



**MEETING AGENDA**

Fort Worth Human Relations Commission  
August 3, 2020  
5:30 p.m.

**Videoconference**

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- I. Roll Call
  - II. Call Meeting to Order
  - III. Approval of Minutes for July 6, 2020, HRC Meeting
  - IV. Community Presentation(s)
  - V. Director’s Report ..... Christina A. Brooks, Director  
Diversity & Inclusion Department
    - Upcoming Events
    - Organization Updates
    - Employee Recognitions
  - VI. Approval of Contract with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban.....Ruth Lindsey, Manager  
Development (HUD) for FY2020  
Diversity & Inclusion Department
    - Consider and take possible action

- VII. Reports:
  - Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) Report
  - Municipal Equity Report
  - Consider and take possible action
- VIII. Feedback & Topics – Discussions with the Mayor ..... Eva Bonilla, Chair
  - Consider and take possible action
- IX. Announcements by Commissioners/Committee Members..... Eva Bonilla, Chair
  - Upcoming and Recent Events
- X. Future Agenda Items
- XI. Adjournment

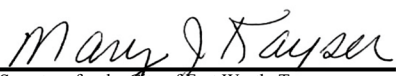
**Accommodations**

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**Executive Session**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Human Relations Commission will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

I, the undersigned authority do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the City of Fort Worth official website and said Notice was posted on the following date and time **Friday, July 31, 2020 at 9:30 am**, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

  
 City Secretary for the City of Fort Worth, Texas

**Meeting Minutes for the  
Fort Worth Human Relations Commission**

**July 6, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Human Relations Commission regular scheduled meeting was conducted by videoconference and/or teleconference in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the provisions provided by the Governor of Texas in conjunction with the Declaration of Disaster enacted on March 13, 2020.

Diane Vargas, Administrative Staff Support for the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission, administered the Roll Call to determine quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Bilz, Reed  
Castro, Carmen  
Porter, Kimberly  
Bonilla, Eva  
Blakeley, Damon  
Wyss, Mike  
McKenzie, Carla

**Absent**

Raspberry, Melissa  
Martinez, Arturo

**Staff**

Brooks, Christina  
Rush, Angela  
Villegas, Veronica  
Vargas, Diane  
Lindsey, Ruth  
Henderson, Al  
Troutt, Christopher  
Corona-Hunter, Monica

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) Commissioners present, HRC Chair Bonilla called the regular session of the HRC meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Before proceeding with the meeting, HRC Chair Bonilla read the poem Invitation to Brave Space by Micky ScottBey Jones.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bilz motioned to accept the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes. Commissioner Blakeley seconded the motion. Ms. Vargas conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried 6-0.

- ✓ Reed Bilz – Yea
- ✓ Carmen Castro – Yea
- ✓ Kimberly Porter – Yea
- ✓ Eva Bonilla – Yea
- ✓ Damon Blakeley – Yea
- ✓ Carla McKenzie – Yea

Commissioner Bilz motioned to accept the July 12<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting minutes. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion. Ms. Vargas conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried 7-0.

- ✓ Reed Bilz – Yea
- ✓ Carmen Castro – Yea
- ✓ Kimberly Porter – Yea

- ✓ Eva Bonilla – Yea
- ✓ Damon Blakeley – Yea
- ✓ Mike Wyss – Yea
- ✓ Carla McKenzie – Yea

## **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

Rainey Dock Matthews – provided the HRC with a few informational updates on REVUP Texas. She also noted that it is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

### ***Director’s Report***

Ms. Brooks reported on upcoming events:

- The Rotary Club of Fort Worth will be having Courageous Conversations beginning on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The first conversation topic will be on the Community Oversight Board. The community is invited to login to the July 10<sup>th</sup> virtual Rotary Club meeting to get an overview of the conversations.
- There is a District 2 Virtual Town Hall on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 6–7:30 p.m. hosted by Councilmember Carlos Flores. The panelist include Deputy City Manager Jay Chapa, Chief of Police Ed Kraus, Police Monitor Kim Neal, and Chief Equity Officer Christina Brooks.
- On August 4<sup>th</sup> during City Council work session, the Diversity and Inclusion Department staff will provide an in-depth overview of the Race and Culture Task Force progress. Staff is also scheduled to present a draft of the Business Equity Ordinance for Council to review.

