

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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AGENDA

Monday
March 14, 2022



5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Mission Statement

Palm Springs is an inclusive world-class city dedicated to providing excellent and responsive public services to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

- To view/listen/participate in the meeting live, please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89428382274?pwd=QVAXU2k2SEnwMGVRYVN5eUVQUjFhUT09>

or call (669) 900-6833 Zoom Meeting ID 894 2838 2274, Passcode 296823

- Written public comment may also be submitted to cityclerk@palmspringsca.gov. Transmittal prior to the meeting is required. Any correspondence received during or after the meeting will be distributed to the Board/Commission as soon as practicable and retained for the official record.
- The meeting will be recorded and the audio file will be available from the Office of the City Clerk and will be posted on the City's YouTube channel, as soon as practicable.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ron deHarte
 2. **ROLL CALL:** Board Members: Hugo Loyola, David Vignolo, Oliver Cleary, Kalina Robles, Terrie Andrade, Glenn Flood, Edwin Ramoran, Vice Chair Donna Shepherd, and Chair Ron deHarte

Student Representative Lilly Hanner
 3. **QUORUM:**
 4. **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS:**
"The Mission of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission is to promote and protect the

diversity of our community and to improve human relations through education and community awareness."

Human Rights Commission Goals:

- *To develop community education programs;*
- *To investigate and mediate instances of discrimination of groups or individuals;*
- *To bring persons and groups together in common support of human rights issues;*
- *To acquire the fiscal and human resources necessary to support and accomplish the work of the Commission;*
- *To provide management and coordination for the Commission;*
- *To promote diversity through the appointment of candidates to all city boards and commissions to proportionately reflect the diversity of the population of the City of Palm Springs;*
- *The Commission and each Committee shall develop goals and objectives annually, for adoption by the commission;*
- *The Commission shall work closely with the Mayor, City Council, and City Cabinet and with all other City Commissions and Boards in joint endeavors that support the Commission's mission statement and City's goals and objectives.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Human Rights Commission on agenda items; and items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Three (3) minutes is allowed for each speaker. Although the Commission values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. Commissioners will not enter into discussion with speakers, but during Commission Comments, may refer the matter to staff for report and recommendation at a future Commission meeting.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS:

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 10, 2022

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Reports

Executive Report Standing Committee (Chair deHarte, Vice Chair Shepherd)

a. Retreat

Community Relations /Budget/Personnel Report

- a. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison (deHarte)
- b. Master Calendar Liaison (Ramoran)
- c. Main Street Liaison (deHarte)
- d. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison (Vignolo)

Cultural Affairs Report

Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association Liaison (Andrade, Flood, Shepherd)

Seniors/People with Disabilities Veterans Affairs Report

- a. Veterans Issues Liaison (Flood, Vignolo)

Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Student Representatives (Hanner, Robles, Shepherd, Vignolo)

Commission Development/Mediation Report

- a. Mediation Liaison (Andrade, Vignolo)

B. Commissioner, Staff, and Student Comments

C. Topical Newsworthy Items

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

11. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission will adjourn to an adjourned regular meeting Monday, April 11, 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Pursuant to G.C. Section 54957.5(b)(2) the designated office for inspection of records in connection with the meeting is the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Jay Virata, Director of Community & Economic Development, of the City of Palm Springs, California, hereby certify this Agenda was posted at City Hall before 4:00 p.m., March 10, 2022, and posted on the City’s website as required by established policies and procedures.

/S/ Jay Virata
Jay Virata
Community & Economic Development

**Human Rights Commission
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



FOR APPROVAL

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting**

Monday, January 10, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Commissioners Andrade, deHarte, Flood, Loyola, Ramoran, Robles, Vignolo and Student Representative Hanner

Absent: Commissioners Clearly, Shepherd,

Staff Present: Jay Virata, Director, Community & Economic Development
3. **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS:**
4. **QUORUM:** YES.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE.
6. **CHAIR COMMENTS:** Chair deHarte thanked all City Employees that helped cleanup Baristo Park and made it accessible for the community. Spent time on patrol with the Police Department on Saturday; noticed half the calls were related to mental illness. Highlighted the approach Police Officers used when responding to calls, as the City considers a campus in the North part of the City it should encompass mental health needs.
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** DECEMBER 20, 2021
 - **MOTION BY:** Commissioner Vignolo, Second by Commissioner Flood to accept the minutes as presented with the modification to item 8D.
 - **MOTION CARRIED.** YES 7 – NO 0
8. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**
 - A. Reports
 - Executive Report Standing Committee (deHarte, Shepherd)
 - a. Retreat – None.

