

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 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 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Chairperson Harper, Vice Chair Pettey, Commissioner Abanico, Commissioner Cheema, Commissioner Hsu, Commissioner Kaur, Commissioner Smeester

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting

Commissioner Cheema moved to approve. Vice Chair Pettey seconded.

Approved 7-0.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda from the Fremont Human Relations Commission meeting of July 18, 2011.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Filipino Advocates for Justice – Chris Cara, Youth Services Director for Filipino Advocates for Justice (FAJ), presented a Powerpoint slideshow to the commission on a health project that FAJ has been working on.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update (Measure UU, AA, RDA)

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta reported the City Council adopted a budget for Fiscal Years 2011/12 and 2012/13. The budget authorized the expenditure of approximately \$720,000 per year for Youth and Family Services.

The process is underway to become an agency that is certified to bill Medical, through Alameda County, for certain services (client recruitment, intake and the development of treatment plans). There is a second program for clinical services. Potential grant funding from private sources is also being investigated.

HRC Brochure Revision Process

There was a short discussion regarding the final changes to the draft HRC brochure. Commissioner Abanico would forward details regarding the “cut and mail” form to be added to the brochure.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Community Involvement

Commissioner Reports

- Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center – Commissioner Hsu reported that residents can apply for the CalFresh (foodstamp) program at the Family Resource Center. Commissioner Hsu attended a meeting on behalf of the Fremont Youth and Family Services at New Haven Unified School District to talk about various projects going on.
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center – Vice Chair Pettey stated there was nothing new to report.
 - Alameda County Public Health Commission – Vice Chair Pettey stated there was nothing new to report.
 - Alameda County Hep B Initiative – Vice Chair Pettey stated the Initiative will hold its next meeting at Washington Hospital.
 - Family Support for Mental Health & Special Needs - Commissioner Smeester stated there was nothing to report regarding mental health. Regarding Special Olympics, she noted that currently, the summer sports training calendar has two sports – golf and softball – but neither one is hosted by Union City.

- Life Eldercare – This item was previously reported on by Vice Chair Pettey. It will be decided at a future meeting which commissioner will be reporting on this subject.
- Youth
 - Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Program (YVPIP) – Chairperson Harper reported there was a YVPIP meeting at the first part of July and the group is making great progress. There have been employment, client services, and call-in updates, and the program has the full complement of three Street Outreach Workers.
 - Youth Commission – Status of Joint Meeting Status - Commissioner Abanico reported that he has not met with Commissioner Cheema to discuss getting young people involved in the Youth Commission.
 - Juvenile Justice – Commissioner Hsu reported that there has not been much change with the Youth Court since the last meeting and they are continuing to recruit volunteers and seeking referrals of kids interested in alternatives for further education.
- Community Outreach
 - Pastors Alliance – Commissioner Cheema reported there was no meeting of the Pastors Alliance.
 - Youth & Family Resource Center – Commissioner Abanico reported there was nothing new to report.
 - Equity Task Force – Vice Chair Pettey stated there was nothing new to report due to the summer break.
 - Kids Zone – Commissioner Abanico stated there was nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for August.
 - Sister Cities Festival- Commissioner Cheema reported the annual Sister Cities Festival will be held on August 21, 2011. Tickets are \$12 dollars per person and includes a 5-course meal. Hours are 5pm to 9pm at the Ruggieri Senior Center.
 - 1st Annual HRC Community Event

HRC Planning

- ‘Unity Through Community’ Event – Kennedy Park, September 8, 2012
 - Event Committee Organized-Abanico/Cheema
 - Fundraising Update
 - Volunteer Update

- Diverse Groups
- Food and Entertainment

Chairperson Harper recapped the sub-categories that must be discussed at each future HRC meeting. Commissioner Kaur asked if any commissioners would like to help with various elements of event planning/organizing. There was general discussion regarding marketing the event and the types of booths/activities that should be included. Chairperson Harper reiterated that the emphasis of the festival should be the diversity represented by the community.

National Night Out – August 2, 2011

Deputy City Manager Acosta stated the Union City Police Department would be sending out advisory emails to the City Council, HRC and other commissions with instructions for the evening. There was also a handout with details of locations.

Volunteer Recognition

October meeting in conjunction with “Make a Difference Day”

Commissioner Harper stated everyone should have their nominations, along with the reason for their selection, ready to present at the September meeting. Awards will be presented at the October HRC meeting.

Plaques or certificates

Commissioner Abanico said he would bring some suggestions for plaques or certificates to the August HRC meeting.

X. FUTURE AGENDA

Presentations: Life Eldercare and Fremont Family Resource Center

Community Involvement

Commissioner Reports

- Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center (Hsu)
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center (Petty)
 - Alameda County Public Health Commission (Hsu)
 - Alameda County Hep B Initiative (Petty)
 - Life Eldercare (Open)
 - Disabilities, Family Support, Special Olympics (Smeester)

- Youth

- YVPIP (Harper)
- Youth Commission (Cheema, Abanico)
- Community Outreach
 - Pastors Alliance (Cheema)
 - Resources/events (Abanico)
 - Equity Task Force (Petty)
 - Kids Zone (Smeester)
 - 1st Annual HRC Community Event (Kaur)

HRC Planning

- Unity through Community Event – September 8, 2012
- HRC Pamphlet Review

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairperson Harper announced the “Relay for Life” event on August 27 and 28, 2011 at Logan High School.

XIII. NEXT HRC MEETING

August 24, 2011

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.