

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.
Union City, CA 94587**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Meeting was convened at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Chairperson Duncan, Vice Chair Hsu, Commissioner Cabiles, Commissioner Cheema*, Commissioner Gates-Anderson

Absent:

None*.

*Although not present at the Roll Call, Commissioner Cheema arrived at approximately 7:07 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the October 28, 2009 meeting

Commissioner Gates-Anderson moved to approve. Vice Chair Hsu seconded.

Approved 4-0.

IV. SWEARING-IN OF COMMISSIONERS

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta administered the Oath of Office to Jean Harper as new HRC Commissioner and to Cassandra Davis and Jonathan Pettey as new HRC Alternate Commissioners.

Following the Oath, Commissioner Harper took her seat on the dais.

After being sworn-in, Cassandra Davis served in her capacity as Alternate Commissioner, filling the opening left by the resignation of Commissioner Lee Guio.

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEMS

- Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Updates and New Staff Members

Chairperson Duncan welcomed the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention team members to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves to the commission.

Patricia Abadesco, the Youth and Family Services Program Manager, made the initial introduction of the team members and gave a brief overview of the program's initial progress.

The YVP&I Team Members are:

Sergio Abundis, Case Manager
Adrian Valadez, Intervention Counselor (Spanish-speaking)
Fabiola Camarillo, Youth Employment Coordinator
Artria Lewis, Lead Outreach Worker

Each member gave an update on their recent activities.

Chairperson Duncan invited the team to regularly appear before the HRC to provide updates on their progress.

- UC Website Updates – Report by UC Webmaster Roberto Munoz

UC Webmaster Roberto Munoz was unable to attend the meeting. Assistant to City Manager Rick LaForce presented the updated draft HRC website for the HRC's review and comment.

Chairperson Duncan requested that the changes to the commission roster be addressed immediately and that it would be a good opportunity to take new pictures of the commission for the website.

Suggested updates to the HRC web pages included:

Adding YVP&I team member information
Change the meeting date for the YVP&I Sub-committee
Update the downloadable HRC brochure
Make the list of community resources more prominent
Include information on the 2010 Census
Go live with the improved web pages following the January 2010 meeting

- 2010 Census Full Count Strategy for Union City – Next Steps Discussion

Prior to his resignation, former HRC commissioner Lee Guio had been the HRC's lead regarding the 2010 Census. There was no reassignment of this task to another HRC commissioner.

Chairperson Duncan stated there were a couple of responsibilities former Commissioner Guio had that should be discussed by the HRC and reassigned. Liaison to the Sister City Committee. Youth Violence Advisory Committee. Think through the 2010 Census Strategy and the HRC's involvement.

Commissioner Cabiles volunteered for the Sister City Committee. Commissioner Pettey also volunteered.

Commissioner Harper volunteered for the Youth Violence Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Cheema volunteered for the 2010 Census Full Count Strategy.

- Election of 2010 HRC Officers

Commissioner Gates-Anderson nominated Emily Duncan for a second consecutive term as Chair. Commissioner Cheema seconded. Approved 7-0.

Commissioner Cheema nominated Helen Hsu for a second consecutive term as Vice Chair. Commissioner Gates-Anderson seconded. Approved 7-0.

TRACKING ITEMS

- UC50th Celebration – Update

DCM Acosta stated the New Year's Eve Gala on December 31, 2009 was the only formal event remaining in the UC50th Celebration line up. The last UC50 activity will be the time capsule ceremony scheduled for January or February 2010.

- Sister City Committee – Update

DCM Acosta updated the commission on discussions the City of Union City is engaged in with the City of Liyang, China. Liyang is very interested in becoming a Sister City to Union City for the purposes of cultural, trade and economic exchange.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. FUTURE AGENDA

Chairperson Duncan noted the November meeting was scheduled for Wednesday the 25th, the night before Thanksgiving. As a result, the commission voted to cancel the November meeting. Additionally, it was decided to move the December to the 16th from the regularly scheduled December 23rd.

Action Items:

Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Updates
UC Website - Updates
2010 Census Full Count– Report
Work Force Investment Board – Discussion
Annual HRC Retreat - Discussion

Tracking Items:

Sister City Committee - Update

X. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Cabiles wished everyone happy holidays.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.