 - Community Relations Committee/Budget/Personnel Report
 - a. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison (deHarte) None.
 - b. Master Calendar Liaison (Ramoran)
 - Commissioner Ramoran shared upcoming community events:
 - Martin Luther King Commemoration Celebration, January 16:00 p.m., City of Coachella County Library, this is an in-person. Signin via Facebook Live @palmspringsblackhistory
 - 2022 Riverside County Homeless Point-In-Time-Count, January 26, 5:30am – 9:30am. Volunteer opportunities are available at rivcopit@rico.org or <https://rivcopitc2022-countyofriverside.hub.arcgis.com/>
 - Human Rights Commission Community Service Awards, February 14, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.
 - February is African American History Month. The 35th Annual City of Palm Springs Black History Month Parade/Town fair, February 26, 10:00 a.m. The Caravan through African American History in Palm Springs, February 21, 10:00 a.m.

- ONE-PS Neighborhood Picnic and Community Expo, March 19, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ruth Hardy Park.
- Director Virata, due to the Omicron Variant the County will decide this Thursday if they will proceed with the count as planned
- Commissioners volunteered to walk in the Black History Month parade.
- c. Main Street Liaison (deHarte) None.
- d. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison(Vignolo) None.

Cultural Affairs Report

- a. Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association (Andrade, Flood, Shepherd) None.

Seniors/People with Disabilities Veterans Affairs Report

- a. Veterans' issues (Flood, Vignolo) None.

Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee

- a. Student Representatives (Hanner, Robles, Shepherd, Vignolo) None.

Commission Development/Mediation Report

a. Mediation Liaison (Andrade, Vignolo)

- Commissioner Andrade will follow-up with resident Mary Colbert who offered her assistance with the Commission's Mediation Services.
- Director Virata provided guidance on the steps involved if a resident requests Mediation Services from the Commission, confirmed that the Commission will continue to provide the service.
- Chair deHarte stated resident Mary Colbert is being recognized by City of Los Angeles for her lifetime service with the mediation programs.
- Commissioners Flood, Ramoran and Andrade to coordinate with Director Virata for organizing a meeting date and posting a public Agenda to discuss the mediation program.
- Commissioner Vignolo received clarification from Chair deHarte that all of the committees are Standing Committees.

B. Announcement of 2022 Community Service Awards

- Chair deHarte thanked Director of Communications Amy Blaisdell for issuing a news release announcing the honorees. The 2022 Community Service Awards Honorees are: Ann Sheffer, Vaccinate Inland Empire (VAXIE), Chad Gardner, Nikki Stone, Jimmy Boegle, The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation, Vincent Corrales and Dean Lavine.
- Chair deHarte explained the awards ceremony program and Commissioner responsibilities. Each Commissioner will introduce an honoree during the Ceremony.

C. Commissioner, Staff and Student Comments None.

D. Topical Newsworthy Items

- Commissioner Flood spoke about the Buddy Check 22 Program to raise awareness of suicide among veterans. The program provides wellness check-ins with Veterans. For more information, residents can visit <https://www.legion.org/buddycheck> or call Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:

- Commissioner Vignolo suggested having a discussion on networking/outreach procedures and discussing priorities for 2022.
- Chair deHarte indicated the Commissions priorities were part of City planning with City Council and the strategic planning. City Council will be discussing the 2022 priorities at Thursday's City Council meeting. Regarding opportunities of working with other Commissions, Chair deHarte suggested they attend one of their meetings and express interest in working together. It was suggested that they wait until after City Council meeting to discuss as a group, cross relationship opportunities to work with other Commissions.

- Director Virata shared some general guidance if contact is being made with another Commission to comply with Brown Act Regulations.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Student Representative Hanner shared that today was her first day back at Palm Springs High School since the holiday and commented on the schools COVID protocols.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 6:26 pm to a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Rodriguez
Housing Program Assistant