

Minutes of the Peace Commission Meeting • March 19, 2025

Commission Members Present: Co-Chair Larry Kim, Co-Chair Elka Kuhlman, Annie Brown, Kaza Fraley, David Seeman

City Staff Present: City Manager Yi-An Huang, Administrative and Project Coordinator Ryan Welsh

Call to Order: Co-Chair Kuhlman called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion from Co-Chair Kim, seconded by Member Fraley, the minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously following minor edits.

Update from the Cit Manager

- The City Manager thanked members of the Commission for all their hard work and acknowledged the challenge of continuing this work during a period of uncertainty. He hopes that there will be more information about the Executive Director position and role in the spring.
- The City Manager thought the MLK Day event was a great success.
- Commission Members' terms have all ended and the City Manager asked everyone to continue working on the Commission as they are able until there is new staff leadership in place and new members can be recruited.
- The City Manager left the meeting after he shared his brief update and answered a few questions from Commission Members.

Checking In

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

Staff Updates for the Commission

Holocaust Commemoration

- Staff and Commission Members discussed the event details and shared ideas about how to connect with a survivor who can be the keynote speaker for the event.
- The Commission Co-Chairs agreed to be the hosts of the event. Recordings of past events were shared among the attendees so that this year could be consistent with years past and to answer questions about the flow of the event.

Commission Training

- The Commission discussed an idea from staff to co-host a training for Boards, Commissions, and Committees within the Office of Equity and Inclusion alongside the Civic Unity Committee featuring an Active Bystander Training from the group TAB.

Meet Your Neighbor Day

- Discussion about Meet Your Neighbor Day was tabled for a later meeting.

Public Comment

- No members of the public were present to comment at the time available for public comment.

Next Steps

- Commission members will meet again April 16.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM on a motion from Commission Member Fraley, seconded by Member Brown, approved by unanimous vote.

The next hybrid meeting of the Peace Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 51 Inman St., 2nd Floor or online.