

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008
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 Gates-Anderson, Vice Chair Hsu, Commissioner Guio,
Commissioner Nadig, Commissioner Duncan

Absent:

Commissioner Cabiles (Excused Absence)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the January 23, 2008 meeting

Commissioner Guio moved to approve. Commissioner Duncan seconded.
Approved 5-0.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEMS

- Youth Violence Prevention – Discussion
 - a. HRC Work Team Report
 - b. HRC Funding Recommendations to City Council
 - c. Presentation – Stuart Wakeling
 - d. Next Steps

Chairperson Gates-Anderson stated that the HRC was charged by the City Council to facilitate and coordinate a youth violence prevention work team. This team is composed of the following individuals who have participated to date:

Dianne-Gates Anderson (HRC), Emily Duncan (HRC), Karen Yifru (Youth Violence Prevention Coalition), Andrea Marta (YVPC), Mary Schlarb (YVPC), Chris Cara (YVPC), Mayor Mark Green (UC City Council), Councilmember Richard Valle (UCCC), Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta (UC Management Staff), Chief Greg Stewart (UC Police Department), Captain Kevin Finnerty (UCPD), Boardmember Kevin Harper (New Haven Unified School District), Boardmember Gertrude Gregorio (NHUSD), Patricia Abadesco (Intervention Service Unit Counselor), Kristie Potter (Intervention Service Unit Counselor), Rev. Jerome Brown (Community member), Marvin Bowerman (Community member), and non-profit services providers Bridges Intervention Services and Diaz Counseling Services.

The long-term objective of the work team is researching, evaluating, ranking and selecting the most appropriate youth violence prevention and intervention programs for the residents of Union City.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson recapped the two previous meetings of the work team and the allocation model prepared for presentation to the City Council in April 2008. It was noted that, as members of the City Council, Mayor Green and Councilmember Valle had advised that a “high level” allocation model would be appropriate and acceptable for presentation at the City Council Meeting in April.

Stuart Wakeling, Senior Program Officer for Children, Youth and Families with the Haas Junior Fund, gave a presentation to the HRC on intervention programs.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Duncan recommended including in the allocation model, a few bulleted examples of prevention / intervention programs that have operated in other communities. The modified section of the allocation model would remain at \$148,000.00.

Commissioner Duncan moved the allocation model be modified to include examples of 2 or 3 programs in the prevention/intervention area and that the language of the non-recurring costs related to the program

development position be clarified to indicate that position will have an implementation role in the start-up. Vice Chair Hsu seconded.

The vote to present a modified allocation model to the City Council in April 2008 was 5-0.

In regard to "Next Steps", Vice Chair Hsu noted that the Youth Violence Prevention issue has moved to the front of HRC activities for 2008. There will also be continued work team meetings to further clarify and prepare for the anticipated passing of the new Measure K public safety parcel tax in June 2008.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson requested that HRC Goals and Objectives for 2008 – Discussion item be moved up in the agenda. Chairperson Gates-Anderson recapped the HRC's past involvement in Make A Difference Day, the Volunteer Recognition Reception and National Night Out and asked for commissioners' thoughts on what the HRC's goals and objectives should be for 2008.

Commissioner Duncan's recommendation was that Youth Violence Prevention should be a priority due to the range of opportunities related to this issue and that several sub-committees could be established.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson asked if the HRC should continue to be involved in the Volunteer of the Year process in 2008. Commissioner Guio suggested that the effort is worthwhile, but perhaps, not feasible for the HRC to participate in given the shift in priorities and subsequent time constraints.

Commissioner Duncan suggested that it might be beneficial to convene a joint meeting of the HRC and the Union City Youth Commission. Commissioner Guio asked if it would be possible for one of the HRC commissioners to approach the Youth Commission to assess their interest in participating in a joint meeting. Commissioner Duncan volunteered to contact the Youth Commission.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson added that she would like for the HRC to continue its communication and interaction with the City of Fremont Human Relations Commission and similar entities in the Tri-City area.

- Review Draft of Revised HRC Brochure

Commissioner Duncan noted that text has been prepared concerning the Youth Violence Prevention Sub-Committee for inclusion in the brochure and will be forwarded to staff once final editing has been accomplished.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson suggested that the designation of 'Chair' and 'Vice Chair' should be eliminated from the brochure since they are annual positions and there's a high likelihood that the brochures would be in circulation for a time exceeding those terms. Chairperson Gates-Anderson also requested that each commissioner compose whatever

biographical information they'd like included in the brochure. Commissioner Nadig asked if information on how to become a member of the HRC should be included in the brochure. Commissioner Guio responded he thought that information could easily be included. He also requested that any other suggested changes for the draft brochure be forwarded to his attention.

B. TRACKING ITEMS

- Sister Cities Update – Report by Commissioner Guio

Commissioner Guio reported there is little Sister City update information. He noted the next Friends of Sister Cities meeting is on March 27, 2008. He reminded those who might be watching the HRC meeting that the Sister City Festival will be in August 2008.

- Union City's 50th Anniversary Celebration

There was no report since Commissioner Cabiles and Deputy City Manager Acosta were absent from the meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA

Action Items:

Youth Violence Prevention Funding – Discussion
Review Draft of Revised HRC Brochure

Tracking Items:

Sister Cities Update – Report by Commissioner Guio
Union City's 50th Anniversary Celebration

X. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Union City resident Ying Yang.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. (Time approximate)