

Marin Human Rights Commission — July 11, 2023 Drafted Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 — 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 143D
San Rafael, CA 94903

Order of Business

Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:12 p.m.

Present: Curtis Aikens (CA), Sister Joan Hanna (SJH), Jason Sarris (JS), Stephany Barahona (SB), Nancy Johnson (NJ) departed meeting at 8:12 pm, Jeremy Portje (JP); **Absent:** Gloria Castillo (GC)

1. Approval of Minutes

a) Adoption of drafted Minutes for June 13, 2023

SJH: correction to item 5(a) incorrectly states SJP made comment, should state SJH

Public Comment: Rodrigo Izquierdo: comments that minutes are substantial, discusses the Sheriff's Oversight Survey and exclusion of residents; Eva Chrysanthe: discusses exclusion of people in the Sheriff's Oversight working group including Latinos in the Canal area; Damian: comments that he applied and was denied to participate in the Sheriff's Oversight working group and that there were not any Blacks from Marin City in the group.

*SCA/JS/p
JP abstain*

2. Commissioner Announcements for Items Not on the Agenda

- a) JS: He has been volunteering for Legal Aid of Marin, Community Court at St. Vincent's Dining Hall. Low income people can get tickets taken care of.
- b) NJ: Marin Community Foundation has a Marin City history exhibit and encourages all commissioners to visit.
- c) SJH: Attended Marin City breakfast which was a delight with a mix of people. She has been attending BOS meetings virtually. The meetings are informative and encourages others to attend.
- d) Member of the Public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: comments on commissioners and lack of order. SB: reminds public to direct their comments to the commissioners and to stay within time.
- e) Member of the Public, Eva Chrysanthe: discusses Sheriff's Oversight working group.
- f) Member of the Public, Damian: discusses Marin Community Foundation.



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3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

- a) Member of the Public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: Discusses HRC in San Francisco and their accomplishments.
- b) Member of the Public, Eva Chrysanthe: Comments on missing recording from last HRC meeting and missing recordings for Sheriff's Oversight working group
- c) Member of the Public, Damian: Welcomes Nancy Johnson back, comments commission should be working on education system in Marin City.
- d) Member of the Public, no name provided: comments that the commissioners are member of the public and are volunteering. There are people out there supporting the commission.

Regular Business

4. HRC Retreat/Annual Report Planning Session (Comm. Barahona)

- a) SB: Three possible dates – July 29, August 12, August 19. All are Saturdays and would begin about 9 am and in person. SB suggests the Civic Center for the retreat.
- b) Roger Crawford comments that the County can help find a location with hybrid technology.
- c) SB suggests Al Boro Center. Roger Crawford comments that we will check into Al Boro Center and the County Campus on Kerner. We will need a date first.
- d) JP asks Roger Crawford if a commissioner can attend by Zoom. Mr. Crawford will check.
- e) Member of the Public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: Comments that HRC should view the annual report that was done in 2016.
- f) Member of the Public, Eva Chrysanthe: Comments that nothing will be done at the retreat and the HRC should be doing the work all year.

Motion to have Retreat/Annual Report Planning August 12, 2023 in person at 9 am with location TBD.

JP/CA/p
CA - Nay
SJH abstains

5. Discuss the condition of various encampments in the County, and community response to encampments. Commissioner discussion of possible HRC responses to the situation. (Comms. Sarris and Portje)

- a) JP: This will be a general, introductory discussion. Please comment on first-hand knowledge.
- b) JS: There is a lack of wash stations, port-a-potties. San Rafael encampment is a private GoFundMe and needs donations. Hamilton has 45 residents with no access to bathroom or wash stations. On Enfrente Rd, there are 6 port-a-potties. We should look into county providing a pump station/ pumping service to pump out the gray water. Fairfax has a small encampment without any bathrooms.



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c) JS: Grants - San Rafael received \$250,000, Novato received \$1.1 million, County of Marin received \$1.6 million. JS attended meeting with Supervisor Lucan and Gary Naja-Riese and asked Gary if some of the funds can be used for bathrooms and wash stations and was told yes. Funding is earmarked to get people into housing.

d) JS: San Rafael may be passing an ordinance that will prohibit people from camping on certain public property closer than 200 feet to each other. If the ordinance passes, campers will be displaced. JS is looking for ideas from the commissioners on what to do. Commission can talk about a recommendation to the County. Commission can check in with camps and see what they need and possibly earmark funds.

e) JP: Suggests this issue should be a recurring agenda item. JP encourages commissioners to visit camps in their districts if they feel safe. If not, commissioners can go together.

f) JS: Commission should look into providing water this year. If the ordinance passes, the campsites will reduce in size. Where will the people go?

g) CA: Commission should focus on getting funds.

h) SJH: Concurs with CA. Funds are the first step and put pressure to get the funds

i) JP: We should call Gary Naja-Riese and ask nicely first.

j) JP: We will make this discussion part of the retreat.

k) Member of the Public, Eva Chrysanthe: Discusses lack of restrooms, washrooms and port-a-potties. Commission should issue a proclamation that it is not acceptable that there is not water for the poor.

l) Member of the Public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: Discusses homelessness and police brutality is a national problem.

6. Discussion of HRC recognition and Awards Banquet (Comm. Hanna)

a) SJH: Spent time researching MLK Awards for articles, donation forms, public notices, projected who would attend, and venues.

b) SJH: Sum needed through donations for awardees - \$1000 each for 2 adults to donate to a charity of their choice and \$600 each for 4 high school seniors for college.

c) SJH sent email to Marin Community Foundation requesting funds for awards and email to BOS requesting funds for venue and food (\$11,500). SJH has not heard back from either entity. Without funding there will not be an event.

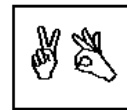
d) JP: HRC should keep pursuing the event if it can be funded

e) CA: Likes the idea and the need to celebrate.

f) Member of the Public, Eva Chrysanthe: Discusses not wasting public funds on celebration.

g) Member of the Public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: Discusses venues for MLK celebration.

Roger Crawford (RC) suggests combining items 7 and 8.



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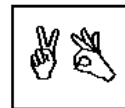
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7. Approve funding for commissioner business cards printed by county or local printing company.
8. Approve funding for commissioner name badges printed by county or local printing company.
 - a) JP: Business cards needed to give to members of the public and name badges so that members of the public recognize commissioners.
 - b) We will check with the County print shop for costs.
 - c) Member of the Public, Eva Chrysanthe: Comment that if commissioners are doing their job, public would know them.
 - d) Member of the Public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: Comments business cards should have mission statement on them.

Motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 for business cards and name badges.

JP/SB/p

9. Adjournment - adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.



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