

**MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008  
7:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.  
Union City, CA 94587**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Gates-Anderson convened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Gates Anderson, Vice Chair Cabiles, Commissioner Guio, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Nadig

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2007**

Commissioner Guio moved to approve. Commissioner Hsu seconded.

Approved 5-0.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Sister Cities International and Email from City of Fremont HRC

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ACTION ITEMS**

- Youth Violence – Youth Violence Prevention Coalition Presentation

The Commission invited the Youth Violence Prevention Coalition to present the proposal they would be presenting at the City Council Worksession on January 29, 2008. This invitation was made by the HRC in order to become more involved in some of the YVPC activities and interests and to better understand their concerns and what their proposal entails.

Karen Yifru of the Youth Violence Prevention Coalition gave the Powerpoint presentation.

- Domestic Violence – Report from Vice Chair Cabiles

Vice Chair Cabiles reported her collaboration with a San Mateo-based program called Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) to hold a domestic violence awareness workshop at St. Anne's Catholic Church. The workshop covers an understanding of what comprises domestic violence, the myths, facts, and statistics of domestic violence, what constitutes an abusive relationship and how the faith community can help prevent and end domestic violence.

Additional information on domestic violence is available from Alameda County's Public Health Department at [www.acphd.org](http://www.acphd.org) or on the Union City Police Department's section of the City's website at [www.unioncity.org](http://www.unioncity.org). Additional resources can be found through:

SAVE (Shelter Against Violence Environments) at 510/794-6055  
UCPD Advocate's Desk at 510/293-7125  
Alameda County Sheriff's Department at 510/667-7721  
Alameda County District Attorney's Office at 510/272-6180  
Alameda County Social Services at 800/246-6833

- Review Draft of Revised HRC Brochure

Various comments and suggestions were made on the draft revised HRC Brochure. It was decided that Commissioner Guio would collect all of the specific suggestions and act as editor for the revised brochure. After compiling and editing, the revisions would be forwarded to staff so the next draft could be produced.

- Brief on City Council Goals for 2008 – Report

Deputy City Manager Acosta reported on the Union City Strategic Plan, Mission/Vision/Value Statement and City-wide Strategies. This document was developed in 2005 and revisited by the City Council at a retreat held in December 2007. DCM Acosta noted that the City Council reaffirmed the strategies listed.

DCM Acosta suggested that if the HRC wished to, it would be appropriate to suggest to the City Council a certain reorientation or revision of the action items listed under number five of the document since the HRC has a statutory role to advise the Council on issues such as these.

- Agenda for HRC Retreat 2008 – Discussion

DCM Acosta suggested the retreat should be focused on the issue of youth violence prevention with a detailed discussion on how the HRC would participate in that process. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday,

February 2, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ruggieri Senior Center.

- Election of New HRC Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Cabiles nominated Dianne Gates Anderson as the Commission's Chair and Commissioner Guio seconded. Chairperson Gates Anderson accepted the nomination. The vote passed 5-0.

Chairperson Gates Anderson nominated Commissioner Hsu as the Commission's Vice Chair. Commissioner Hsu accepted the nomination. The vote passed 5-0.

## B. TRACKING ITEMS

- Sister Cities Update – Report by Commissioner Guio

Commissioner Guio reported that the first meeting of the Friends of Sister Cities Committee was being planned for later in the month. Fundraising options will be decided upon at that meeting.

A delegation from Pasay City will possibly be visiting sometime in mid-2008.

A request has been made for a group of six exchange students (and possibly City officials) from Chiang Rai to visit in late-April/early-May 2008. The students would stay for approximately 1 month and would attend school while here.

There was no new information about Santa Rosalia or Jalandhar.

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

DCM Acosta reported the committee is diligently fundraising and has reached 44% of its targeted \$500,000 for funding events and celebrations in 2009. That is about \$220,000 in pledges/cash received to date.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

No new business

## IX. FUTURE AGENDA

For action items: Discussion of Youth Violence Prevention, Review Draft of Revised HRC Brochure, Discussion of HRC 2008 Goals

For tracking items: Sister City and UC 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration

**X. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Gates-Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.