

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.
Union City, CA 94587**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was convened at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Chairperson Harper, Commissioner Abanico, Commissioner Cheema,
Commissioner Kaur, Commissioner Smeester

Absent:

Vice Chair Pettey (excused) and Commissioner Hsu (excused).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the February 23, 2011 meeting

Commissioner (could not tell from recording who made the motion) moved to approve. Commissioner Abanico seconded.

Approved 5-0.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City of Fremont HRC agenda from January/March 2011 and minutes from April 2011.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Rich Digre – Review City Budget/Cuts

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta filled in for Administrative Services Director Rich Digre and briefed the HRC on the Proposed Operating Budget for FY2011/12 and FY2012/2013 and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.

Staff has recommended a \$4,000 operating budget for the Human Relations Commission.

VIII. UPDATE ON HRC RETREAT

Chairperson Harper reported on the HRC Retreat that took place on March 12, 2011. She also reported on their review/update of the HRC's mission statement and the resulting focus for 2011.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Business Cards/Photos for New Commissioners

Business cards were provided to new commissioners and photos were taken for the website/HRC brochure.

- Budget Update (Measure UU/AA/CalGrip)

DCM Acosta covered the details of this item earlier during Item VII.

Commissioner Abanico asked about the status of the third Street Outreach Worker. DCM Acosta reported there are two current candidates for the position and an offer letter should go out to one of them by week's end.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Community Involvement

Commissioner Reports

- Youth
 - YVPIP – Chairperson Harper reported she wrote a letter to the City Manager and City Council regarding not having the data required for the committee to make decisions, but has not received a response yet. The next meeting of the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program committee is May 4, 2011.

- Youth Commission – Commissioner Cheema reported the last Youth Commission meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. The next meeting will be on May 11, 2011.
- Community Outreach
 - 1st Annual HRC Community Event – Commissioner Kaur reported the event will be held at Kennedy Park with a tentative date of July 4, 2011. DCM Acosta suggested targeting July 3rd for the event, since the sprinkler system at Kennedy Park is turned on July 4th to enforce the City fireworks ban. The HRC agreed to move the event to July 3rd.
 - Inter-faith – Commissioner Cheema attempted to contact Reverend Jerome Brown, but had not received a response.
 - Resources/events – Commissioner Abanico stated his goal was to report on three organizations, groups and/or resources in Union City at each future HRC meeting.
 - Equity Task Force – Vice Chair Pettey was not in attendance at the meeting to report on this item.
 - Kids Zone – Commissioner Smeester reported she attended the meeting of April 12, 2011. The next full Kid Zone group meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2011.
- Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center – Commissioner Hsu was not in attendance at the meeting to report on this item.
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center – Vice Chair Pettey was not in attendance at the meeting to report on this item.
 - Alameda County Public Health Commission – Commissioner Hsu was not in attendance at the meeting to report on this item.
 - Alameda County Hep B Initiative – Vice Chair Pettey was not in attendance at the meeting to report on this item.
 - Life Eldercare – Vice Chair Pettey was not in attendance at the meeting to report on this item.
 - Disabilities, Family Support – Commissioner Smeester reported she contacted the special needs program through UC Leisure Services. She spoke to UCLS program manager Chris Valuckas about joining the UC Clubhouse – a social group for youth, teens and adults with developmental disabilities which provides activities and events.

- HRC Pamphlet and Web Page – Commissioner Hsu was not in attendance at the meeting to report on this item.
- Budget Restoration Recommendations to City Council – Commissioner Cheema asked about youth employment opportunities. DCM Acosta responded that there are slots available for Union City youth through the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). The hiring process for summer jobs through Union City Leisure Services begins in March of each year.

Chairperson Harper wanted to make sure the City Council was made aware of the plans for the HRC's community event to help assure the HRC's \$4,000 budget restoration.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA

Presentations:

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

Community Involvement

- Commissioner Reports
 - Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center (Hsu)
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (Pettesy)
 - Alameda County Public Health Commission (Hsu)
 - Alameda County Hep B Initiative (Pettesy)
 - Life Eldercare (Pettesy)
 - Disabilities, Family Support (Smeester)
 - Youth
 - YVPIP (Harper)
 - Youth Commission (Cheema, Abanico)
 - Community Outreach
 - Inter-faith (Cheema)
 - Resources/events (Abanico)
 - Equity Task Force (Pettesy)
 - Kids Zone (Smeester)
 - 1st Annual HRC Community Event (Kaur)

HRC Planning

- Unity through Community Event

XII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Cheema stated she participated in the Inter-Faith Prayers at the Buddhist Temple for the Japan disaster. She also wanted to remind the community that May 3, 2011 is the last day to return ballots for Measure B.

DCM Acosta announced the Sister City in Liyang, China is sending a delegation in July 2011. Also, there will be a Commissioners Appreciation Event on June 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Ruggieri Senior Center.

Chairperson Harper announced for Commissioner Hsu that on May 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., the Fremont Resource Center will be doing an event at Washington Hospital that focuses on the pressure and stress on today's youth and issues with the educational system.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.