

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
January 19th, 2022 – 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

PRESENT: Comms. Brewer, Bencola, Flowers, Hughes, Quinn, Terretta, Trustee Enyia

ABSENT: Comms. Puentes, Rodriguez, Sakiyama

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Comm. Flowers motioned for agenda approval Comm. Puentes providing a second. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Comm. Flowers motioned to approved the minutes with the necessary changes; Comm. Quinn seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: CRC 2022 Work Plan

The planned draft of the work plan for 2022 was not completed for dissemination to each commissioner prior to the meeting. Based on president Scaman's presentation from the previous meeting, the CRC decided to pare down the activities to four categories: Education, Community Engagement, Interpersonal, and Institutional, in order to reflect where the CRC can be most effective. The CRC agreed to the organizing principles which (1) seek to support the implementation of governing on racial equity; (2) advise the Board on how best to engage the community. For clarity, Comm. Brewer posited that reorganizing and paring down the CRC's activities keeps the CRC from over-committing and looks at areas where the CRC can be beneficial to the community. The broadness of the categories allows the CRC to pivot if there is an unexpected challenge, yet still stay on track with supporting the Board. Comm. Brewer reached out to Kira Tchang for attending this meeting but she is busy with candidates for the Village Manager position. He will reach out again to Kira to join a CRC meeting as she is willing to and she has provided information regarding the efforts that the VOP Administration has put towards racial equity.

Comm. Brewer suggested polling the commissioners, within the next week, or so, about the possibility of having a special meeting before the regularly scheduled meeting in February, to make sure that the CRC's work plan is ready and approved by the members of the CRC.

Comm. Bencola sought clarity on any additional business for the current meeting, suggesting that the CRC adjourns and reconvenes for the special meeting. Comm. Flowers requested that the document be sent to all commissioners for review in advance of the special meeting. Comm. Flowers also sought clarity on the CRC's ability to set small goals and solidify the budget for the

workplan as well. Comm. Brewer confirmed that he will get the workplan document out to all commissioners and the budget would need to be completed on the work plan before it is submitted to the village board for approval. Once the CRC approves the workplan, it then begins the groundwork for what's in the plan. Comm. Brewer also related that the Board can approve the workplan, possibly with amendments to the budget, but the CRC can still move forward.

Comm. Bencola reminded the members that a special meeting without a quorum can be posted and the members can work on the plan. However, a vote cannot be done without a quorum.

Comm. Flowers asked about the deadline for the workplan. The CRC, having just reached full membership, is not under a deadline to produce a workplan., However, since most of the proposed activities take place during the Summer and Fall seasons, February is a good timeframe to get the workplan in to the Board so that by the Spring, the CRC can begin the work.

It was decided that the special meeting would take place in two weeks on 2/2/2022 in order to give Comms. Brewer and Terretta time to take everyone's input and put the draft together, utilizing the four categories. The purpose of the special meeting will be to introduce a draft to all commissioners. During the special meeting, the CRC will work on it for final approval at the regularly scheduled CRC meeting on 2/16/2022.

Motion was made to adjourn by Comm. Bencola; seconded by Comm. Quinn

Trustee Enyia offered his support to the CRC.

Meeting ended 7:43 p.m.