

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009
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 Duncan, Vice Chair Hsu, Commissioner Cheema, Commissioner Gates-Anderson, Commissioner Guio*

Absent: Commissioner Nadig (Excused) and Commissioner Cabiles (Excused)

*Commissioner Guio was absent at roll call, but arrived at 7:10 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the April 22, 2009 meeting

Commissioner Gates-Anderson moved to approve. Commissioner Cheema seconded.

Approved 4-0.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes and Agendas from the Fremont Human Relations Commission May 2009.

VII. PRESENTATION – Community Development Block Grant information presented by Union City Housing Coordinator Vern Smith

Union City Housing Coordinator Vern Smith briefed the commission on Community Development Block Grants.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEMS

- Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Update

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta reported the City received supplemental funding through the ARRA for the Summer Youth Employment Program and was actively recruiting youths between the ages of 14 and 24 who meet the need-based criteria to fill at least 36 placement opportunities. Employers are also being recruited. Tri-CED will likely provide employment for approximately 12 youths and the City of Union City's Leisure Services and Public Works Departments will likely place 8 to 10 youths, possibly more. Applications have been distributed to all the City recreation centers and are available at City Hall. New Haven and Hayward Adult Schools will also be participating.

Chairperson Duncan asked what the status of the Crime Data Analysis was and DCM Acosta responded that, after a series of last-minute cancellations by the Executive Director of the Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice, a new meeting date of June 17, 2009 has been scheduled.

- Prevention Programs – Information researched by Commission Members

Chairperson Duncan recalled that at the last HRC meeting, several commissioners mentioned they would like to talk about what prevention programs should be added to the program plan. Some commissioners were going to do research and bring their suggestions to the meeting.

The ensuing discussion focused on existing programs and how best to make program information available to the most likely participants for those programs. The UC Youth Commission was mentioned as a good resource for disseminating program information to the City's youth. Chairperson Duncan said she would do follow-up with the Youth Commission. Both she and Commissioner Cheema would plan to attend the next UC Youth Commission meeting.

TRACKING ITEMS

- UC50th Celebration – Update

DCM Acosta reported that approximately 4,000 to 5,000 people attended the UC50th Parade and approximately 1,000 attendees at the UC50th Car Show. The next UC50th Anniversary event on the schedule is the InterFaith Festival on June 27, 2009.

- Sister City Committee – Update

Commissioner Guio stated there was nothing new to report for the Sister Cities. He did note the annual Sister Cities Festival is still planned for August 2009.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. FUTURE AGENDA

Action Items:

Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Interview Updates
Prevention Programs – Follow Up/Youth Commission Contact
Employment Opportunities through UCLS – Brief by Leisure Services Staff
National Night Out / Make A Difference Day - Discussion

Tracking Items:

UC50th Celebration – Update
Sister City Committee - Update

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Guio suggested preparing minutes and agendas sooner.

In response to questions from commissioners, DCM Acosta reported interviews for alternate commissioners will take place in the near future with selected alternates in place by Labor Day.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.