



**SPECIAL MEETING
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
3:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS

Nat Nehdar, Chair, District 5
Charlotte Lacey, Vice-Chair, District 7
Brandon Lamar, Mayor
Brenda Morales, District 1
Theresa Robinett, District 2
Rene Gonzalez, District 3
Kevork Keushkerian, District 4
Sandy Greenstein, District 6
Hamed Shirmohammadi, At Large

STAFF

LaWayne Williams, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor
Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

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**AGENDA
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**
- 2. WELCOME**
 - WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSIONER HAMED SHIRMOHAMMADI (AT LARGE)
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2020*
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - ACTION ITEMS**
 - APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR FY 2020-2021
 - COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES*
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
 - INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - UPDATE FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING
 - REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF PEACE
- 6. COMMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS
 - STAFF COMMENTS
- 7. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

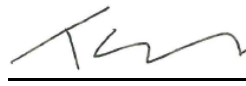
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Nat Nehdar, Chair
Human Relations Commission

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Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

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**CITY OF PASADENA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
3:00 PM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rene Gonzalez (joined at 3:51pm), Sandy Greenstein, Kevork Keushkerian, Charlotte Lacey, Brandon Lamar, Nat Nehdar, Theresa Robinett

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Brenda Morales (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Chair Nehdar called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After review, it was moved (Greenstein) and seconded (Keushkerian) to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Nehdar	X
Lacey	X
Lamar	X
Robinett	X
Keushkerian	X
Greenstein	X

3. NEW BUSINESS

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINAL COMMISSION WORK PLAN FOR FY 2020-2021

Chair Nehdar appointed Commissioners Nehdar, Lacey, Greenstein, and Gonzalez to the Rekindling the Light of Peace ad hoc committee

After discussion, it was moved (Greenstein) and seconded (Lacey) to approve the Commission work plan for FY 2020-2021 as presented and attached to the meeting agenda packet. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Nehdar	X
Lacey	X
Lamar	X
Robinett	X
Keushkerian	X
Greenstein	X

- **DISCUSSION REGARDING HOLDING A MEETING TO DISCUSS SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INVITING THE PUBLIC VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO PARTICIPATE**

The Commission discussed holding a special meeting via Zoom to discuss social justice and the logistics of public participation. No meeting date was determined.

Chair Nehdar appointed Commissioners Greenstein (lead), Lamar, Nehdar, and Robinett to an ad hoc committee to discuss meeting regarding social justice.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

5. COMMENTS AND UPDATES

- **STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff (Osborne) introduced LaWayne Williams (Supervisor, Parks, Recreation and Community Services) who will be the temporary staff liaison for the Commission until a permanent replacement is hired. Staff (Osborne) stated that Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Commission work plans for FY 2020-2021 will be included in future agenda packets beginning in October.

Staff (Williams) introduced himself and shared information about his background and experience.

- **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Nehdar commented that the November meeting will take place on Election Day (November 3) and recommended rescheduling the meeting for Tuesday, November 10 at 3:00pm.

7. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- Appoint Parliamentarian for FY 2020-2021
- Update from the ad hoc committee to discuss meeting regarding social justice

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Lamar) and seconded (Gonzalez) to adjourn the special meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 PM.

**CITY OF PASADENA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WORK PLAN: 08/01/2020-06/30/2021**

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:

1.	<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> <hr/> <p>Work Plan Updates:</p> <p>August 2020: The Commission established a draft of the FY20-21 work plan.</p> <p>September 2020: The Commission approved the work plan for FY 20-21.</p>
2.	<p>To present public forums, panels, and programs on issues that affect human relations in the City of Pasadena.</p> <p>Ad hoc committee: Nehdar, Lacey, Lamar, Gonzalez</p> <p>Rekindling the Light of Peace ad hoc: Nehdar, Lacey, Greenstein, Gonzalez</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rekindling the Light of Peace• Multimedia High School Essay Contest• Human Relations Commission Annual Awards Ceremony• Social justice meeting• Investigate alternatives to in-person forums, panels, and programs <hr/>

	<p>Work Plan Updates:</p> <p>August 2020: The Commission established a draft of the FY20-21 work plan.</p> <p>September 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair Nehdar appointed Commissioners Nehdar, Lacey, Greenstein, and Gonzalez to the Rekindling the Light of Peace ad hoc committee. - Chair Nehdar appointed Commissioners Greenstein (lead), Lamar, Nehdar, and Robinett to an ad hoc committee to discuss meeting regarding social justice.
<p>3.</p>	<p>To identify and bring attention to collaborations existing within the City of Pasadena that provide assistance to private persons and groups, and/or promote goodwill and better relations among all people.</p> <p>Ad hoc committee: Greenstein, Robinett, Morales, Gonzalez</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of local collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pasadena Ministerial Alliance ○ Nonprofit social service organizations <hr/> <p>Work Plan Updates:</p> <p>August 2020: The Commission established a draft of the FY20-21 work plan.</p> <p>September 2020: Commission adhoc will identify specific social organizations to discuss at next meeting.</p>

NOTE: Objectives are subject to change with approval by the Commission.