

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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AGENDA

Monday  
December 12, 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.

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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:      November 14, 2022**

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

A. Presentations

- a. Public Arts Update (Gary Armstrong)

B. 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)

C. Section 14 Report Acknowledgement

D. Community Service Awards (Loyola)

E. Transgender Awareness (Loyola)

F. Planning for Next Year (Loyola)

G. Commissioner, Staff, and Student Comments

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

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission will adjourn to an adjourned meeting Monday January 9, 2023.

**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., December 9, 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**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, November 14, 2022**  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**FOR APPROVAL**

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

2. **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Commissioners: Andrade, Flood, Loyola, Shepherd, Vignolo, and Student Representative Hanner

**Absent:** Commissioners: Cleary,

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

3. **QUORUM:** YES

4. **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS:**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

6. **CHAIR COMMENTS:** Chair Loyola commented positively on the Veterans Day Parade.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 13, 2022

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Vignolo, second by Commissioner Flood to approve the minutes of October 13, 2022 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

A. Reports

1. Executive Report Standing Committee (Chair Loyola, Vice Chair Shepherd) – Chair Loyola provided on update on a harassment claim that was filed with the PSPD by resident Corey Modello; the Pride Parade/weekend was a successful event with zero incidents or arrests reported

2. Community Relations /Budget/Personnel Report

a. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison (Loyola)

b. Master Calendar Liaison (Vignolo)

Commissioner Vignolo brought to the Commission's attention and consideration of participation the upcoming events: Transgender Awareness Week; Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20, 2022; World Aids Day, December 1, 2022; Festival of Lights Parade, December 3, 2022; Queer Works Transgender Awareness Month, March 2023.

Commission discussion ensued; Commissioner Vignolo will be extending an invitation to Queer Works to provide public commentary to the Human Rights Commission regarding their programs and events.

c. Main Street Liaison (Loyola) – No Report.

- d. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison (Vignolo)  
Commissioner Vignolo shared that a retreat was being planned in January for all the official representatives.

Commissioner Andrade left the meeting at 5:50p.m; congratulated Commissioner deHarte for winning the City Council race.

- 3. Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association Liaison (Andrade, Flood, Shepherd) – No Report.
- 4. Seniors/People with Disabilities Veterans Affairs Report
  - a. Veterans Issues Liaison (Flood, Vignolo) –  
Commissioner Flood stated the American Legion was very well attended during the Veterans Day Parade and received a lot of positive comments.

Chair Loyola commented positively on the American Legion's participation in the Veterans Day Parade.

- 5. Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee
  - a. Student Representatives (Hanner, Shepherd, Vignolo)  
No committee reports, Commissioner Vignolo and Commissioner Shepherd will be spearheading the Committee.

- 6. Commission Development/Mediation Report

- a. Mediation Liaison (Andrade, Vignolo) – No Report.

- 7. Equity and Social Justice Committee Update (Shepherd, Andrade)  
Vice Chair Shepherd reported the Committee will be meeting on December 7 and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ramoran noted there might be a discrepancy on the next meeting date and will follow-up.

- B. Community Service Awards (Loyola)

Chair Loyola provided an overview of the Community Service Awards application criteria, process and timeline; nominations are due December 9, 2022; the Staff Liaison is working to coordinate a news release; the floor was opened for Commissioners to express interest in serving in the Ad-Hoc Selection Committee with the Chair and Vice Chair to review applications and recommend a slate of honorees.

Commissioner deHarte and Student Representative Hanner volunteered to participate in the Selection Committee.

Commissioner deHarte requested the Staff Liaison to redact the nominators name from the applications prior to sending to the applications to the selection committee so there is no bias.

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

Commissioner Flood continues to work with the Superior Court as a volunteer mediator; Riverside County Community Action Partnership continues to recruit mediator to help in small claims court.

Vice Chair shepherd expressed interest in the next mediator training opportunity.

- D. Transgender Awareness (Loyola)

Chair Loyola concurred with the event updates provided by Commissioner Vignolo earlier; in communication with Queer Works and Transgender Health and Wellness, both organizations are currently involved in gearing for fundraising events; he reminded the Commission that the

Transgender Health and Wellness Center offers sensitivity training on transgender issues to organizations;

E. Planning for Next Year (Loyola)

Chair Loyola spoke about planning projects/goals for the next 6 months and invited Commissioners to think about brainstorming projects and ideas they would like to share with the Commission when they schedule an in-person planning meeting. It was noted that the work of the Commission is driven by the City Council Strategic Planning and Priorities and to think about projects that are in line with Council Priorities.

Director Virata announced that City Staff have been informed by the IT Department that they are hoping to have some devices to made available to have hybrid meetings in January. Hybrid meetings would enable remote and in-person participation.

Director Virata in response to inquiry provided clarification on the current City Council strategic priorities. The Commission requested Director Virata resend the Staff Report Document that the City Manager had prepared earlier in the year that discussed objectives for Boards and Commissions.

F. Commissioner, Staff, and Student Comments

Chair Loyola shared the protocol for suggesting website changes and updates.

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

- Update from Gary Armstrong, Public Arts Commission
- Planning Projects for Next year (2023)
- Transgender Awareness : Queerworks Invitation
- Community Service Awards

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Commissioner Vignolo, Second by Vice Chair Shepherd to adjourn the Commission meeting at 6:17p.m. to an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., via teleconference. Motion carried unanimously.