

### Minutes of the Peace Commission Meeting • August 20, 2025

**Commission Members Present:** Co-Chair Larry Kim, Co-Chair Elka Kuhlman, Annie Brown, Kazimiera Fraley, Bonnie Talbert

**City Staff Present:** Acting Executive Director Saffana Anwar, Administrative & Project Coordinator Ryan Welsh

**Call to Order:** Co-Chair Kuhlman called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

#### Checking In

- People shared brief personal and professional updates from the last month.

#### Staff Updates for the Commission

##### Updates on Staff and Discussion

- The Commission discussed the transition to a new Acting E.D.
- The Commission expressed frustration about the past year and desired to have a retreat to re-imagine the work of the Commission.

#### Meet Your Neighbor Days Planning

- Staff shared updates on the Civic Unity event for Meet Your Neighbor Days at the Senior Center.
- Staff updated the Commission on all the avenues explored for communications and outreach.
  - Some Commission members volunteered to help table at Danehy Park Day.
- Commission members shared a variety of events and activities for Meet Your Neighbor Days including:
  - A Dance Party with School of Honk
  - Coordination with Recycling Committee
  - Other members had submitted ideas in collaboration with their houses of worship and faith communities.
- The Commission Members shared feedback and ideas for updating the intake form.
  - Members would prefer the map be color-coded by event type.

#### Public Comment

- There was a member of public present who wrote in the chat, but was not in the meeting to give public comment when the time came.

#### Next Steps

- Commission members planned to meet again September 17, 2025.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion from Commission Member Fraley, seconded by Co-Chair Kuhlman, approved by unanimous vote.

*The next hybrid meeting of the Peace Commission will be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 689 Massachusetts Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor & online.*