

**Lafayette Human Rights Commission
Minutes
Meeting of June 23, 2020
Zoom**

Present: Hannah Fletcher, Elizabeth Lichtenstein, Denice Walker, Emma Piller, Abby Boyd, Liaison Melissa Hisel, Deputy City Administrator Kady Doelling, Councilor Brian Wong

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

2. Approval of Minutes from 02/25/2020

Walker moved to approve the minutes, *Piller* second, unanimous.

5. Commission Updates and Vacancies.

Introduction of recently hired Deputy City Administrator Kady Doelling. Councilor Wong gave an update on current issues related to human rights at the council level. Encouraged commissioners to participate in upcoming Seek to Understand listening sessions with the Lafayette Police Department. He also encouraged the group to serve as a conduit for community feedback and help engage the community in important dialog. The group discussed some possibilities including a potential workshop with Council and will plan to attend the police department events on July 1st, August 5th and September 2nd.

Doelling and Wong left the meeting for other commitments.

The selection committee of commissioners Piller and Fletcher had interviewed applicants in March and April. They recommended the following appointments:

Tejwant Mangat and Anne Borrell to the two open regular seats and Kristen King for an alternate seat. Walker moved to approve the recommendation, Lichtenstein second, unanimous. The recommendation will be sent to council for approval at the July 21 meeting.

1. Public Comment (after 7pm): Frank Archuleta left a written comment asking the group the not forget the naming of the Rose Lueras pool and the community desire to have an interpretive sign telling the history of the pool on site at the rec center or city park.

6. Lafayette READs Program Proposal.

Liaison Hisel shared information about the dedication of the library's annual reading program to books, conversations, and lectures on Anti-Racism. The first title is White Fragility: why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism. She asked for the endorsement of the HRC. Depending on demand and budgets Hisel may ask the group to make a financial commitment to

the program. Walker moved to have HRC endorse the program as a “partner”. Lichtenstein second, unanimous.

7. Other business: Lichtenstein reminded the group what was being worked on before the public health emergency including a commission retreat and disparity in learning at Sanchez Elementary brought forth by resident Ralph Frid last year. Boyd brought up an email sent to the group by resident Kari Palazzari who emailed the group about police transparency and best practice, creating a policing scorecard and a conversation around the budget. Abby will reach out to Kari.

Adjourned 8:41 pm