

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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AGENDA

Monday
November 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/89144291995?pwd=ZFFViS284c0UwcG5WZDBUOGhDQnJCdz09>

or call (669) 900-6833 Zoom Meeting ID 891 4429 1995, Passcode 648818

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

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: October 13, 2022**

8. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

A. Reports

1. Executive Report Standing Committee (Chair Loyola, Vice Chair Shepherd)
2. Community Relations /Budget/Personnel Report
 - a. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison (Loyola)
 - b. Master Calendar Liaison (Vignolo)
 - c. Main Street Liaison (Loyola)
 - d. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison (Vignolo)
3. Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association Liaison (Andrade, Flood, Shepherd)
4. Seniors/People with Disabilities Veterans Affairs Report
 - a. Veterans Issues Liaison (Flood, Vignolo)

- 5. Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee
 - a. Student Representatives (Hanner, Shepherd, Vignolo)
- 6. Commission Development/Mediation Report
 - a. Mediation Liaison (Andrade, Vignolo)
- 7. Equity and Social Justice Committee Update (Shepherd, Andrade)

B. Community Service Awards (Loyola)

C. Promote Mediation Services (Andrade, Ramoran, Flood)

D. Transgender Awareness (Loyola)

E. Planning for Next Year (Loyola)

F. Commissioner, Staff, and Student Comments

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

11. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission will adjourn to an adjourned special meeting Monday December 12, 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.

It is the intention of the City of Palm Springs to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, or in meetings on a regular basis, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk, (760) 323-8204, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

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., November 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



MINUTES
Special Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

FOR APPROVAL

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Loyola called the meeting to order at 5:30_p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners: deHarte, Flood, Loyola, Ramoran, Shepherd, Vignolo, and Student Representative Hanner.

*Vice Chair Shepherd was not present during roll call.

Absent: Commissioners: Cleary (Excused), Andrade (Excused)

Staff Present: Jay Virata, Director, Community & Economic Development

3. **QUORUM: YES**

4. **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS:**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

6. **CHAIR COMMENTS:**

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 12, 2022

MOTION BY: Commissioner Flood, second by Commissioner Vignolo to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED 5 Yes - 0 No; Absent 3.**

8. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

A. "Pillars" Public Art Project Presentation (Gary Armstrong)

Gary Armstrong, Vice Chair, Public Arts Commission, spoke about the "Pillars of Palm Springs" project on Tahquitz Canyon Way. The current sculptures from Desert X are on loan until April 2023. Potential artwork was presented and invited the Commission's consideration and input. The Public Arts Commission has funding to support the project. The goal is to continue working together and get the Human Rights Commission's input. Additional art project ideas were shared.

Chair Loyola thanked Gary Armstrong and commented on the presentation given.

Vice Chair Shepherd joined the meeting.

B. Reports

1. Executive Report Standing Committee (Chair Loyola, Vice Chair Shepherd) – No Report.

2. Community Relations /Budget/Personnel Report

a. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison (Loyola)

Chair Loyola stated the Commission received an email from an individual who was reportedly harassed and filed the incident with the police; will bring the item up at the next PSPD LGBT Outreach Meeting.

- b. Master Calendar Liaison (Vignolo)
Commissioner Vignolo received confirmation to continue as the Master Calendar Liaison; upcoming events were discussed for consideration of participation: Veteran's Day Parade, November 11, 2022; Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20, 2022; International Day of Tolerance, November 16, 2022; World Aids Day, December 1, 2022 and Human Rights Day, December 10, 2022.

The Commission will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade.
- c. Main Street Liaison (Loyola) – No Report.
- d. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison (Vignolo) – No Report.
3. Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association Liaison (Andrade, Flood, Shepherd)
Commissioner Flood attended the Community Association; A Navigation Center update was provided by Director Virata.
4. Seniors/People with Disabilities Veterans Affairs Report - None
 - a. Veterans Issues Liaison (Flood, Vignolo) –
Commissioner Flood concurred with the comments on Veteran's Day reported earlier.
5. Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee
 - a. Student Representatives (Hanner, Robles, Shepherd, Vignolo) No report.
6. Commission Development/Mediation Report
 - a. Mediation Liaison (Andrade, Vignolo) – No Report.
7. Equity and Social Justice Committee Update (Shepherd, Andrade)
Commissioner Ramoran reported the monthly meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month.
- C. Community Service Awards (Loyola)
Director Virata along with Commissioner deHarte provided an overview of the Community Service Awards Application process and timeline. The item will be agendaized for the November meeting.
- D. Promote Mediation Services (Andrade, Ramoran, Flood)
Commissioner Flood continues to work with Community Action Partnership as a Certified Mediator at Small Claims Court in Palm Springs; opportunities to become a Certified Mediator are still available.
- E. Transgender Awareness (Loyola)
Chair Loyola spoke about inviting other community organizations for public testimony. He encouraged the Commissioners to invite other community organizations to make presentations.

