



Human Relations Commission Minutes

June 4, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Human Relations
Commissioners
Present:

Commissioner Mason Ambrosio, Commissioner Stephanie Carlotti (*arrived at 5:13pm*) Commissioner Vincent DeTurris, Commissioner Esmeralda Parker, Commissioner Sierra Smith, Chair Angie Kasprzak

Human Relations
Commissioners
Absent:

Vice Chair Catuih Campos

City Staff Present:

Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann, DEI Administrative Specialist Samantha Vethavanam, DEI Manager Matt Pennon

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Human Relations Commission was called to order on June 4, 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 - MAY 7, 2025 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion By Commissioner Smith

Second By Commissioner DeTurris

To approve the Human Relations Commission Minutes of May 7, 2025.

Ayes (5): Commissioner Ambrosio, Commissioner DeTurris, Commissioner Parker, Commissioner Smith, Chair Kasprzak

Absent (2): Commissioner Carlotti and Vice Chair Campos

CARRIED (3 to 0)

Commissioner Carlotti joins at 5:13pm

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.a OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

Economic Development & Tourism Manager Laura Fiedler provided information to the Commissioners on the current Strategic Plan and how DEI is embedded within.

Public Comment:

None.

--End of Public Comment--

4.b UPDATE AND OVERVIEW OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Sustainability & Natural Resources Official Robert Hill and Sustainability Manager Chris Read provided information to the Commissioners on the current Climate Action Plan and how DEI is embedded within.

Public Comment:

None.

--End of Public Comment--

4.c SAN LUIS OBISPO POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Rick Scott and Officer John Stevens provided information to the Commissioners on the current Strategic Plan and how DEI is embedded within.

Public Comment:

None.

--End of Public Comment--

4.d FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 DEI HIGH IMPACT GRANT FUNDING
INFORMATION AND PRIORITIES REVIEW

Public Comment:

Jerry Mihaic

--End of Public Comment--

Motion By Commissioner Smith

Second By Chair Kasprzak

To approve the DEI High Impact Grant funding information and priorities for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for City Council's approval with the following recommendations:

- Update language to the Additional Funding section to clarify that the lead organization for partner applications needs to be an eligible entity and act as the fiscal agent, but that all parties must enter into the contract.
- Remove the sentence "eligible projects may provide a one-time service with long-lasting impacts" from the Funding Priorities sections and add as a seventh Additional Funding Information item

Ayes (6): Commissioner Ambrosio, Commissioner Carlotti, Commissioner DeTurris, Commissioner Parker, Commissioner Smith, Chair Kasprzak

Absent (1): Vice Chair Campos

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

5.a STAFF & COMMISSIONER UPDATES AND AGENDA FORECAST

Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann, DEI Manager Matt Pennon, and DEI Admin Specialist Samantha Vethavanam provided the following update of upcoming projects:

- DEI Manager Pennon will be reaching out to schedule one on ones with the Commissioners.
- City staff attended Pride in the Plaza and Trans Pride in the Park the weekend of May 31 – June 1 and experienced great community engagement.
- City Council approved the HRC's Human Services Grant recommendations at the June 3rd Regular Meeting with a modification

to award \$15,000 to People's Self Help Housing and \$10,000 to SLO CASA.

- The final Community Belonging Series workshop will take place June 10th
- 2024-25 DEI High Impact Grants mid-year reports are due on July 21st
- 2024-25 Human Services Grant year-end reports are due July 21st.

Chair Kasprzak informed the Commission that on June 21st there will be a "Pride Prom" event at 1500 Lizzie Street, as well as "Swim With Pride" on June 28th at Sinsheimer Park. The Juneteenth event in San Luis Obispo would be cancelled, but Paso Robles will be hosting an event on June 21st at the Downtown Park.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next Special Meeting of the Human Relations Commission is scheduled for July 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo. The July 2, 2025 Regular Meeting will be cancelled.

APPROVED BY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: XX/XX/2025