

**City of Redlands
Human Relations Commission
Council Chambers, Civic Center
35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373
June 4, 2025
6:30pm**

Members Present: Chairperson Ken Ford, Secretary Vanessa Aranda, Treasurer Alicia Gyllenhammer, Commissioner Roop Goyal, Commissioner Roy George, Student Commissioner Grace Emrick

Council Liaison – Mario Saucedo

Staff Liaison – Sarah Redinger

A. Call to Order: Attendance

1. Members and liaisons present are listed above.
2. Absences: Vice Chairperson Julie Houston, Commissioner Gail Howard.
3. Chairperson Ford announced that due to an error, the presentation of recognition letters to 2024 health fair participants will not be occurring tonight, since it is not on the agenda.

B. Reading of Committee Mission and Purpose

1. Read by Commissioner Gyllenhammer.

C. Public Comment –

1. Public comments in favor of LGBTQ+ support were made by Erico Grossman, Cathy Sadanala, Sara Cooper, Michael Paisner, Tristan Clark, Jarell Hansen, David Trudeau, Shane Poulin.
2. Public comments against LGBTQ+ support were made by Anita Rhodes and Dale Broome.
3. One neutral public comment was made by Ryan Chau regarding the social cognition of happiness and psychology.

D. Approval of the Minutes from Meeting on May 12, 2025

1. Motion by Commissioner Goyal to approve the minutes; seconded by Chairperson Ford. A vote was taken and all Commissioners voted to approve the minutes as is, with Commissioner George abstaining.

E. New Business

1. LGBTQ+ Pride Month panel discussion
 - a. Student Commissioner Emrick introduced the panel and thanked everyone present in support of the LGBTQ+ community. She stated that purpose of the event is to discuss the challenges faced by the

LGBTQ+ community and how we can create a more inclusive environment in Redlands

- b. Panel members included Tia Guadalupe, Tracy Wise, Roux Whitmore, Valerie Taber, Denise Davis, Wendy Ingram, Bea Hamilton, and Sam Trad.
- c. A question-and-answer session was held with the panel. Questions included the significance of Pride Month, issues that members of the queer community face in Redlands, how the community of Redlands can demonstrate inclusivity toward LGBTQIA+ individuals, and the impact of improvements in Redlands on the movement as a whole.
- d. The audience was invited to ask questions. The questions included how to find joy in Redlands despite feelings of erasure, and what it was like to grow up queer in a conservative setting,
- e. Chairperson Ford thanked the panelists and audience. Panelist Whitmore thanked the event organizers.
- f. Public Comment following the panel presentation included comments by Anita Rhodes, Michael Paisner, Bruce Laycook, Dale Broome, and Dr. Iam Sambtry. The commenters thanked the commission and offered feedback on the panel.

F. Old Business: None

G. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

1. The next meeting is on July 14; Commissioners should submit agenda items by July 1.
2. The proposal for the religious tolerance event series must be final and submitted to Staff Liaison Redinger by July 1.

H. Treasurer's Report: None

I. Staff Report: None

J. Council Report: None

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm. The next meeting will be held on July 14, 2025 at 6:30pm.