

CITY OF REDLANDS

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Stephanie Miranda, Chairperson, DC Lozano, Vice Chairperson,
Janelle Guerrero, Secretary, Ken Ford, Treasurer, Gretchen Andrews, Commissioner
Gail Howard, Commissioner, Jay Patel, Commissioner, Shaheen Zakaria, Commissioner

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

6:30pm

Special Meeting

PRESENT: Stephanie Miranda, Chairperson DC Lozano, Vice-Chairperson, Ken Ford, Treasurer Janelle Guerrero, Secretary Gretchen Andrews, Commissioner Gail Howard, Commissioner Shaheen Zakaria, Commissioner Beatris Ordaz, City of Redlands Senior HR Analyst

ABSENT: Jay Patel, Commissioner, Isabella Martinez-Spencer, Student Commissioner, Councilmember Jenna Guzman Lowery

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call - A Quorum was established. The meeting opened at 6:33pm
- II. **Guest Speaker - none**
- III. **Approval of the Minutes - none**
- IV. **Status Reports From Subcommittees**
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. Discuss and take possible action on making a recommendation to City Council to consider allocating city staff time and resources to a feasibility study on Inclusionary Housing Policy. Attachment: <https://arcg.is/09CXif>

Discussion Summary:

Shaheen: recommends adding to the recommendation a feedback loop and suggestions for oversight of an ordinance. Commissioners agree this should be added to the report.

Also suggests we consider overall affordable housing and prices of rental units and how the city could reduce those prices.

Gretchen suggests the housing market may adjust but we could consider additional conversations about housing in general.

Gail Howard: concerns about crime and low-income housing

DC: While the city doesn't have control over housing prices but policy can control zoning. Also, low income doesn't statistically bring crime. However traditional low-income housing often doesn't have the amenities as higher-income neighborhoods.

Motion: On motion of Commissioner Gretchen Andrews, Seconded by Commissioner Ken Ford, the Human Relations Commission voted on moving forward with steps to make a recommendation to City Council that a feasibility study on Inclusionary Housing Policy in Redlands be prioritized.

Votes: 7 for, 0 against
Abstention: 2
Motion passes unanimously
Stephanie will prepare a summary report of recommendation.

VI. New Business

- A. Discuss and take possible action regarding events at recent Redland's USD board meetings (8/10/21 and 9/14/21). Discuss and consider a possible recommendation to City Council.

Summary of Discussion:

Gail wants to support the school district.

Janelle suggests City Council recommend the school district board meeting return to a virtual style meeting to ensure the safety of school board members. She recounts events at recent meetings where the knife was brought and water was thrown at attendees.

Shaheen watched the entire meeting recording and recounts how emotionally charged it was and supports standing with the school board but doesn't want to get into the details of the mandates. Urges commission to rely on news reports and recordings of the events to make our recommendation.

DC expresses support to stand in solidarity with the school board. She also supports the school board by staying in person to show the public a positive example of how to behave and handle themselves.

Motion: On motion of Commissioner DC Lozano, Seconded by Commissioner Janelle Guerrero, the Human Relations Commission voted to make a recommendation to City Council to stand in solidarity with our elected school board officials and condemn any personal attacks by members of the community to intimidate or threaten our school board leaders.

Votes: 7 for, 0 against

Abstention: 2

Motion passes unanimously

VII. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

VIII. Council Liaison Report

IX. Staff Report

X. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm