



**SPECIAL MEETING
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
3:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS

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
Vacant, District 5
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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- DECEMBER 1, 2020*

3. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM

- COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE A TEMPORARY CHAIR

4. OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

- RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS, SUBJECT TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION*
- RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.85, SUBJECT TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL BY ORDINANCE*
- DISCUSSION AND PLANNING FOR THE REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF PEACE EVENT
- COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES*

INFORMATION ITEMS

- DISCUSS HOLDING A PUBLIC FORUM IN 2021 ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA
- DISCUSS RECOGNITION OF 2020 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

5. COMMENTS AND UPDATES

- COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- STAFF COMMENTS

6. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

7. ADJOURNMENT

*Attachment

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Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

DRAFT MINUTES



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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rene Gonzalez, Sandy Greenstein, Kevork Keushkerian, Nat Nehdar, Theresa Robinett, Hamed Shirmohammadi

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Charlotte Lacey (excused), Brandon Lamar (excused), Brenda Morales (unexcused)

STAFF PRESENT: LaWayne Williams, Tamer Sabha, Lola Osborne

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Chair Nehdar called the meeting to order at 3:08 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 November 10, 2020 meeting. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Nehdar	X
Robinett	X
Gonzalez	X
Keushkerian	X
Greenstein	X
Shirmohammadi	X

3. OLD BUSINESS

- REVIEW OF PROPOSED MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS – LAWAYNE WILLIAMS (STAFF, PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR)

The Commission reviewed the proposed modifications to the Human Relations Commission rules and regulations and provided feedback. The Commission will vote to approve the recommended modifications at the January meeting.

- **COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES**

After discussion, it was moved (Greenstein) and seconded (Keushkerian) to accept the work plan updates as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Nehdar	X
Robinett	X
Gonzalez	X
Keushkerian	X
Greenstein	X
Shirmohammadi	X

- **DISCUSS PROGRAM FORMAT FOR THE REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF PEACE EVENT**

Chair Nehdar informed the Commission that he contacted Pasadena Media (KPAS) to participate in the Rekindling the Light event, and requested staff send the Zoom event information. Chair Nehdar also volunteered to email invitations to government and city officials, select a keynote speaker, and find a performer to sing the national anthem. Discussion followed.

- **DISCUSS HOLDING A PUBLIC FORUM IN 2021 ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA**

Commissioner Greenstein shared a recommendation for the name of the public forum, program content, and potential presenters.

Event Name: Human Relations Commission Public Forum on Social Justice in Pasadena

Content: A curated group of representatives from each Council District will be panel presenters and discussants.

Potential Presenters: NAACP Pasadena, NDLO, Flintridge Foundation, Community Pastors Coalition, Pasadena Ministerial Alliance, Hood Liberation

4. NEW BUSINESS

- **DISCUSS RECOGNITION OF 2020 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS**

The Commission discussed holding a ceremonial event through Zoom for the Human Relations Commission 2020 Annual Awards winners, with the proposed event date of Saturday, March 20, 2021. The Commission agreed to ask the five award recipients to limit their comments to 30 seconds and invite Pasadena Media (KPAS) to participate in recording the event.

5. COMMENTS AND UPDATES

▪ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None

▪ STAFF COMMENTS

Staff (Williams) provided the following comments:

- Recommended keeping a look out for an updated Health Order from the Public Health Department due to an uptick in COVID-19 cases;
- The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS) is:
 - Planning virtual events for Black History month in February 2021;
 - Planning two giveaways in December, a toy giveaway for kids and giveaway for seniors who participate in PRCS programs at Jackie Robinson and Villa-Parke Community Centers;
 - Continuing to place interns in the ROSE program, and received an additional allocation of \$500,000 for youth programs working with outside agencies to provide support in workforce development and mentoring;
 - Providing additional support to local food pantries in the Pasadena area to find ways to support them with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding; and
 - Progressing in filling the Program Coordinator position that will be the primary staff person for the Human Relations Commission.

6. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- Review of proposed minor modifications for the Human Relations Commission rules and regulations
- Final arrangements for Rekindling the Light of Peace
- Discuss holding a public forum in 2021 on issues that affect human relations in the City of Pasadena
- Discuss recognition of 2020 Human Relations Commission annual award winners

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Keushkerian) and seconded (Shirmohammadi) to adjourn the special meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

The following rules and regulations were adopted by the Human Relations Commission
on
April 4, 1988, for the conduct of its business consistent with the Pasadena Municipal
Code.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this advisory body is the Human Relations Commission.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE PHILOSOPHY

~~The philosophy of this commission is that all citizens of the city should have an opportunity for full participation in normal community life with the privileges and responsibilities attached thereto. The Commission is concerned with all aspects of community life, which affect wholesome and positive community relations. The commission will seek to enlist the support of all citizens in cooperative efforts to carry out measures to improve relations among all groups in the city; to the end that discrimination among such groups and their individual members will be discouraged and eliminated.~~

The purpose and function of this Commission are set forth in Chapter 2.85 of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership of this commission shall be limited to 9 members.

SECTION 2. Members shall be appointed in conformity with applicable provisions in Chapter 2.85, Title 2 of the Pasadena Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. Any member desiring to resign from the commission shall submit his/her resignation in writing to the chair of the commission and to the person who appointed and/or nominated the member to the commission, or his/her successor.

~~SECTION 4. Any member with three consecutive unexcused absences may be removed from the commission by the city council. The chair of the commission may excuse absences. A member must advise the Chair and staff in advance of any anticipated absence from a scheduled meeting or absence is unexcused.~~

SECTION ~~4~~5. Absent members cannot vote by proxy on issues before the commission at schedule meetings.

SECTION ~~5~~6. Upon appointment, all members shall receive a copy of these rules and regulations and Chapter 2.85 of the Pasadena Municipal Code relating to this commission.

SECTION ~~6~~7. Each member has the right:

- a. To receive timely notice of all meetings with accompanying documents;
- b. To receive a copy of the minutes prior to approval;
- c. To make motions or to second them;
- d. To debate motions;
- e. To vote on motions;
- f. To hold office on the commission; and
- g. To make recommendations to the commission.

SECTION ~~7~~8. No member shall purport to represent or speak on behalf of the commission without the prior approval of a majority of the commission.

SECTION ~~8~~9. ~~_-~~If, due to any of the following factors, a member has a conflict of interest in a matter before the commission, that member shall declare the interest publicly, refrain from participating in the deliberations, abstain from voting on the matter, leave the hearing room during any hearing and deliberations and not discuss the matter with any other commission member prior to final action by the commission:

- a) Member is a client, employee or business associate of a party with a matter before the commission;
- b) Member is related by blood, marriage or adoption to a party with a matter before the commission;
- c) Member has a financial interest in the matter before the commission;
- d) Member and the party with a matter before the commission are affiliates in an association which would cause a reasonable person to question the commission member's impartiality in resolving the matter before the commission;

- e) Member is a friend or acquaintance of a party with a matter before the commission which would cause a reasonable person to question the commission member's impartiality in resolving the matter before the commission.
- f) Member may have a bias prejudicial to the interests of the public or which would give the appearance of impropriety.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers shall be elected by open ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected and for the appointed Parliamentarian position.

SECTION 2. The officers of the Commission shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, and secretary. The secretary shall be a member of the City staff. The commission may have a parliamentarian at its option, who is appointed by the chair at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. The Chair shall have the following responsibility: preside at all meetings of the Commission; vote on every motion as other members; call special meetings; compose the agenda; prepare the annual report for submission to the city council; set the date, hour and place of the regular meeting; make appointments to committees; execute official communications; recommendations of the commission; and conduct commission business in a manner consistent with these rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair and perform such other duties as are assigned by the Chair. In the absence of both the chair and vice-chair, the members shall select a temporary Chairperson.

SECTION 5. The secretary shall have the following responsibilities; record the minutes of all proceedings before the Commission; maintain the records of the Commission in complete and up-to-date order; report all correspondence to the commission; advise the chair of any members with three consecutive unexcused absences and upcoming vacancies; assist in the preparation of the agendas; and make and post all notices.

SECTION 6. The parliamentarian shall assist the Commission to resolve questions of parliamentary procedure using Robert's Rules of Order as a guide. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, latest revised edition shall govern the Commission in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with these rules, the Pasadena Municipal Code, or the Ralph M. Brown Act.

SECTION 7. No member shall hold more than one office at a time. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS – GENERAL RULES

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the commission shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Pasadena CA 91103. Written notice of these meetings, including the date, time and location, shall be given to each member, the City Council and the City Manager.

