MINUTES COUNTY OF SONOMA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

5:30PM

Hybrid

Commissioners Present:

First District: Howard Sapper (Officer-at-Large) *, Elizabeth Escalante (Vice Chair) *, Sarah Kerlow

Second District: Yensi Jacobo*, Andrew Lemarquand* **Third District:** Katrina Phillips (Chair), Liz Cruz Reyes

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell
Fifth District: Nichole Warwick

Staff: Meira Bowcut

Commissioners Absent:

Second District: Iliana Madrigal Third District: Isabel Lopez Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina

Meeting held virtually and in person

I. CALL TO ORDER – MISSION STATEMENT – ROLL CALL – PHILLIPS

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:56 PM. Chair Phillips read the mission statement. Roll call was taken by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 25, 2023 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

This item got moved to the next meeting because not enough votes to approve it.

III. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

- 1. Chair Phillips announced one (1) opening in the Second District, two (2) in the Fourth District, and one (1) in the Fifth District.
- 2. Staff Performed the oath of office for Commissioner Lemarquand. Commissioner Lemarquand introduced himself to the Commission.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS- PHILLIPS

No Public Comment.

V. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

^{*}Vice Chair Escalante arrived late at approximately at 6:06pm.

^{*}Commissioner Jacobo arrived late at approximately at 6:32pm.

^{*}Commissioner Sapper attended via Zoom (AB 2449 Excuse)

^{*}Commissioner Lemarquand attended via Zoom (AB 2449 Excuse)

Officers and Staff to discuss administrative-related matters including, but not limited to, field trip ideas and speaker coordination.

- 1. Chair Phillips asked for volunteers to present at Spring Lake Village on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 1:30pm. An email will go out because no one volunteered. The deadline is November 1, 2023 to respond.
- 2. Staff announced the Commission has a new storage unit at Extra Space. Due to increase storage fees at StoragePro, the Commission decided to move. Staff, Commissioner Kerlow, and Chair Phillips will move the stuff into the new storage facility on Friday, September 29th at 4:30pm.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

- 1. Nancy Pemberton from Community for Law Enforcement Accountability Now (CLEAN) presented on the work that they do in Sonoma County. The Committee started to enforce the implementation of Measure P and continue to do so. They create educational forums and webinars for the community on different topics. They continue to ensure oversight of all law enforcement, transparency, and accountability. CLEAN's mission aligns with the Commission's mission, however, the Commission can't endorse CLEAN.
- 2. Commissioner Warwick read the letter to West County High School District addressing the 16 cases of deadnaming that occurred in the 2022-2023 Analy High School Yearbook. No discussion occurred. The Commission voted on the letter to support the LGBTQIA2S+ students at Analy High School. Motion to approve the letter.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Vice Chair Escalante Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Merrell Absent:3 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Lopez, Madrigal, and Burcina were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

3. Commissioner Kerlow presented on her proposed Sonoma County Collective Care Response Team Ad Hoc. This ad hoc focuses on round table community forums via Zoom to re-envision community response to the intersection of domestic violence, post separation abuse, and child custody. The ad hoc asked for \$400 for pamphlets, brochures, and other printed materials. Motion to pass the workplan and budget.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Warwick Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Cruz Reyes Absent:3 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Lopez, Madrigal, and Burcina were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair.
Motion passed.

4. Vice Chair Escalante led the discussion on the Sage Casey Foundation Resolution. Rebekah Schmitt received a resolution in June 2023 from the Commission. However, she felt as it should have been for the foundation. Vice Chair proposed to substitute Rebekah Schmitt with Sage Casey Foundation Resolution. Motion to change the personal name to the foundation name.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Kerlow Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Cruz Reyes Absent:3 Abstained: 1

Commissioner Lopez, Madrigal, and Burcina were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as

Chair. Motion passed.

5. Chair Phillips led the discussion to allocate more funding to the Youth Commission Project's. The difference in storage cost will go towards food for the Youth Commission. The amount is \$328. Motion to allocate that amount to the Youth Commission Project budget.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Vice Chair Escalante Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Warwick Absent:3 Abstained: 1

Commissioner Lopez, Madrigal, and Burcina were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as

Chair. Motion passed.

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – PHILLIPS

- 1. Canceling the Pride Hoc and re-evaluate the budget
- 2. Creating a new ad hoc
- 3. October is Indigenous Heritage Month and Pilipino History Month
- 4. Inviting Madonna for October's Community Spotlight
- 5. 5th District: Canyon Rock Company plan to build an Asphalt plant and it's hazardous
- 6. Endorsing the pardon of a veteran with mental health

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.