



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Human Relations Commission

Thursday, November 14, 2024

7:00 PM

Online and Bay Conference Room (Room
145), City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.,
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ramisetty called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair Ramisetty led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Vice Chair Venkata Siva Ramisetty
Commissioner Claudia Camacho
Commissioner Esther Rosenfeld

Absent: 2 - Chair Nenuca Syquia
Commissioner Maria Paulina Zapata

Chair Syquia's and Commissioner Zapata's absence is excused.
Council Liaison Sell (present)

PRESENTATION

A [24-0894](#) Sunnyvale's Unhoused Services, Presented by Homeless
Services Manager Amanda Sztoltz

Vice Chair Ramisetty moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded the motion to
continue item A to a later date.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Ramisetty
Commissioner Camacho
Commissioner Rosenfeld

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Syquia
Commissioner Zapata

B [24-1001](#) Getting to Know Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), Presented by Associate Director Tung Tran

Associate Director Tung Tran and Manager Monica Morel provided a presentation about AACI's history, values, diversity initiatives, integrated services, number of Sunnyvale residents accessing AACI services, testimonials, and volunteer opportunities.

Commissioners asked about AACI's funding, behavioral and mental health services and who can access it; domestic violence (DV) program; service hours; and qualification requirements for the specialized services.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:57 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:57 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Vice Chair Ramisetty seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Ramisetty
Commissioner Camacho
Commissioner Rosenfeld

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Syquia
Commissioner Zapata

1.A [24-0045](#) Approve the Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2024

Approve the Human Relations Commission Minutes of October 10, 2024 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [24-0049](#) Approve 2025 Annual Work Plan

Equity, Access, and Inclusion (EAI) Manager Fernanda Perdomo-Arciniegas, provided an overview of the 2025 Annual Work Plan. Commissioners discussed the importance of adding a work plan item that addresses impending mass deportation plan. A suggestion included that staff collaborate with Public Safety and other departments to provide an informative session to Council and recommend it as an agenda item to the City Manager. Commissioners shared support for adding the Rapid Response Network or similar training/information to the Work Plan.

The Commission took a recess at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m. with all Commissioners present.

Public Hearing opened at 8:51 p.m.
No speakers.
Public Hearing closed at 8:51p.m.

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Vice Chair Ramisetty seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Work Plan.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Ramisetty
Commissioner Camacho
Commissioner Rosenfeld

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Syquia
Commissioner Zapata

3 [24-0077](#) Celebrate/Commemorate Native American/Indigenous Peoples Day

EAI Manager Fernanda Perdomo-Arciniegas, provided an overview of the Indigenous People's Day Proclamation that was observed at the September 24 City Council Meeting. It was mentioned that Muwekma Ohlone representative Julie Dominguez spoke towards the proclamation. Individuals were encouraged to listen to Ms. Dominguez's speech and to visit the Muwekma Park in Sunnyvale.

Public Hearing opened at 9:10 p.m.
No speakers.
Public Hearing closed at 9:10 p.m.

4 [24-0696](#) Difficult Conversations/Civility Roundtable

EAI Manager Fernanda Perdomo-Arciniegas shared clips from a Public

Broadcasting Service documentary “Native American History: Documentaries on American Indian Boarding Schools and Forced Adoptions”. Commissioner Ramisetty shared his personal experience, noting that American Indian Board Schools were not covered in their high school curriculum and only became aware of them recently. Commissioners emphasized the importance of continuing education on this topic, incorporating it into the ethnic studies curriculum, and the significance of preserving Native American culture and heritage.

Public Hearing opened at 9:41 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed at 9:41 p.m.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Rosenfeld invited the community to attend the Bay Area Jewish Coalition's Sharaka event on Wednesday, November 20 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The event includes a multicultural panel that will address the raise in hate and how to overcome it.

-Staff Comments

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ramisetty adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.