The Commission discussed their role at Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, 2022. The Commission will have a presence at the candlelight vigil as a sign of unity, acknowledging the victims of crimes and hate.

Commissioner deHarte stated there are organizations the Commission can invite back to give them the opportunity to share their current community work.

- F. Planning for Next Year (Loyola)
Chair Loyola, stated Commissioner Andrade would like to meet in person to discuss planning.

Commissioner Vignolo agreed with Chair Loyola's report and encouraged the Chair to consider holding a strategic planning meeting in person with the Commission to set objectives and goals for next year.

Chair Loyola agreed, the item will continue to be on the Agenda.

G. Commissioner, Staff, and Student Comments

Commissioner Vignolo commented on the Human Rights Commission Webpage and the need to be more robust and relevant.

Director Virata indicated the website is controlled by the Director of Communications. He welcomed any recommendations and would bring those ideas forward.

Commissioner Ramoran thanked Chair Loyola for changing the meeting date in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day; he recognized honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, Filipino American History Month, Larry Itliong Day and the history of labor in the desert.

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:**

The Commission and Staff Liaison discussed upcoming agenda items for next month:

- Strategic Planning
- Community Service Awards
- Website Changes

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 6:34 p.m. to an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., via teleconference.

**Palm Springs Human Rights Commission
Community Service Awards
2022-2023**

Community Service Awards recognize individuals and organizations for "*Promoting Universal Human Rights Closer to Home*".

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDEES:

- Although an individual recipient need not reside in the City of Palm Springs, the work for which he/she is being honored should be for the benefit of the residents of Palm Springs and/or the entire Coachella Valley.
- In general, the award should be used to recognize people **volunteering** their time to an activity promoting universal human rights, however . . .
- An award may be given to a person going above and beyond their job responsibilities to promote universal human rights.
- In general, no individual should receive more than one award --- even if they have continued to deserve it. Past Honorees can be found on the Human Rights Commission's webpage at :
<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/83451/638028994974227244>
- Current Human Rights Commissioners are NOT eligible to receive an award.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ORGANIZATIONS:

- Both not-for-profit and for-profit organizations are eligible for the community service award.
- Although an organization awardee does not need to be based in the Coachella Valley, the activity for which they are being recognized should affect the residents of the Coachella Valley.
- The CEO/Executive Director/President/Chairman of an organization being given an award may accept the award on behalf of the organization, but it is the organization that is being recognized.

Following is a nomination form to be filled-out and submitted to Jay Virata, Staff Liaison to the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission by Monday, December 5, 2022. Mr. Virata's email address at Jay.Virata@palmspringsca.gov. A Human Rights Subcommittee will review all the nominations and submit its list of recommended award recipients at the Monday, December 12, 2022 Human Rights Commission meeting. The Commission will vote at that time whether to accept or reject the recommendations.

This year's Community Service Awards will be presented at the February 13, 2023 Commission meeting in the City Council Chamber at Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92264. The public is encouraged to attend the presentations.

**Palm Springs Human Rights Commission
Community Service Awards
Nomination Form**

Name of individual or organization/group being nominated:

Nominee's address:

Nominee's phone number:

Nominee's email address:

Nominee's Website address (if applicable)

If it is an organization or group being nominated please list the contact person:

Name and contact information of nominator, and list association (if any) of nominator with nominee.

Please list why you think the nominee is deserving of the award (i.e., has "promoted universal human rights closer to home".) OK to attach additional pages and/or information.



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Deadline for nominations is December 5, 2022.

Please email your nominations to:

Jay Virata at Jay.Virata@palmspringsca.gov

Awards will be presented on February 13, 2023.