

Marin Human Rights Commission —April Drafted Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 — 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 410B
San Rafael, CA 94903

Order of Business

Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Portje (JM), Curtis Aikens (CA), Sister Joan Hanna (SJH), Jason Sarris (JS)

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

a) Adoption of the drafted Agenda for April 11, 2023

SJH/CA m/s/p

b) Adoption of drafted Minutes for February 14, 2022

SJH/CA m/s/

JS - abstain

member of the public, Rodrigo Izquierdo – Sean (McQuaid) misspelled in minutes

member of the public, Eva Chrysanthe – her page 1 comments not indicative of what she said, she will resubmit; JP: we will look into if county will update

2. Introduction of new commissioner, Jason Sarris representing District 2

a) JS – San Rafael resident, previously homeless for 12 years, helped establish encampment in Novato, will use voice to help the marginalized

b) Public comment: Eva Chrysanthe, George Pegelow, Meg, Rodrigo Izquierdo

3. Commissioner Announcements for Items Not on the Agenda

a) JS attended the Justice for Matteo March on 3/31 Cesar Chavez Day, Transgender Day of Visibility group met with Matteo group on 4th St. and joined communities in solidarity

b) JP attended Justice for Matteo; attended Diversity and Equity training at College of Marin;

4. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

a) member of the public, Eva Chrysanthe: San Rafael police have a `problem turning off cameras

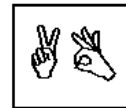
b) member of the public, Salamah Lock: Marin Commissioner on Aging – volunteers to help process, support HRC

c) member of the public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: Comments that Sonoma and SF have larger budget than Marin; people all over Marin can't attend in-person commission meetings.

d) member of the public, George Pegelow: suggests commission reestablish Zoom for HRC meetings, HRC should get involved in Matteo issue, request to BOS for budget increase.

e) member of the public, Bill Hale: Suggests asking County Counsel for letter re: using Zoom at HRC meetings.

f) member of the public, Eva Chrysanthe: Comments BOS and all over Bay Area are doing hybrid meetings



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g) member of the public, Asks how many meetings can a commission miss in a year? Will send email and requests a response in writing.

Regular Business

5. HRC Forums (Portje/Barahona)

Vote to postpone and place on the May Agenda when Commissioner Barahona is present.

JP/SJH/p

- a) members of the public, George Pegelow, Rodrigo Izquierdo
- b) JP: planning for public forum discussions – date, time, place

6. Creation of Committee regarding non-law enforcement response to mental health and substance abuse crisis

JP: Vote to research cost, need, logistics behind Marin Crisis Unit to be available to cities where needed, especially children in need of a crisis unit; recommend to BOS to fund; model after the San Rafael program.

JP/SJH/p

Public comments: George Pegelow, Eva Chrysanthe, Rodrigo Izquierdo

7. Revive the HRC's MLK, Jr. Humanitarian Awards or create similar recognition of community members (Hanna)

SJH: MLK Award was an annual event acknowledging the good work and acts based on standard set by MLK as goal. A variety of people were awarded for their work for the betterment of Marin County. Suggests working with a mix of HRC and community members to outline a plan and reestablish recognition of individuals or groups. Would also like to revive the annual award and banquet/dinner.

JS: Would Marin County acknowledge?

SJH: will get original wording of award

- (a) member of the public, Eva Chrysanthe: appreciates idea, but don't lose sight of MLK
 - (b) member of the public, George Pegelow: past awardee, volunteers for committee
 - (c) member of the public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: suggests banquet should be at a community place where people can attend
- JP: SJH will chair.

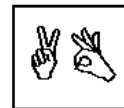
SJH/JP/p

8. Committee Reports, 1185 (Aikens)

CA: By next HRC meeting we will know about oversight recommendation.

JP: report delayed, sheriffs are adding input and reviewing

- (a) member of the public, Salamah Lock: should be written AB 1185



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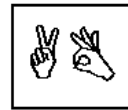
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- (b) member of the public, George Pegelow: Sonoma attorney has offered to volunteer and work with CA so Marin County doesn't delay
- (c) member of the public, Eva Crysanthé: comments on private meetings, non-public meetings
- (d) member of the public, Rodrigo Izquierdo: asks about conflict of interest at meetings; can Commissioner Aikens comment on meetings?
- (e) member of the public, Bill Hale: looking into meetings for next agenda
- (f) member of the public, Salamah Lock: committee is a coalition of individuals/representatives from all over Marin County; Brown Act does not apply
- (g) member of the public, anonymous: oversight committee is needed; black people have been a big part of unlawful stops for 32+ years
- (h) JP: we will fill JS in on details/minutes

9. Plan potential areas of HRC focus

- (a) JS: Snap purchases are only for cold food, people living outside can't get hot food; San Rafael has a lack of public restrooms, trying to get port-a-potties; lack of books at the Marin County jail; RV Park in San Rafael sold, 40 families being evicted; it is an opportunity to have San Rafael or Marin County purchase; suggest a pipeline/email for public dialogue re: what they need
 - (b) SJH: multiple areas where we can be most effective
 - (c) CA: spoke with BOS about food insecurities; attending Master Gardener's program, will plant in Marin City so children can see farmers growing food; children in Novato, Marin City, Canal need food
 - (d) member of the public: George Pegelow, Ricardo Izquierdo, Eva Crysanthé

10. Adjournment – adjourn the meeting at 8:50



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