

**City of Redlands
Human Relations Commission
Council Chambers, Civic Center
35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373
August 12, 2024
6:30pm-7:30pm**

Members Present: Ken Ford, Chairperson, Julie Houston, Commissioner, Roy George, Commissioner, Vanessa Aranda, Commissioner, Roop Kishor Goyal, Commissioner, Ryan Chau, Student Commissioner

Staff Liaison - Sarah Redinger

A. Call to Order at 6:30pm: Attendance

1. Commissioners present are noted above.

B. Reading of Committee Mission and Purpose

C. Public Comment

1. A public comment was made by an individual wishing to apply for the vacant commissioner position.

D. Approval of the minutes from Meeting on July 8, 2024

1. The minutes from July 8, 2024 were approved unanimously.

E. New Business

1. Commissioners discussed the position vacancy on the Human Relations Commission. Two individuals are interested in the position. The last day for applications is August 23, 2024 and applications can be requested from the City Clerk's office.
2. It was discussed and agreed that, in the absence of a commission secretary, each commissioner would rotate taking meeting minutes at the meetings.
3. During the report by the Health and Wellness Fair subcommittee, the repository of the subcommittee's digital files were discussed. It was decided that at the end of the health fair, the subcommittee should submit the digital files to the staff liaison for safekeeping and passing down to future health subcommittees. Other subcommittees may also use this method of conveying their digital content to their future subcommittees.
4. The Health and Wellness Fair Subcommittee expressed the desire to award certificates to the vendors that took part in the health fair on June 8, 2024. The award ceremony date is to be determined. We discussed refreshments for the participants. However, due to timing and logistics we decided to not do refreshments.

5. The Cultural Humility Subcommittee discussed having a Cultural Celebration in Year 2026. A proposal with the event schedule with suggested events was presented. Staff liaison conveyed the city manager's view on the events that events by Human Relations Commission are outside of the charter. Their idea is that the commission supports the events that already are held such as the events by the library. Then the question was: what does support mean. We have no budget to support. Commissioner Chau wanted to explore expanding the commission's role to host events. Chairperson Ken Ford will meet the city manager to understand where they are coming from.
6. The Cultural Humility Subcommittee proposed recognizing the groups in the city that align with the commission's goals.
7. The Cultural Humility Subcommittee made a motion to have 2026 Heritage months, and this was passed unanimously.
8. The Human Relations commission wants to have an Instagram account. The staff liaison conveyed the city's Public Information Office's (PIO) concern. PIO would like the commissions to use the city's social media. The commission can funnel their content to the city's PIO. Ken will meet with the city PIO to be on the same page.

F. Old Business: None

G. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

1. Commissioner Goyal proposed an item for next meeting: Genocide of Hindus and other religious minorities in Bangladesh.

H. Treasurer's Report: None

I. Staff Report: None

J. Council Report: None

K. Adjournment

1. The next regular meeting will be held September 9, 2024 at 6:30pm.