SECTION 2. Regular meetings should begin no later than 7:00 p.m. and adjourn by ~~8:30 p.m.~~ unless otherwise extended by the commission.

SECTION 3. The regular meeting in June shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, appointing the parliamentarian and for any other business.

SECTION 4. Special meetings may be scheduled by the chair or a majority of the commission. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice. Notice of special meetings shall be given at least 24 hours in advance. Majority of members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5. A quorum shall be a majority of the Commission seats filled by the City Council. A seat is deemed to be filled after a nominee has been sworn in by the City Clerk.

SECTION 6. All meetings of the commission shall be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and shall be open to the public as provided by law.

~~SECTION 7.~~ A matter must be on the agenda to be discussed and acted upon unless otherwise provided by law. A matter may be included on the agenda by a member, or by staff.

SECTION 8. Discussion on any agenda item shall be limited to fifteen minutes unless the Commission votes to extend discussion.

SECTION 98. The order of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:

- a. Call to order
- b. Roll call
- c. Public comment.
- d. Review and approval of minutes.

- e. Old business.
- f. New business.
- g. Reports/comments from the Chair.
 - i. Comments from the Commissioners
- h. Staff Comments.
- i. Next meeting agenda items
- j. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS – MOTIONS

SECTION 1. The Commission may employ five motions in reaching decisions:

- a. Motion for Action: A proposal by a member that the Commission do a special thing.
- b. Motion to Amend: A proposal to amend a motion made by insertion, addition, deletion, or substitution.
- c. Motion to Rescind: A proposal to repeal a motion before a different course of action is decided.
- d. Motion to Table: A proposal to cut off discussion and action on a motion that has been made.
- e. Motion to Suspend the Order of Business: A proposal made when circumstances such as an interruption, late arrival, or early departure necessitate an alteration or change in the agenda.

SECTION 2. Once a motion is before the commission, the public shall not be permitted to speak nor comment during the Commission's discussion of that motion.

SECTION 3. All votes on issues before the commission shall be by voice vote unless a roll call is requested by the chair or a member of the commission. There shall be no secret ballots.

SECTION 4. After a motion has been made and seconded, the Chair or the Secretary shall repeat the motion for the commission. The chair may rule the

motion out of order or restate the motion so that the commission may know what is before it for consideration and action.

SECTION 5. The chair or Secretary shall announce the vote on the motion. In announcing the vote, the Secretary shall state whether the motion carried or failed and the number of votes for and against and indicate abstentions.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS – HEARING PROCEDURES (IF APPLICABLE)

SECTION 1. The commission shall follow the procedure outlined below in conducting public hearings:

- a. The title of the matter shall be announced by the chair.
- b. A city staff member shall then present the matter to the commission.
- c. The chair shall call for the applicant, proponent, or opponent to present his/her view, additional facts, or evidence.
- d. The chair shall call for the statements from other persons favoring the matter; then from persons opposing the matter under consideration.
- e. The applicant, proponent or opponent shall be given an opportunity for rebuttal at the completion of the statements.
- f. The chair shall declare the hearing closed.
- g. By motion, the commission shall take action on the matter.
- h. The chair shall announce the decision of the commission.
- i. All decisions of the commission relating to matters requiring a public hearing shall be in writing and shall be mailed to the parties within a reasonable time after the hearing.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES AND PANELS

SECTION 1. The chair may appoint members to ad hoc committees created to assist in the work of the commission and select delegates to represent the commission, as appropriate. The chair shall establish their area of operation and

concern, and establish rules of operation. The chair shall be an ex officio member of all committees so created,

SECTION 2. The commission hereby establishes a nominating committee which shall recommend nominees for office on the commission. The nominating committee shall consist of three persons appointed by the chair. The committee shall be activated at the May meeting and shall report its nominees at the June meeting.

~~SECTION 3. Unless otherwise provided in Chapter 2.85 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the Chair may appoint members to ad hoc or standing Committees necessary to carry on the work of the Commission. The Chair shall define their area of operation and concern, and establish rules of operation. The Chair shall be an ex officio member of all committees so created, but shall not count as a committee member for the purpose of quorum.~~

SECTION 4. The commission hereby establishes a police community relations committee to execute the police community relations function of the ordinance. Actions agreed upon in meetings shall be reported to the full commission. The police community relations committee shall consist of three members.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT OF RULES

~~SECTION 1. These rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the City Council for final approval and shall not become effective until approved and ordered filed by the City Council.~~

SECTION 1. These rules may be proposed to be amended by a majority vote of the Commission, upon which the rules shall be submitted to the City Council for approval. In the event of a conflict between these rules and any rules established by the City Council for the conduct of meetings of all Council, committee, board, and commission meetings (such as Resolution no. 9716, dated June 3, 2019, as may be amended or superseded), the broader City Council rules (including, but not limited to, rules applicable to all City Council, committee, board, and commission meetings) shall prevail.

