

**MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.  
Union City, CA 94587

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Guio convened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Guio, Commissioner Cabiles, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Nadig

Absent: Commissioner Gates-Anderson (excused absence) and Commissioner Mitra (excused absence)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2007**

Commissioner Cabiles moved to approve. Commissioner Hsu seconded.  
Approved 4-0.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS -- None**

**VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

- Gang Violence – Discussion of Community Forum

DCM Acosta noted that city facilities and staff would be available to support the implementation of a community forum on gang violence. He also noted that the new Chief of Police, Greg Stewart, strongly supports this effort and suggested that specific, targeted requests for support could be submitted to Chief Stewart for his consideration.

Commissioner Cabiles proposed that the sub-committee meet to discuss the draft submitted by Commissioner Hsu and start looking into the venue and speakers for the workshop. She also suggested contacting Stewart by the first part of March to have something concrete for meeting in March.

Chief  
the HRC

DCM Acosta reminded the commission that the available pooled funding expires on June 30, 2007.

- Volunteer of the Year – Report

DCM Acosta noted that staff had been in contact with Commissioner Gates-Anderson regarding the Volunteer of the Year event and that it is proving a little more challenging to get the committee together than initially thought. He stated that he had assigned Recreation Supervisor Larry Orozco to work with the committee and to get the specifics of the event nailed down as soon as possible.

The letters of invitation to join the VOY committee were sent out, but there had not been sufficient response to form a working committee.

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice DCM Acosta recapped the bylaws regarding election of the Chair and Chair for the Human Relations Commission. He noted that the bylaws require the election of a Chair and Vice Chair in January of each year. Also, the bylaws state that no commissioner is supposed to be Chair for longer than two consecutive years.

DCM Acosta stated that the remainder of the proceeding, subject to Robert's Rules of Order, belonged to the commission and staff would remain silent.

Chairperson Guio called for nominations. Commissioner Cabiles nominated Commissioner Gates-Anderson for the Chair position. Chairperson Guio seconded the nomination. Nomination approved 4-0.

Chairperson Guio nominated Commissioner Cabiles for the Vice Chair position. Commissioner Hsu seconded the nomination. Nomination approved 4-0.

- Joint Meeting with Fremont Human Relations Commission – Discussion

DCM Acosta noted that Commissioner Mitra intended to attend the February meeting of the Fremont HRC, but did not happen due to the fact that he was out of the country on an extended business trip.

The first issue to be resolved in setting up a meeting with the Fremont HRC is to send a letter proposing the idea to them. DCM Acosta suggested that the letter could come from the Chair of the HRC with whatever proposal the commission decided upon.

Chairperson Guio suggested that he could draft the letter to the Fremont HRC. He suggested that the letter should be a proposal to the Fremont HRC for a joint meeting.

## B. TRACKING ITEMS

- Union City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

DCM noted that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is continuing to develop all of the various committee structures so that there are fully functional. The Big Summer Event committee is investigating locations for their event with one location under consideration being the land set aside for the intermodal station district.

He also noted that a marketing/fundraising plan for sponsorship is being developed and should be completed by March. It would be shared with the HRC at their meeting in March, if available and ready for public dissemination. The fundraising target is \$500,000.

- Use of Pooled Funding

DCM noted that there has been no change in the status of the pooled funding. There is still in excess of \$16,000 allocated for general commission expenses which is available until June 30, 2007 for this current budget cycle. The preliminary projections of the city's budget for FY 2007/2008 is not as positive as it has been for the last couple of years due to the fact that revenues have slowed down.

- Sister Cities Update – Report by Chairperson Guio

Chairperson Guio reported that there was no meeting of the Sister Cities group this month. He noted that they are still in the process of planning this year's Sister Cities Festival tentatively planned for the end of July or beginning of August.

was There was nothing new to report regarding Jalandhar, India. Pasay City, Philippines recently had elections that were being contested, so there nothing new from a Sister City standpoint. Nothing new from Santa Rosalia, Mexico. Chiang Rai, Thailand is proposing to send five students and two teachers for a stay of approximately 30 days. The proposed date is April 20 and there is an effort to find host families for the visitors during their stay.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

## IX. FUTURE AGENDA

Staff has been requested to place an item on the next agenda requiring the commission to review and revise its bylaws with regard to setting a standard for reporting absences from meetings of commissioners. The issue of how soon before a meeting should commissioners be required to report their absence is a

matter for each commission to decide. DCM Acosta noted the original standard in the first draft of the ordinance was 48 hours prior to the meeting. The commission could confirm that standard or set another. This should be an action item for the next agenda.

Chairperson suggested the same items could be held over to the next agenda. Commissioner Cabiles agreed.

**XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Guio adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.