



## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AGENDA

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

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2. Roll call
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  - 3) *Appear in person at the meeting and register to speak.*
4. Approval of July 25, 2023, minutes [Pages 3-5]
5. Scheduled business
  - a. Land acknowledgement recommendation to City Council
  - b. In-person commission work session
  - c. HRC name change recommendations
  - d. HRC project updates
  - e. Event debriefs and potential event involvement [Pages 6-8]
6. Business from the members

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7. Staff updates
8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023
9. Adjournment

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## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

### MINUTES

July 25, 2023

6:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: **DRAFT**

#### Call to Order

Chair Keith Kolkow called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Members present: Keith Kolkow, Allyson Dean, Jamie Jones, Elyn Fisher, Greg Soriano, Miriam Cummins, and Robyn Davis

Members absent: None

#### Business from the public

**6:36 p.m.**

There was no business from the public.

#### Approval of June 27, 2023, minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Allyson Dean moved to approve the June 27, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Greg Soriano seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

#### Land acknowledgement recommendation to the City Council

**6:38 p.m.**

The group agreed that they would like to recommend a land acknowledgement statement to be read at City meetings or printed on the meeting agendas. Kolkow will put a committee together to work on a statement. He will bring a prepared statement to the group at next month's meeting. If the group approves the statement, they will present it to the City Council in the fall.

#### In-person commission retreat

**6:44 p.m.**

The group decided to conduct a two hour, in-person work session to discuss goals and strategies for the remainder of this year and the coming year. Staff liaison Kim Lyddane will poll the group using the online scheduling tool, Doodle. When a date has been determined, staff will reserve a room either at City Hall or the Riverfront Community Center for the work session.

#### Creating an equity, diversity, and inclusion survey for 2024

**6:49 p.m.**

Kolkow would like to form a committee to create an equity, diversity, and inclusion survey. Commissioner Miriam Cummins, Commissioner Robyn Davis, and Dean all expressed an interest in being on that committee.

#### HRC meeting time

**6:51 p.m.**

Cummins and Commissioner Elyn Fisher said that they did not receive the email asking them which meeting time they preferred. Lyddane will resend the email. When she receives their responses, she will email the group with the new meeting time.

HRC project updates

**6:54 p.m.**

a. Coffee with a Commissioner:

Dean requested that this project be put on hold until after the group's work session so that the members who are representing the group at the event are clear on the HRC's goals and what the commission would like to convey. The group agreed.

b. Community Walk:

Soriano reported that he walked the 1.5-mile route and found it to be safe and that there is adequate parking at the facility. Fisher will invite local law enforcement to the event. Soriano has invited the Linn Benton National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The walk will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 9, 2023. The group agreed to title the event Walk & Roll. Staff will forward a flyer with additional details to the group that they can send out to their contacts. Lyddane confirmed that the Public Works department gave permission for the group to use the facility on September 9 for the event. The department did caution that the trail is comprised of natural surfaces and some portions of it might be harder for wheelchairs to maneuver. Kolkow will reach out to the event booth vendors in his list of contacts.

Event debriefs and potential event involvement

**7:01 p.m.**

Kolkow and Davis reported that they talked to a number of people at the Albany Farmers' Market. They asked attendees what they thought the HRC should do in Albany. Davis shared the written responses\* they received:

- Be present at the Farmers' Market every Saturday
- Educate the community
- Be loud
- Have Spanish language capacity
- Support Festival Latino
- Advocate for free community parenting classes
- Partner with the Jackson Street Youth Services
- Help implement community gardens

Business from the commission

**7:03 p.m.**

Kolkow informed the group that there was communication from the Anti-Defamation League to the City regarding comments made at the May 24, 2023, council meeting. They are planning on attending an upcoming City Council meeting. Kolkow encouraged the group to track upcoming council agendas to discover when this will take place.

Dean asked Lyddane whether Festival Latino could be conducted in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation's Summer Sounds events. She requested that the department share with the community on how people can apply to be a Summer Sounds performer. Lyddane will investigate the feasibility and report back to the group.

Cummins stated that she would like to advocate for more representation for the Latinx community. She has received feedback from the Latinx community that they would like to have a cultural community experience with music and dance called a bailar.

Staff updates

There were no updates at this time.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Kolkow adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gina Burrese  
Recorder

Kim Lyddane  
Staff Liaison

\*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing [cityclerk@cityofalbany.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofalbany.net).