Chapter 2.85

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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2.85.010 Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the “Human Relations Commission Ordinance.” (Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.020 Establishment.

There is created and established a commission of the city to be known as the “human relations commission” and hereinafter called “commission.” (Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.030 Membership-Appointment and terms.

A. The commission shall consist of 9 members, who shall be appointed as follows:

1. Each of the 7 councilmembers and the mayor shall nominate 1 member for a total of 8 members.
2. The mayor shall nominate the remaining 1 member from persons recommended by the 7 councilmembers.
3. All nominations are subject to ratification by city council.

B. Members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, and shall serve no more than 2 consecutive terms. A term of less than 1 year shall not be considered a full term. Terms expire on June 30th of the applicable years. A member shall continue in office for the term for which he/she was appointed or until his/her successor is appointed. No member who has serve 2 consecutive terms shall be eligible for reappointment to the commission prior to the passage of a 2-year interval.

C. If a member ceases to reside in the city prior to the expiration of a term, the member may complete the term only upon approval by the city council pursuant to Section 2.45.020.

D. Any member of the commission may be removed by the city council at its pleasure. (Ord. 6820 §§ 19,45 (part), 2000; Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.040 Qualifications.

A. All members shall be residents of the city; provided, however, that a person nominated by a city council member need not reside in said city council member's district.

B. Members should be committed to the principle of equal opportunity for all people and have the ability to function harmoniously within a heterogeneous group. (Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.050 Absences and vacancies.

A. In the event a member has three consecutive unexcused absences from meetings of the commission, the city council may declare the office of such member vacant. The staff to the commission shall advise the ~~secretary~~ administrative assistant to the mayor of any member with 3 consecutive unexcused absences. The chair of the commission may excuse absences.

B. Vacancies, whether scheduled or unscheduled, shall be filled by the person who nominated the member to the vacant office, or by his/her successor, in the same manner as set forth in Section 2.85.030. (Ord. 6820 § 45 (part), 2000; Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.060 Elections of officers.

~~At the first meeting of~~ In the month of June, the commission, and there ~~-after~~ at its annual first meeting of in June each subsequent year, the members shall elect a chair and a vice chair and the newly elected chair shall appoint a parliamentarian. In the absence ~~or disability~~ of the chair and vice chair, the commission may designate a temporary chair. (Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.070 Meetings-Records.

A. The commission shall meet at least once a month. All its meetings shall be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and shall be open to the public except as provided by law. Special meetings may be

called by the chair or a majority of the commission.

B. A quorum shall be a majority of the commission seats filled by the city council. A seat is deemed to be filled by the city council. A seat is deemed to be filled after a nominee has been sworn in by the city clerk. No action of the commission shall be valid without the affirmative vote of at least 3 members.

C. The commission shall keep a record, which shall be available for public inspection, of all of its resolutions, proceedings, and other actions. (Ord. 6820 § 20, 45 (part), 2000; Ord. 6675 § 1 (part), 1996; Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.080 Rules and regulations.

The commission shall adopt and amend, by the affirmative vote of a majority of 5 members, rules and regulations for the conduct of the commission's business consistent with the chapter. Such rules and regulations shall be submitted to the city council and shall not become effective until approved and ordered filed by the council. (Ord. 6820 § 21, 2000; Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.090 Annual report.

The commission shall submit an annual report and work plan to the city council no later than September 1st of each year. Attendance records of members shall be included as part of the annual report. (Ord. 6930 § 9, 2003; Ord. 6820 § 45 (part), 2000; Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.100 Disclosure requirements.

Members of the commission shall not be required to file annual statements of economic interest pursuant to the city's

conflict of interest code. (Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

2.85.110 Purpose and functions.

A. The purpose of this commission is to aid the city in achieving better human relations in city government, and to provide assistance to private person, and groups in promoting good will and better relations among all people.

