

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.
Union City, CA 94587

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Chairperson Harper, Vice Chair Pettey, Commissioner Cheema, Commissioner Hsu

Absent:

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the January 26, 2011 meeting

Vice Chair Pettey moved to approve. Commissioner Hsu seconded.

Approved 4-0.

IV. SWEARING-IN OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerico Abanico, Harpreet Kaur and Carmen Smeester were sworn-in as Human Relations Commissioners by Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta.

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City of Fremont HRC agenda from January 2011 meeting and minutes from November 2010 meeting.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

Christine Friday, Economic Development Coordinator - EDAT Update

Christine Friday was unable to attend the meeting.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEMS

- Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention

- Staff Update

Deputy City Manager Acosta briefed the HRC regarding the ongoing recruitment effort for a third Street Outreach Worker. He also provided an update on litigation the City and School District is involved in as it relates to the Crime Data Analysis element of the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention program.

Another Call-In of approximately 8 to 10 felony probationers is scheduled for March 17, 2011.

DCM Acosta reported Union City Leisure Services employee, Alma Gomez, will be providing up to 20 hours per week of administrative support to Youth and Family Services. This position is in the budget for Fiscal Year 2011/12 as a permanent, half-time position.

- Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board (YVPAB)

Chairperson Harper reported the next meeting will be March 2, 2011.

- Youth Commission

Commissioner Cheema stated she will invite members of the Youth Commission to appear at a future HRC meeting. New Youth Commission appointments are pending.

Commissioners Cheema and Pettey will plan to attend a future Youth Commission meeting.

- Community Involvement – Commissioner Reports

- Kids Zone

Chairperson Harper reported the next Kids Zone meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2011 at New Haven Unified School District.

- Equity Task Force

Vice Chair Pettey reported that at the last meeting, the Equity Task Force discussed the launch of the survey pilot program. The full survey is expected to be completed before May 2011.

- Alameda County Hep B

Vice Chair Pettey reported that not much was discussed at the last meeting due to the fact no one from the Alameda County Department of Public Health was in attendance. This was because the meeting was held on an Alameda County furlough day.

- Update on Alameda County Public Health Commission

Commissioner Hsu reported there are vacant seats on the Alameda County Public Health Commission that one or more HRC commissioners might consider applying for. Commissioner Hsu said she would try to have the application materials available at the HRC Retreat scheduled for March 12, 2011.

- Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center

Commissioner Pettey reported the new Medical Director is settling into the job and has some changes planned that have not yet been discussed.

- Budget Review

- Measure UU

DCM Acosta reported the proposed allocation for FY2011/12 and FY2012/13 will expand staffing to an annual budget of \$600,000, increased from the prior \$500,000 per year.

- Measure AA

The sales tax measure that was passed in November 2010 is expected to generate approximately \$3.5 million per year. The measure goes into effect in April 2011.

- CalGRIP

DCM Acosta reported that all the current CalGRIP funded positions (Case Manager/Youth Employment Coordinator/Lead & Street Outreach Workers) will be converted to full-time, permanent positions with benefits in April 2011. In July 2011, these positions will be assigned to a bargaining unit and will go from single-step to the City's standard 5-step classification structure.

- HRC Planning

- 2011 HRC Retreat

The commission chose to schedule the 2011 retreat for Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The retreat will be held at the Union City Sports Center.

Chairperson Harper presented a draft agenda for the retreat. Commissioner Harpreet moved to approve the draft agenda. Commissioner Smeester seconded. Motion passed 7 – 0.

- Budget Restoration Recommendations to City Council

Chairperson Harper asked DCM Acosta for a list of past budget cuts to be provided to the commission so that they could make an informed decision on recommended restorations. DCM Acosta stated he would forward the information to the HRC via email.

- Update HRC Pamphlet and Web Pages

Chairperson Harper requested photos of the new commissioners be taken at the next meeting in order to update the HRC webpage.

DCM Acosta requested that HRC commissioners email biographical information to him or Rick LaForce for inclusion on the website and updated pamphlet.

- Business Cards for New Commissioners

Business cards will be ordered for new commissioners.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA

Presentations:

Joe Kirchofer, Project Manager, Mid-Peninsula Housing – BART Housing

Christine Friday, Economic Development Coordinator - EDAT Update

Gloria Watson, Chair, Union City Chamber of Commerce – Small Business Support /Goals for 2011

Action Items:

- Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention
 - Staff Update
 - Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board - Harper
 - Youth Commission – Cheema
- Community Involvement – Commissioner Reports
 - Kids Zone - Harper
 - Equity Task Force – Pettey
 - Alameda County Hep B – Pettey
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center – Pettey
- Budget Review
 - Measure UU
 - Measure AA
 - CalGRIP
- HRC Planning
 - 2011 HRC Retreat
 - Budget Restoration Recommendations to City Council
 - Update HRC pamphlet and web page
 - Business Cards for New HRC Commissioners

XII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Emily Duncan congratulated the new HRC commissioners on their appointment to the commission.

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Hsu noted the upcoming Union City Leisure Services Fun Run scheduled for March 6, 2011.

DCM Acosta noted the City Council will be holding their retreat on March 5, 2011.

Commissioner Abanico noted the Filipino Advocates for Justice Open Mike Night on March 4, 2011 at Paddy's Coffehouse.

Commissioner Cheema noted the weekly Measure B meetings at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Union City on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

NEXT HRC MEETING – March 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.