## Calendar of Events

Thursdays      Community take-out meals      5:00 p.m.      First Christian Church

### January 2023

01/12/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
01/15/2023	HR Award nomination deadline		
01/16/2023	MLK Peace Breakfast	9:00 a.m.	OSU Campus
01/16/2023	MLK Peace March	11:00 a.m.	OSU Campus
01/24/2023	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual event
01/31/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

### February 2023

Saturdays	Kids for the Culture celebrating black history month		Main Library
02/09/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
02/27/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
02/27/2023	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual event
02/28/2023	Citizen Advisory Groups training	? p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
02/?/2023	LBCC Unity Celebration (last week of Feb. or first week of March)	9:00 a.m.	

### March 2023

03/09/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
<del>03/22/2023</del>	<del>HRC's annual report presented at the City Council meeting</del>	<del>6:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Council Chambers, City Hall</del>
03/28/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
<del>03/28/2023</del>	<del>HRC meeting (No quorum)</del>	<del>6:30 p.m.</del>	

### April 2023

04/01/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/08/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/13/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
04/15/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/15/2023	Eads Park Cleanup Volunteer Event		
04/22/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/25/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
04/25/2022	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
04/29/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot

### May 2023

	Mental Health Month		
	Historical Preservation Month		
05/06/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/11/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
05/13/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/18/2023	HEART to Heart Resource Fair (3rd Thursday in May)		
05/20/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/23/2023	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
05/27/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/29/2023	Memorial Day events		
05/30/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

## June 2023

06/03/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/08/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
06/10/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/14/2023	HRC annual report & award presentation @ CC meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
06/17/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/19/2022	Juneteenth Celebration (Linn Benton NAACP)	4:00 p.m.	Corvallis Community Center
06/24/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/24/2023	Albany Pride Festival	9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	Linn County Courthouse & Downtown Albany Oak Elementary
06/26-29/2023	Safety Camp for kids entering grades 4-6		
06/27/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
06/27/2023	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
06/28/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Sunrise Park

## July 2023

07/01/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/05/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Gibson Hill Park
7/7-9/2023	Crazy Daze Sales	all day	Downtown Albany
07/08/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/10/2023	Summer Sounds (Eagle Eyes)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/12/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Deerfield Park
07/13/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	7:00 p.m.	Hybrid event
07/13-15/2023	Linn County Fair		Fairgrounds
07/15/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/17/2023	Summer Sounds (Huckleberry Road)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/19/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Takena Park
07/20/2023	River Rhythms (Debbie Gibson)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/22/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/23/2023	Special Olympics of Oregon Summer Regional Softball	9:30 a.m.	YMCA Albany
07/24/2023	Summer Sounds (Birch Pereira & the Gin Joints)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/25/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
07/25/2023	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
07/26/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Lehigh Park
07/27/2023	River Rhythms (Spin Doctors)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/29/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/31/2023	Summer Sounds (Ms. Vee)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park

## August 2023

08/01/2023	National Night Out Event (1st Tuesday in August)	5:30 p.m.	
08/02/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Doug Killin Park
08/03/2023	River Rhythms (Home Free)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
08/05/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/09/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Swanson Park
08/10/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
08/10/2022	River Rhythms (Foghat)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
08/12/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/19/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/22/2023	HRC meeting	6:00 p.m.	Virtual event
08/26/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
8/25-27/2023	NW Art & Air Festival		Timber Linn Park
08/26/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/29/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

## September 2023

09/02/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/09/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/09/2023	HRC's community walk: Walk & Roll	10:00 a.m.	Talking Water Gardens
09/14/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
09/14/2023	Linn-Benton Veteran Stand Down		
09/16/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
	<del>Festival Latino</del>		
09/23/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/26/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
09/26/2023	HRC meeting	6:00 p.m.	Virtual event

## October 2023

10/1-7/2023	Mental Illness Awareness week		
10/07/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/12/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
10/14/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/21/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/24/2023	HRC meeting	6:00 p.m.	Virtual event
10/28/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/31/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

## November 2023

	<del>Annual Summit on Homelessness</del>		
11/04/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/09/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
11/11/2023	Veterans Day Memorial Service	8:30 a.m.	Timber Linn Park
11/11/2023	Veterans Day Parade	12:30 p.m.	
11/11/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/18/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/28/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
11/28/2023	HRC meeting (PENDING)	? p.m.	
11/25/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot

## December 2023

12/14/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
12/21/2023	Homeless Persons' Memorial Service (longest night of the year)	5:30 p.m.	
12/26/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
<del>12/26/2023</del>	<del>HRC meeting</del> Canceled	<del>6:30 p.m.</del>	