

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Chairperson Gates-Anderson, Vice Chair Hsu, Commissioner Guio,
Commissioner Cabiles, Commissioner Duncan

Absent:

Commissioner Nadig (Excused)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the June 25, 2008 meeting

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

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda and Minutes from Fremont HRC Meeting of June 16, 2008. Deputy City Manager Acosta noted the change in state law that requires all writings or documents pertaining to agenda items that are distributed to a majority of Council or Commission Members must be made available to the public at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting (when possible) at the City Clerk's Counter at City Hall during normal business hours.

[A briefing on National Night Out 2008 by members of the UCPD COPPS unit

was on this agenda under item IX. Future Agenda. Since members of the COPPS unit appeared at this meeting, the commission decided to hear the presentation, but would defer any action on this item until it was properly agendized in July 2008]

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEMS

- Briefing on Brown Act – Information

City Attorney Michael Riback of Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson gave a presentation on the Brown Act.

- Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Discussion

Chairperson Gates-Anderson noted the Council was in concurrence with the draft “Road Map for HRC Work Team Evolution” that was presented to them at the previous Council Meeting. She suggested each Commissioner give a brief update on the workgroup activities they’re involved in.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson stated that the mission of the Grants workgroup is to identify and locate sources of funding to support youth violence and intervention programs in Union City. She had been in contact with an organization that Union City has a contractual relationship with in regard to grant researching and writing. This organization will be giving the workgroup a briefing on the resources available.

Commissioner Cables stated that she and Vice Chair Hsu had met with UCPD Captain Finnerty and received an update on the work the department had started back in October 2007 in collaboration with the community service providers in the Tri-City area.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson stated there was no representation from the Employment workgroup present, but noted she had been in contact with Commissioner Nadig. The workgroup had not met, but had made contact with potential group members.

Commissioner Duncan stated the Alameda County Outreach group had met prior to the HRC meeting and the turn out was excellent. All members were present and the group was joined by Jaime Jaramillo, a new member. The group discussed the mission and the purpose of the workgroup. Each member of the group left with a list of action items to be accomplished over the next several weeks. The group’s next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2008.

Commissioner Guio noted that Jaime Jaramillo would be developing a list of possible Alameda County agencies that could provide support for youth programs.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson stated that a process should be developed for reporting meeting and action summaries as specific actions begin to take place with each of the workgroups. She suggested that this might be accomplished by submitting the summaries to DCM Acosta via email. DCM Acosta will compile the information into a report to be submitted to the City Council.

- Final Review Draft of Revised HRC Brochure – Discussion

Commissioner Guio provided revisions to the text of the brochure and added contact information to the insert. He also changed the existing “Diversity Festival” section to “Sister Cities Festival” and added a paragraph about the festival.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson provided some clarifications to the text. Commissioner Duncan requested that education and degree information be deleted from her “bio”. Vice Chair Hsu requested her information be simplified, as well.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson moved that final suggested edits be provided within 24 hours to Commissioner Guio. Vice Chair Hsu seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- National Night Out Budget Allocation – Action Required

DCM Acosta stated that a motion and vote was required to confirm the intention of the HRC to approve an allocation of \$2,000 to the UCPD for National Night Out promotional items.

Vice Chair Hsu moved to approve. Commissioner Duncan seconded. Commissioner Guio stated he thought the expenditure had been approved at the meeting of May 28, 2008. A review of the minutes from that meeting showed that a motion was made to allocate \$2,500 for NNO to the UCPD. The motion was seconded and approved with a vote of 5-0.

DCM Acosta stated that the invoice did not get processed in time to access the funds from FY2007-2008. It was put on this agenda so that the funds could be reauthorized for FY2008-2009. The authorization from May 2008 expired on June 30, 2008 (Fiscal Year end).

[A briefing on National Night Out 2008 by members of the UCPD COPPS unit was originally scheduled for this agenda. UCPD officers appeared at the June 25, 2008 meeting by mistake. The commission decided to hear the presentation, but deferred taking any action on this item until this meeting.]

- HRC Configuration – Expansion to 7 Members – Discussion/Action

Chairperson Gates-Anderson suggested this item for discussion and had asked staff for a briefing on the process for expanding the HRC to seven members from its current five member structure.

DCM Acosta responded that it was simply a matter of the HRC making a motion, approving the motion, and directing staff to prepare appropriate legislation for the City Council to modify the Union City Municipal Code expanding the HRC to seven members. He noted it should be a technical matter, appearing on the Consent Calendar of a City Council agenda, and would likely be automatically approved.

Commissioner Guio moved to approve. Commissioner Duncan seconded. Motion was approved 5-0.

B. TRACKING ITEMS

- Sister Cities Update – Report by Pat Gacoscos

Pat Gacoscos, overall Chairperson for the 'Friends of Sister Cities' gave a presentation on the Union City Sister City Program that included its history and purpose, the four Sister Cities, the Friends of Sister Cities, and the Annual Sister City Festival held in Union City.

Commissioner Guio reported on the upcoming Sister Cities Festival scheduled for Sunday, August 10, 2008 at the Ruggieri Senior Center.

- Union City's 50th Anniversary Celebration

DCM Acosta reported the short-term focus is on the August 17th Union City Day at the A's ballgame fundraiser and gave details of the event.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA

Action Items:

Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Discussion
HRC Configuration – Expansion to 7 Members - Update
Final Review Draft of Revised HRC Brochure

Tracking Items:

Union City's 50th Anniversary Celebration – Report of all activities (Helen Kennedy)

X. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Cabiles reported that St. Anne's is celebrating its 35th anniversary on Saturday, July 26th and Sunday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

DCM Acosta reported the City Council scheduled two special meetings on Wednesday, July 30th and Wednesday, August 6th to report and recommend a potential revenue-enhancement ballot measure for the Tuesday, November 4, 2008 General Election.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.