

**MINUTES FROM THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008  
7:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.  
Union City, CA 94587**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Chairperson Gates-Anderson, Commissioner Guio, Commissioner Nadig,  
Commissioner Duncan

Absent:

Vice Chair Hsu (Excused), Commissioner Cabiles (Excused)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the August 27, 2008 meeting**

Commissioner Guio moved to approve. Commissioner Duncan seconded.  
Approved 4-0.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Agenda and Minutes from Fremont HRC Meeting of August 2008.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. ACTION ITEMS

- Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Work Groups - Discussion

Christine Friday, Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Union City, presented information to the Commission on the Workforce Development Project for youth in Union City.

The HRC Sub-Committee for Youth Employment will begin work with the City's Economic Development department as the program progresses.

Commissioner Duncan reported the Alameda County Outreach/Collaborations sub-committee will be meeting on September 30, 2008 with representatives from the Alameda County Probation Department.

Chairperson Gates-Anderson stated that she had begun collecting a list of resources and individuals who could participate in the Grants sub-committee. Chairperson Gates-Anderson stated that since she is the only person currently on this sub-committee, she would restrict her efforts to information gathering until other individuals join the sub-committee.

- HRC Configuration – Expansion to 7 Members - Update

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta reported that Mayor Mark Green appointed Sarabjit Kaur Cheema and Emily Duncan to full HRC Commissioner status at the Council Meeting of September 23, 2008. All other Commissioners have been reappointed to their positions.

- Budget – Update

DCM Acosta reported that there is an immediate need for the City to reduce its current expenditures by \$2.7 million per years due to the 911 Fee being invalidated by the Courts. 911 Fees collected contributed to the City's General Fund. The direct impact to the HRC (and other City Commissions) is that the discretionary funds previously available to all Commissions have been stripped from the budget. This will not, however, impact stipend payments to commissioners for attendance at regularly scheduled meetings.

- National Night Out - Report

DCM Acosta reported that this year's NNO was the best yet with regard to the public turnout and number of neighborhoods participating. The UCPD COPPS unit has used this event to develop additional Neighborhood Watch groups in the City.

- Make a Difference Day – Discussion

DCM Acosta reported that this year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008. The Meyers Garden is one of the sites again this year with work expected to take place between 8:30 am and 11:30 am.

## B. TRACKING ITEMS

- Sister Cities Program

Commissioner Lee Guio reported Union City's various Sister Cities are be contacted for the purpose of inviting them to participate in some of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events scheduled for 2009.

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

DCM Acosta (as VP of the UC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration committee) reported on various fundraising efforts for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Black & White Ball, Masquerade Ball, etc.) and noted the date for the reenactment of UC's first Council Meeting will be Monday, January 26, 2009. This is the exact 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Union City Council Meeting.

He also reported that City Councilmember Carol Dutra-Vernaci has been doing an excellent job of fundraising bringing in an additional \$75,000 through a Platinum Sponsorship of \$50,000 from Abaxis Corporation (a Union City biotechnology company) and a \$25,000 pledge from IFly (an indoor skydiving simulation at Union Landing). Fundraising efforts to date have generated close to \$400,000.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

## IX. FUTURE AGENDA

Action Items:

Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Work Groups– Discussion  
Budget – Update  
Make A Difference Day - Update

Tracking Items:

Sister Cities Program  
Union City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Update

**X. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.