned)

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina

Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER – MISSION STATEMENT – ROLL CALL – PHILLIPS

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:34 PM. Chair read the mission statement. Staff took roll call.

II. APPROVAL OF THE June 28, 2022 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Motion: Commissioner Madrigal

Second: Commissioner Sapper

Aye: Commissioner Jacobo, Commissioner Sapper, Commissioner P. Lopez, Commissioner Madrigal, Commissioner I. Lopez, Commissioner Escalante

Absent: Commissioner Finigan, Commissioner Isabel Lopez

Abstain: Commissioner Jerome, Chair Phillips

Motion passed

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MINUTES – PHILLIPS

No one addressed the commission.

IV. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

1. Appointment- Commissioner D’Ayona Jerome, Fifth District

Commissioner Jerome gave a brief introduction. She is a recent Analy High School graduate, and is looking forward to working with young people in the community.

2. Openings- one (1) in the Third District, one (1) in the Fourth District and one (1) in the Fifth District. Chair Phillips announced that Commissioner Paz in the first District resigned, so now there is also one (1) opening in the 1st District

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – PHILLIPS

No one addressed the commission.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. **Spotlight** – Donna Waldman, Director, Jewish Free Clinic presented information about the Jewish Free Clinic, providing primary care for the entire community. People in need of immediate care may go to them no questions asked, no identification needed, regardless of religion. They provide primary care, mental health services, acupuncture, and tuberculosis (TB) Testing. Commissioner Sapper presented Donna Waldman with a Proclamation from the Commission on Human Rights for their tremendous service to the community.

Public Comment: 4 members of the public commented on the great work of the clinic.

2. **Palms Inn**- Chair Phillips presented the reported-on behalf of Commissioner Finnigan, and made a request to the Commissioners to read the report and to push the information out on their own social media pages.
3. **Commission on Human Rights Mission Statement Review** – Chair Phillips read the revised Mission Statement, and led the discussion. There was a suggestion to change the word *protect* to the word *defend*. In addition, Commissioner Paulina Lopez offered to translate the Mission statement to Spanish. The decision was made to review the English and Spanish versions at the next meeting.

VII. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Officers and Staff to discuss administrative-related matters including, but not limited to, field trip ideas and speaker coordination.

1. Upcoming Outreach Events –

Wednesday Night Market- Chair Phillips announced the August 10th Wednesday Night Market Tabling Event. She asked for at least 2 volunteers to work the table. Commissioner Madrigal volunteered to work the booth with Chair Phillips.

2. **Raise the Roof Festival** – Benefitting the Peace and Justice Center, August 13, 2022. They are asking for a \$100 donation.

Motion to approve \$100 donation, Commissioner Reynosa

2nd – Commissioner Madrigal

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Isabel Lopez, Commissioner Escalante, Commissioner Jerome, Commissioner Paulina Lopez, Commissioner Sapper, Commissioner Reynosa, Commissioner Madrigal.

Opposed: none

Abstain: Chair Phillips

3. **Acts of Kindness**- Request for Sponsorship for the August 16th Rally. The ask was for \$1000. Chair Phillips felt that was too much, given the limited budget, but she asked if the Commission felt strongly about donating they could discuss it. Commissioner Reynosa would like to donate some, but wanted to hear from the commissioners. Commissioner Paulina Lopez suggested \$100 or \$200. Commissioner Isabel Lopez would like to offer \$100 to \$200.

Motion to donate \$100 Commissioner Madrigal

2nd Commissioner: Commissioner Reynosa

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Isabel Lopez, Commissioner Escalante, Commissioner Jerome, Commissioner Sapper, Commissioner Madrigal, Commissioner Paulina Lopez

Opposed: None

Abstain: Chair Phillips

Motion passed

VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioners to provide reports and/or updates from the work being done by their ad hoc committee(s) and/or project committee(s).

Vice Chair Escalante reported that all of the work plans were submitted. She will be sending out a list of the ad-hocs and members of these ad-hocs that were decided on at the annual planning meeting in June.

IX. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – PHILLIPS

Commissioner Sapper would like to add support for the Jewish Free Clinic by the Board of Supervisors.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.