



**CITY OF REDLANDS  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**Redlands City Council  
35 Cajon Street, Suite 2, Redlands CA 92374  
November 9, 2020. 6:30pm**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Gretchen Andrews, Chairperson  
Kenneth Ford, Vice Chairperson  
Shaheen Zakaria, Commissioner  
Ana McNaughton, Commissioner  
Diya Theodore, Student Commissioner and Secretary  
Stephanie Miranda, Commissioner  
DC Lozano, Commissioner  
Janelle Guerrero, Commissioner  
Denise Davis, City Council Member

**ABSENT:**

Jay Patel, Commissioner

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call**

A Quorum was established. The meeting opened at 6:38pm.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**III. Approval of Minutes of Month meeting**

On motion of Commissioner Gretchen Andrews, the Human Relations Commission approved the minutes of the regular meeting from September 14, 2020. The minutes will be made available online.

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Votes: 8-0 Approved

Absention: 1

#### **IV. Status Reports**

##### **A. Denise Davis - Council Liaison Report**

1. Transgender Day of Remembrance is in the process of being approved
2. National Coming Out Day Proclamation approved by City Council

##### **B. Kenneth Ford**

1. CVC
  - a) Held a successful drive-thru Halloween event
  - b) Planning to host a drive-thru Christmas event
  - c) Food handouts will be continued beginning November 12, starting at 8AM

##### **C. Gretchen Andrews**

1. RCRC:
  - a) Drive to plant more trees on roadsides
  - b) Had a candidate presentation on Jenna Guzman-Lowery and a presentation by Tom Hernandez on the cost of homelessness in Redlands
2. Redlands Family Services
  - a) Held a food drive
  - b) Now hosting opportunities to volunteer for food distribution

##### **D. Shaheen Zakaria**

1. Key Club: held a bake sale to support a pediatric trauma charity and raised \$560 by selling 465 cookies on Halloween night

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2. RAIC: Planning to hold a “Thanks For Giving” celebration acknowledging first responders and people from different faith groups in the area are invited to speak about how their faith has helped them

## **V. Old Business**

### **A. The “Black Lives Matter” Movement**

1. Janelle Guerrero: two rallies of support were planned in Redlands in support of Joshua Vasquez
2. Denise Davis: the passing of Measure T (and resulting revenue) is likely to allow for the funding of Res. 81-13

### **B. Compassion Games**

1. Shaheen Zakaria:
  - a) Plan to designate a spot in Downtown Redlands where people can write messages that promote unity and healing
  - b) Through the Charter for Compassion website, members can take a pledge to “unite, not fight”
  - c) From January 15-18, communities can commit themselves to acts of service

### **C. Document to Track HRC Plans**

1. Shaheen Zakaria: prepared Google Document for ideas to be shared in and for projects to be carried out

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Assisting First Responders in Acknowledging Autism**

1. Kenneth Ford:
  - a) Trying to use wristband identification and other ideas to help first responders

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- b) Holding events on December 12th and January 12th on how to spot individuals with autism
- c) Assignment: get information on how to get citizens involved
- d) November 17th: LA Fire Department is offering CERT training (how neighborhood groups can help each other during a national disaster) on November 13th from 7pm-9pm
- e) November 12th: from 10am-1pm, the Ranch Market is allowing the community and law enforcement to express their thoughts

2. Ana McNaughton:

- a) A Redlands Forum will be held November 10th, featuring the Chief of Police as a speaker; members can sign up through the ESRI Forum

B. Roundtable on “Healing Racism in Redlands Public School” held on October 30th

1. Janelle Guerrero:

- a) Had the opportunity to listen to individual stories and experiences
- b) Learned about the community’s trauma, but also about the healing needed to move forward

C. Annual Retreat (Planning Meeting)

- a. Planned for the second Saturday of January 2021

D. Staff Report

- 1. Current amount in HRC budget: \$827

## VII. Adjourn

The Commission by formal motion approved adjourning the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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