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C. The commission shall:

1. Formulate ideas and suggest programs in the areas of research and educate for the purpose of lessening racial and religious prejudice and of fostering attitudes among the various-groups ~~within its jurisdiction~~ which lead to civic peace and intergroup understanding:

2. Develop and participate in plans and programs designed to promote the full acceptance of all citizens in the community in all aspects of community life, without regard to race, religion, national origin, age, sex or minority affiliation:

3. Participate with community agencies engaged in fostering mutual understanding and respect among all racial, religious and cultural groups in the city, or in attempting to discourage discrimination practices against any such group or any of its members.

4. Maintain close liaison with the police department through the police chief or his/her representatives and promote understanding and cooperation between the police department and residents of the community;

5. Encourage and assist representatives of the local law enforcement agencies, the judicial system and other interested community groups in developing and maintaining harmonious relationships between the law enforcement agencies and the residents of the city. (Ord. 6905 §§ 1,2, 2002; Ord. 6820 § 45 (part), 2000; Ord. 6229 § 2 (part), 1987)

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:

<p>1.</p>	<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> <p>October 2020: No update was provided.</p> <p>November 2020: No update was provided.</p> <p>December 2020: No update was provided.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>To present public forums, panels, and programs on issues that affect human relations in the City of Pasadena.</p> <p>Nehdar, Lacey, Lamar, Gonzalez</p> <p>Rekindling the Light of Peace ad hoc: Lacey (Lead), Nehdar, Gonzalez, Shirmohammadi</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
 - Investigate alternatives to in-person forums, panels, and programs
-

Work Plan Updates:

August 2020: The Commission established a draft of the FY20-21 work plan.

September 2020:

- 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.

October 2020: The ad hoc committee decided and approved holding the Rekindling the Light of Peace event through Zoom on Saturday, January 9, 2021.

November 2020:

- The ad hoc committee confirmed the Rekindling the Light of Peace virtual event will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 10:00am-11:30am on Zoom.
- Vice-Chair Lacey will contact potential speakers for the event and select the keynote speaker.
- Chair Nehdar confirmed a musical performance and the Commission discussed the logistics of pre-recording portions of the event.
- The Commission requested Staff (Williams) look into the possibility of recognizing the 2020 Human Relations Commission Annual Award winners at a future City Council meeting.
- Commissioners discussed requesting certificates of appreciation for the 2020 Human Relations Commission Annual Award winners from Senator Portantino and Assemblymember Holden.

December 2020:

- Chair Nehdar shared that the Multimedia High School Essay Contest will be postponed due to COVID-19.
- Chair Nehdar contacted Pasadena Media (KPAS) to participate in the Rekindling the Light of Peace event and will be emailing invitations, selecting a speaker, and finding a performer for the national anthem.

3. 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.

Greenstein (Lead), Robinett, Lamar, Morales

Action Items:

- Assessment of local collaborations
 - Pasadena Ministerial Alliance
 - Nonprofit social service organizations
- Social justice meeting

Work Plan Updates:

August 2020: The Commission established a draft of the FY20-21 work plan.

September 2020: Commission ad hoc will identify specific social organizations to discuss at next meeting.

October 2020:

- Chair Nehdar dissolved the ad hoc committee regarding the social justice meeting and added the item into work plan objective #3.
- Commissioner Greenstein updated the Commission in that the ad hoc committee met on Tuesday, September 15 and discussed:
 - Developments with the Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission.
 - Hosting a Zoom job and resource fair for formerly incarcerated residents.
 - Holding a forum to bridge the gap between the various sections in Pasadena.
 - Community Bill of Rights released by the NAACP and NDLO (National Day Laborer Organization Network) that was released in June 2020.
 - The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Commission work plans for FY 2020-2021 to see how they relate to the work of the Human Relations Commission.

November 2020: The Commission discussed holding a virtual public forum and inviting local community based organizations to present about what they are working on.

December 2020: Commissioner Greenstein shared a recommendation for the program name, format, and potential speakers for the social justice meeting:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Event Name: Human Relations Commission Public Forum on Social Justice in Pasadena• Content: A curated group of representatives from each Council District will be panel presenters and discussants.• Potential Presenters: NAACP Pasadena, NDLO, Flintridge Foundation, Community Pastors Coalition, Pasadena Ministerial Alliance, Hood Liberation
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NOTE: Objectives are subject to change with approval by the Commission.