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**AGENDA  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**

**MEMBERS**

Theresa Robinett, Chair, District 2  
Nat Nehdar, Vice-Chair, District 5  
Brandon Lamar, Mayor  
Vacant, District 1  
Justin Jones, District 3  
Dr. Emmell Beech, District 4  
Vacant, District 6  
Charlotte Lacey, District 7  
Emma Oshagan, At Large

**STAFF**

Tamitra Clark, Program Coordinator I  
Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020  
6:30 PM  
JACKIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
1020 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE  
PASADENA, CA 91103**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER; WELCOME; ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**  
Please limit comments to 3 minutes per speaker.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES, NOVEMBER 5, 2019\***
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
  - ACTION ITEM**
    - **CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR OUTREACH**
  - INFORMATION ITEMS**
    - **DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHING A FISCAL SPONSORSHIP WITH THE RECREATION AND PARKS FOUNDATION (WORK PLAN OBJECTIVE #4)**
    - **DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS FROM THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION COMMUNITY SURVEY**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
  - INFORMATION ITEM**
    - **ESSAY CONTEST UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**
  - ACTION ITEMS**
    - **DISCUSSION AND PLANNING FOR REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF PEACE**
    - **COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES\***
- 6. COMMENTS AND UPDATES**
  - INFORMATION ITEMS**
    - **STAFF COMMENTS**
    - **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**
- 7. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

\*Attachment



Theresa Robinett, Chair  
Human Relations Commission

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Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary  
Human Services and Recreation Department

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019  
6:30 PM  
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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Emmell Beech, Brandon Lamar, Charlotte Lacey, Nat Nehdar, Theresa Robinett

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Justin Jones (excused), Emma Oshagan (excused), Sonia Singla (unexcused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tamitra Clark, Tamer Sabha

**1. CALL TO ORDER; WELCOME; ROLL CALL**

Chair Robinett called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AUGUST 5, 2019\***

After review, it was moved (Lacey) and seconded (Nehdar) to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

▪ **REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF PEACE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

The Commission discussed planning for the Rekindling the Light of Peace event on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Robinson Park Recreation Center from 10:00AM-12:00PM, discussed potential speakers, and the save the date letter to be mailed out after approval from the Human Services and Recreation Department.

▪ **ESSAY CONTEST UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Lacey provided an update for the Essay Contest and confirmed details for the event on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 6:30PM-8:00PM, with the venue being the Jivalagian Youth Center in Pasadena. The Commission also discussed possible essay contest questions and prizes of \$750/\$500/\$250 in scholarship money for the contest winners.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **▪ DISCUSSION ABOUT CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 9716 (RULES OF CONDUCT FOR ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS)**

The Commission discussed the updated Rules of Conduct for All Public Meetings.

### **▪ COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES AND DISCUSSION\***

The Commission provided updates to the work plan.

After discussion, it was moved (Nehdar) and seconded (Lacey) to approve Chair Robinett contacting members from other Commissions to schedule a community forum. (Motion unanimously carried)

## **6. COMMENTS AND UPDATES**

### **▪ STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff (Clark) provided the following comments:

- The Black History Parade will take place on Saturday, February 15, 2020 with an opportunity for the commission to table at the event;
- Councilmember Kennedy's Community Meeting and Turkey Giveaway is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 at Robinson Park Recreation Center; and
- Please have any families in need contact Staff (Clark) for the Salvation Army Toy Giveaway and the Mayor's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party for Children.

### **▪ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chair Nehdar commented on 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Officer's Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10 from 11:30AM-1:30PM, and asked any interested Commissioners to volunteer. Vice-Chair Nehdar also commented on the vacant position on the Commission and the status of absent Commissioners.

Commissioner Beech commented on the City Council meeting agenda item for the Ordinance adopting the Tenant Protection Act of 2019.

## **7. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

- None

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved (Lamar) and seconded (Lacey) to adjourn the regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

**CITY OF PASADENA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
WORK PLAN: 07/01/19-06/30/20**

**MISSION** (as stated in Charter/Ordinance):

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to aid the city in achieving better human relations in city government, and to provide assistance to private persons and groups in promoting good will and better relations among all people. The Human Relations Commission is an advisory body.

**OBJECTIVES:**

<b>1.</b>	<p>To advise City Council on Human Relations issues of public, local and national concerns with regular updates to provide an opportunity to review and understand issues for the decision making process.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b></p> <p>July 2019: No update.</p> <p>August 2019: No update.</p> <p>September 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p> <p>October 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p> <p>November 2019: Commissioner Lacey is attending her Councilmember's open house for Commissioners on Sunday, November 17, and Commissioner Lamar met with Mayor Tornek with a group other mayor appointed Commissioners.</p> <p>December 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p>To present public forums, panels, and programs on issues that affect human relations in the City of Pasadena.</p> <p>Community Forum Adhoc Committee: <b>Jones</b>, Beech, Robinett</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b></p> <p>July 2019: Chair Robinett appointed Commissioners Jones, Beech, and Robinett to the Community Forum Adhoc Committee.</p> <p>August 2019: No update.</p> <p>September 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p> <p>October 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p>

	<p>November 2019: The Commission approved Chair Robinett contacting members from other Commissions in the Human Services and Recreation Department to schedule a community forum.</p> <p>December 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p>To enhance the profile of the Human Relations Commission within the City of Pasadena through outreach, surveying the community, visibility, collaborations, and accessibility with increased community involvement.</p> <p>Rekindling the Light of Peace Adhoc Committee: <b>Robinett</b>, Nehdar  Essay Contest Adhoc Committee: <b>Lacey</b>, Nehdar, Robinett</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b></p> <p>July 2019: Chair Robinett appointed Commissioners Robinett and Nehdar to the Rekindling the Light of Peace adhoc committee, and appointed Commissioners Lacey, Nehdar, and Robinett to the Essay Contest adhoc committee.</p> <p>August 2019: Chair Robinett and Vice-Chair Nehdar tabled at Assemblymember Holden’s Annual Block Party and Resource Fair on Saturday, August 3. The Commission received approximately 30 community survey responses and received feedback about making the survey available in Spanish.</p> <p>September 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p> <p>October 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p> <p>November 2019: The Commission discussed collaborating with other Commissions to present community forums on their objectives.</p> <p>December 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>To investigate potential funders and a collaboration with the Recreation and Parks Foundation.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b></p> <p>July 2019: No update.</p> <p>August 2019: No update.</p> <p>September 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p>

	<p>October 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p> <p>November 2019: The Commission is researching sponsors and funders for the Essay Contest.</p> <p>December 2019: No update due to meeting cancellation.</p>
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NOTE: Objectives are subject to change with approval by the Commission.