



Human Relations Commission Minutes

March 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Human Relations Commissioners Present: Commissioner Vincent DeTurris, Commissioner Sierra Smith, Vice Chair Catuih Campos, Chair Angie Kasprzak

Human Relations Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Mason Ambrosio, Commissioner Stephanie Carlotti, Commissioner Taryn Warrecker

City Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann, DEI Administrative Specialist Samantha Vethavanam

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Human Relations Commission was called to order on March 5, 2025 at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Chair Kasprzak.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

3. CONSENT

3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 5, 2025 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Motion By Commissioner Smith

Second By Commissioner DeTurris

Ayes (4): Commissioner DeTurris, Commissioner Smith, Vice Chair Campos, and Chair Kasprzak

Absent (3): Commissioner Ambrosio, Commissioner Carlotti, and Commissioner Warrecker

CARRIED (4 to 0)

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a PRESENTATION ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Commission received an update and presentation from Chief Todd Tuggle on the City's Fire Department about their internship program.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.a REVIEW OF THE BANCHAN FOODS DEI SLO BUSINESS GRANT YEAR-END REPORT

DEI Admin Specialist Sam Vethavanam presented the staff report and responded to Commission inquiries.

Chair Kasprzak opened Public Comment

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Kasprzak closed Public Comment

Action: The Commission received and filed the Banchan Foods' DEI SLO Business Grant Year-End Report.

5.b REVIEW OF THE 2023-24 DEI HIGH IMPACT GRANT YEAR-END REPORTS

DEI Admin Specialist Sam Vethavanam presented the staff report and responded to Commission inquiries.

Chair Kasprzak opened Public Comment

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Kasprzak closed Public Comment

Action: The Commission received and filed the 2023-24 DEI High Impact Grant Year-End Reports.

5.c SELECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER LIAISON ROLES FOR THE 2024-25 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT

DEI Admin Specialist Sam Vethavanam presented the staff report and responded to Commission inquiries.

Chair Kasprzak opened Public Comment

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Kasprzak closed Public Comment

Motion By Commissioner Smith

Second By Vice Chair Campos

Human Relations Commissioners approved the following liaison assignments for each of the grant recipients from the 2024-25 Human Services Grant program:

- Commissioner Ambrosio: Restorative Partners, Inc. & the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo
- Commissioner Carlotti: 5 Cities Homeless Coalition & Jewish Family Services of San Luis Obispo
- Commissioner DeTurrís: Long Term Care Ombudsman Services of San Luis Obispo County & Lumina Alliance
- Commissioner Smith: Middlehouse Alumni Housing, Middlehouse Homeless Prevention, & Shower the People
- Incoming Commissioner (TBD): Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO) Homeless Prevention/Stable Housing Services, CAPSLO Families in Transition, & Smart Share Housing Solutions
- Vice Chair Campos: Senior Nutrition Program & San Luis Obispo County UndocuSupport
- Chair Kasprzak: CASA of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. & Literacy for Life

Ayes (4): Commissioner DeTurrís, Commissioner Smith, Vice Chair Campos, and Chair Kasprzak

Absent (3): Commissioner Ambrosio, Commissioner Carlotti, and Commissioner Warrecker

CARRIED (4 to 0)

6. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

6.a STAFF & COMMISSIONER UPDATES AND AGENDA FORECAST

Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann and DEI Admin Specialist Sam Vethavanam provided the following update of upcoming projects:

- DEI Manager hiring update
- Recap of City Council meeting on March 4, 2025
- 2025-26 Human Services Grant application window closed - 27 applications received
- Remainder of Community Belonging Series
- DEI SLO Business Grantee social media series
- Next meeting will have an update from the Commission's Ad Hoc Learning Subcommittee, the 2025-26 Human Services Grant Public Hearing, and a report out on the 2024-25 Human Services Grant Year-End Reports.

Chair Kasprzak provided the following updates:

- Pride events are forthcoming
- Cafe Corazon Chingonas event on March 7, 2025 at 5 pm
- Diversity Coalition 'Fostering Understanding in Our Community' event will be held on March 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm
- Transgender Day of Visibility is March 31, 2025

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Human Relations Commission is scheduled for April 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: XX/XX/2025