Organization Updates: there were none.

Employee Recognitions: there were none.

### ***Update on Appointments to the Human Relations Commission***

Ms. Brooks reported that Council is moving forward with appointments to City Boards, Commissions and Committees. Council is out for the month of July but will resume meeting in August. Commissioners should receive information sometime in August.

### ***Appeal of “No Reasonable Cause” Determination – Shanta Bush vs. Ft. Worth Housing Solutions***

Ms. Rush presented the appeal of Shanta Bush vs. Ft. Worth Housing Solutions to the HRC. She briefly reviewed the three options available to the HRC pursuant to the HRC Ordinance (*17-97 Dismissal and Appeal of Complaint*). The three options were: 1) affirm the director’s determination; 2) reverse the decision and direct the director to enter a cause determination; or 3) if the commission believes further investigation is needed, remand the complaint to the director with request for specific further investigation.

Commissioner Bilz motioned to affirm the director’s decision. Commissioner Castro seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Ms. Vargas conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried 7-0.

- ✓ Reed Bilz
- ✓ Carmen Castro – Yea
- ✓ Kimberly Porter – Yea
- ✓ Eva Bonilla – Yea
- ✓ Damon Blakeley – Yea

- ✓ Mike Wyss – Yea
- ✓ Carla McKenzie – Yea

## **REPORTS**

An electronic copy of the MCPD and Community Engagement and Programs reports were provided to the HRC prior to the tonight's meeting. Commissioner Mike Wyss and Ms. Villegas were available to answer questions.

### ***Feedback & Topics – Discussions with the Mayor***

Commissioner Bilz motioned to speak with the Mayor about receiving feedback and/or a timely acknowledgment on HRC recommendations. Commissioner Blakeley amended the motion by adding that the HRC empowers the Chair Eva Bonilla with authority to speak with the Mayor on behalf of the HRC. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Ms. Vargas conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried 7-0.

- ✓ Reed Bilz
- ✓ Carmen Castro – Yea
- ✓ Kimberly Porter – Yea
- ✓ Eva Bonilla – Yea
- ✓ Damon Blakeley – Yea
- ✓ Mike Wyss – Yea
- ✓ Carla McKenzie – Yea

### ***Announcements by Commissioners***

HRC Chair Bonilla announced that Kim Neal will be the speaker at the next Women's Policy Forum virtual meeting on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will send the invitation to anyone who is interested in attending. Additionally, last week she participated in a virtual communication meeting with the Office of Police Monitoring. The office was polling neighborhoods on how neighborhoods want to build a better presence with the police department.

### ***Future Agenda Items***

- Invite Kim Neal to the August HRC meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



**Mayors Committee on Persons With Disabilities (MCPD)  
Report to Fort Worth Human Relations Commission**

Date: August 2, 2020

Prepared by: Mike Wyss and Al Henderson

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- The presenter for the July, 2020 meeting was Dr. Gwen Morrison of Tarrant County College Board of Trustees. Dr. Morrison spoke on the history of the ADA and how it has impacted her life and some of the accomplishments of the MCPD. Following the presentation, we received proclamations celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA from The City of Fort Worth as read by Councilwomen Ann Zadeh, from the Governor Greg Abbott's office and Tarrant County Judge B. Glenn Whitely's office.
  - At the conclusion of the MCPD meeting the members joined the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA celebration with the Governors Committee on Persons with Disabilities as part of a videoconference state-wide public celebration. The key note speaker was Lex Friedan one of the key supporters in the passing of the ADA. As part of the celebration a virtual tour of Texas was conducted with 21 MCPDs and County agencies allowed 3 minutes to speak on what accomplishments they have done, what the ADA has meant to them and birthday wishes to the ADA. Chair Rainey Dock Matthews represented the MCPD with an impressive presentation.
  - Next MCPD meeting is August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10AM you are invited to attend.