

**CITY OF UNION CITY MINUTES  
FROM THE JOINT SESSION OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011, 7:00 PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL  
34009 ALVARADO-NILES ROAD, UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA;  
MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF UNION CITY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE JOINT SESSION**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Mayor Navarro convened the joint session at 7:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL:**

\*PRESENT:

Vice-Mayor Jim Navarro  
Councilmember Emily Duncan  
Councilmember Lorrin Ellis  
Councilmember Pat Gascocos

\*Mayor Green was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived shortly thereafter at 7:04 p.m.

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Jean Harper  
Vice-Chair Jonathan Pettey  
Commissioner Jerico Abanico  
Commissioner Sarabjit Cheema  
Commissioner Dr. Helen Hsu  
Commissioner Carmen Smeester

ABSENT:

Commissioner Harpreet Kaur (Excused)

**II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**III. JOINT STUDY SESSION:**

Chairperson Harper gave a Powerpoint presentation for the benefit of the City Council that outlined the history, revised mission statement, community involvement, and annual activities of the Human Relations Commission (copy of presentation is attached).

Questions were asked by the City Council and answered by members of the HRC regarding: Tri-City Youth Court, Youth Family Resource Center, outreach to the general public to increase physical activity levels, Equity Task Force, and Crime Data Analysis.

Councilmember Gacoscos asked what the most pressing issue was facing the Human Relations Commission. Chairperson Harper answered the issue would be bringing together the City's diverse cultures.

**IV. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The joint meeting was adjourned by Mayor Green at 7:58 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**I. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Harper, Vice Chair Pettey, Commissioner Abanico, Commissioner Cheema, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Kaur, Commissioner Smeester**

PRESENT: Chairperson Harper, Vice Chair Pettey, Commissioner Abanico, Commissioner Cheema, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Smeester

ABSENT: Commissioner Kaur (Excused)

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the May 25, 2011 meeting**

Vice Chair Pettey moved to approve. Commissioner Hsu seconded. Approved 6-0.

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

### **Fremont Resource Center**

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta noted (under Item V. Written Communications) that, in their meeting packets, the commission was provided with excerpts from the Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) Strategic Planning Process meeting staff attended. This was a follow-up to the study session that occurred a few months earlier.

A representative from the FRC will be making a presentation to the HRC in August or September 2011.

### **New Haven Unified School District – Kids Zone Process**

Chairperson Harper noted that both the Fremont Resource Center and New Haven Unified School District – Kids Zone Process presentation would be continued to a future agenda.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Budget Update (Measure UU, AA, RDA)  
- City Council Budget adoption – June 28, 2011**

DCM Acosta reported that not much has changed and that proposed budget for the Youth & Family Services division remains fully-funded for all of the staff that the program has had for the last two years.

At the time of this meeting, there was still no State budget. It is expected that the State intends to go ahead with the elimination of California cities' Redevelopment Agencies.

On a more positive note, funding for Crisis Intervention Counselors may become available through Alameda County that will help offset the loss of RDA funding.

- **HRC Brochure Revision Process**

The commission discussed revisions to the HRC brochure. Suggested revisions will be incorporated and brought back to the commission at the meeting in July.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### Community Involvement

- Commissioner Reports
  - Safety, Public Health, Support Services
    - Family Resource Center (Hsu) – Commissioner Hsu reported the Family Resource Center (FRC) just completed their 5-Year Strategic Plan. There are currently a few joint projects in the works, including FRC being involved in Kids Zone in Union City and a grant proposal between New Haven Unified School District and FRC for early childhood intervention.
    - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (Petty) – Vice Chair Petty reported that Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center is in talks to partner with Mid-Peninsula Housing to provide health services.
    - Alameda County Public Health Commission (Hsu) – Alameda County Supervisors are moving to appoint individuals to fill the empty seats in the south county for the Public Health Commission. Vice Chair is an applicant for one of the seats on the commission.
    - Alameda County Hep B Initiative (Petty) – Vice Chair reported there will be a Hep B Initiative meeting at Washington Hospital in July.
    - Life Eldercare (Petty) – It was decided that Vice Chair Petty would no longer be providing an update for this item.
    - Disabilities, Family Support (Smeester) – This item will be changed to “Family Support for Mental Health and Special Needs”. Commissioner Smeester reported she sent an email to UCPD Chief Stewart and DCM Acosta asking them to consider Crisis Intervention Team training for the UCPD. This would help the department more effectively deal with any individuals experiencing psychotic breaks they may encounter.
  - Youth
    - YVPIP (Harper)
    - Youth Commission (Cheema, Abanico)- During the joint meeting, Commissioners Cheema and Abanico had brought up the issue of needing increased support for getting more people participating in the Youth Commission. Commissioner Abanico said he will bring information from the Union City Municipal Code regarding the Youth Commission to the next HRC meeting. Commissioners Abanico and

Cheema will be meeting to discuss ways of assisting the Youth Commission.

- Tri-City Youth Court (Hsu)- Commissioner Hsu reported the Tri-City Youth Court is just starting up. Alameda County has a new chief of probation coming in who is very invested in treatment. DCM Acosta noted there is a substantial fee required for participation in the Youth Court. He was told that the fee could be as much as \$300 per person and could be an issue for some families.
  
- Community Outreach
  - Inter-faith (Cheema) – Commissioner Cheema stated there was nothing to report regarding the Pastors Alliance.
  
  - Youth and Family Resource Center (Abanico)- Commissioner Abanico reported at the last City Council meeting, Council approved the reinstatement of the Youth and Family Resource Center Task Force with some of the Measure WW funds to be included in the budget for the Youth and Family Resource Center.
  
  - Equity Task Force (Petty)- Vice Chair Petty stated there was some initial review of the Affinity Group discussions by the students. The four groups that were part of the Affinity Group (Mecca, FYA, FHC and BSU) all agreed that more can be done to increase culturally-responsive education at New Haven Unified School District and that there are minor issues with violence among culturally-diverse groups.
  
  - Kids Zone (Abanico)- Commissioner Abanico stated he attended a recent Kids Zone meeting. The next meeting of the Kids Zone working group is August 10, 2011.
  
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual HRC Community Event (Kaur) – Commissioner Kaur was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Abanico asked about the possibility of establishing an event committee by August 2011. Commissioner Cheema suggested September 2011.

Commissioner Abanico suggested getting feedback from the community regarding the event.

The commission decided on September 8, 2012 for the Unity through Community event. The location will be Kennedy Park in Union City.

## HRC Planning

- Unity through Community Event  
(Previously discussed)
- Volunteer Recognition Event  
The commission discussed past recognition events. Commissioner Abanico suggested individuals being recognized could be presented with an award at a Human Relations Commission meeting, rather than holding a special event for the purpose.

The commission decided that each commissioner should nominate an individual for recognition. The commission also decided to call the award the “Make A Difference Award”.

- National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Commissioner Abanico raised some concerns that the locations for this year’s National Night Out were in situated in “higher end” neighborhoods in terms of housing.

## **IX. FUTURE AGENDA**

July Presentations:	FAJ Health Project
August Presentations:	Life Eldercare
September Presentations:	Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program

## **X. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Hsu reported that Fremont’s Risk Management cleared the Fremont Human Relations Commission to march in the Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

Commissioner Abanico reported that St. Anne’s youth ministry group is hosting an annual event called, “Rock the Night” on July 9, 2011.

## **XII. NEXT HRC MEETING – JULY 27, 2011**

## **XIII. ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.