

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.
Union City, CA 94587**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was convened at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Chairperson Harper, Vice Chair Pettey, Commissioner Abanico, Commissioner, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Kaur, Commissioner Smeester

Absent:

Commissioner Cheema (Excused)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the April 27, 2011 meeting

Commissioner Abanico moved to approve. Commissioner Kaur seconded.

Approved 6-0.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Email from Commissioner Cheema regarding the HRC community event planned for later in 2011.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Joe Kirchofer – Mid-Peninsula Housing Report

Joe Kirchofer and the staff of Mid-Peninsula Housing briefed the commission on their latest project at Union City's Station District and introduced Mid-Pen's Resident Services Programs.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update (Measure UU, AA, CalGRIP)

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta presented the commission with a budget packet for their review. He noted the proposed/projected expenditures for the coming fiscal year is \$727,000 and \$750,000 for the year after that. Annual revenues are \$500,000.

The strategies for generating additional revenue for the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program are to bill the State, through Alameda County MediCal Program for eligible costs related to intake and mental health/counseling services. The second strategy is to evaluate and apply to a variety of grant-funding agencies, which would include both government and private foundation grants.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Community Involvement

Commissioner Reports

- Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center – Commissioner Hsu reported the Family Resource Center has completed their 5-year Strategic Plan, part of which includes a plan to increase linkage to the cities of Union City and Newark.
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center – Vice Chair Pettey reported Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center has changed their clinic appointment policy. It is now possible to make appointments 3 months in advance. Additionally, they are currently recruiting for a Director of Nursing and are in the process of planning their 40th Anniversary Gala for June 11th at Hayward City Hall.
 - Alameda County Public Health Commission – Commissioner Hsu reported that Ray Grimm, Manager for Fremont Aging Services said Nadia Lockyer's office says they are going to move on nominations. Vice Chair Pettey has submitted an application.

- Alameda County Hep B Initiative – Vice Chair Pettey reported that Rotoract, a youth version of Rotary International, has asked to collaborate with the Hep B Initiative. A significant number of Rotoract members live in the Tri-City area.
- Life Eldercare – Vice Chair Pettey reported Judy Slatnik (sp?) is tentatively scheduled to address the HRC in August.
- Disabilities, Family Support – Commissioner Smeester reported she attended the “Race to Nowhere” event.
- Youth
 - YVPIP – Chairperson Harper stated she recently wrote a letter, as Chair of the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Advisory Board, to the Union City City Council expressing her concern that it has been over a year since they have received any crime data statistics.
 - Youth Commission – Commissioner Abanico noted the last couple of Youth Commission meetings were canceled due to a lack of quorum. He also stated that there is some concern amongst some youth interested in joining the commission that they have not been able to reach the individual who advises the Youth Commission.
- Community Outreach
 - Inter-faith – Commissioner Cheema was not in attendance at this meeting, but sent a message to Chairperson Harper that they had not met.
 - Resources/events – Commissioner Abanico will be taking over this item and it will continue under Community Outreach as, “Youth and Family Resource Center”.
 - Equity Task Force – Vice Chair Pettey reported at the recent meeting , parents were involved to talk about their feelings regarding the students’ school environment, specifically, equity and cultural representation.
 - Kids Zone – Commissioner Smeester reported she was in attendance at the last Kids Zone meeting on May 17th. Commissioner Abanico will be taking this item over.

HRC Planning

- 'Unity Through Community' Event

Chairperson Harper noted the HRC decided at the last meeting the event would take place on July 3, 2011, and that it would be called "Unity Through Community".

Commissioner Kaur reported she would like to get the Youth Commission more involved in the entertainment section of the event. She stated she has been in contact with an entertainment shop in Niles and offered a booth in exchange for help with the event.

The Sikh Temple is willing to donate food for the event. Restaurants could also be contacted to sell food. Commissioner Kaur will contact various cultural groups to participate in the event.

For stage setting, booths and chairs, she will be contacting Helen Kennedy and also an event organizer she knows who will do the event for a reasonable cost.

After further discussion by the commission regarding the planning of the event, it was decided to move the event date to the first part of October 2011.

Chairperson Harper said for future reports on the Unity Through Community Event, she would like Commissioner Kaur to provide an updated spreadsheet on the planning progress distributed to the commission.

X. FUTURE AGENDA

Presentations: Kids Zone and Fremont Family Resource Center

Community Involvement

Commissioner Reports

- Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center (Hsu)
 - Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (Petty)
 - Alameda County Public Health Commission (Hsu)
 - Alameda County Hep B Initiative (Petty)
 - Life Eldercare (Petty)
 - Disabilities, Family Support (Smeester)

- Youth
 - YVPIP (Harper)
 - Youth Commission (Cheema, Abanico)

- Community Outreach
 - Inter-faith (Cheema)
 - Resources/events (Abanico)
 - Equity Task Force (Petty)
 - Kids Zone (Smeester)

HRC Planning

- Unity through Community Event

- HRC Pamphlet Review

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Hsu reminded everyone that the New Haven Boosters Association is holding a Fun Run on June 11th at Cesar Chavez Middle School. She also noted that congratulations were in order for Vice Chair Petty who recently finished his Masters degree.

Commissioner Abanico stated that, as a result of the recent Measure B defeat, Logan High School has started a new fundraiser named, "10 10 10" (sp?) with proceeds going to the extracurricular stipends for Logan H.S.

XIII. NEXT HRC MEETING

June 22, 2011

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.