

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.
Union City, CA 94587**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Kaur

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the July 27, 2011 meeting

Due to vacation schedules and computer upgrades, the minutes from the July 27, 2011 were unavailable. They will be transcribed and distributed to the commission for approval at the September 28, 2011 meeting.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Life Eldercare / Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC)

Neither of the organizations was present at the meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update (Measure UU, AA, RDA)

Deputy City Manager Acosta reported there was nothing new to report. This is due to the fact that the City Council and Commissions usually take off the month of August.

HRC Brochure Revision Process

The final revision of the HRC brochure was presented to the commission and approved for print and distribution.

HRC Webpage Update

With the final approval of the HRC brochure, the information contained in it will be forwarded to the City's webmaster for updating of the HRC's webpages on the City's website.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Community Involvement

Commissioner Reports

- Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center – Commissioner Hsu reported New Haven Unified School District (NHUSD) is entering into a partnership with Fremont Youth and Family Services. Child aides will be hired to work in Union City. They will be 20 hour per week positions and will work out of Hillview Crest, Kitayama, Pioneer and Searles schools. The purpose is to assist children (Kindergarten to 3rd Grade) who are having difficulty adjusting to school. These positions will be funded by the California Department of Mental Health.
 - Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center – Vice Chair Pettey reported there was nothing new to report.
 - Life Eldercare – Chairperson noted that this item is still open.
 - Alameda County Public Health Commission – Vice Chair Pettey stated he has not heard yet whether or not his application has been approved.

- Alameda County Hep B Initiative – Vice Chair Pettey reported that a meeting was held at Washington Hospital in Fremont. The Hep B Initiative is seeking more partners in the area to work with, specifically clinics and hospitals.
- Family Support for Mental Health & Special Needs – Commissioner Smeester reported the Special Olympics had their summer sports games for softball the previous Sunday. The Fremont team (representing the Tri-City area) won a gold medal.

- Youth

- YVIP – Chairperson Harper reported the July meeting went well and there is no meeting scheduled for August.
- Juvenile Justice – Commissioner Hsu reported everyone working with probation is adjusting to the new chief who is implementing new changes.

The Tri-City Youth Court's director has left abruptly with little in the way of details forthcoming. The last Youth Court was canceled due to the director's departure.

- Youth Commission – Commissioner Abanico and Commissioner Cheema Status of Joint Meeting Plans – Commissioner Abanico asked DCM Acosta for help in contacting Ariel Leary. Kari McVeigh, Superintendent for NHUSD, has been asked to assist in the recruitment process for new Youth Commissioners.

- Community Outreach

- Pastors Alliance – Commissioner Cheema a meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2011. An event is planned for September 21 (International Peace Day) at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont.
- Youth & Family Resource Center – Commissioner Abanico reported he was not able to attend the last meeting. He received a report that the meetings are going well, and there is an effort to get more youth involvement.

Commissioner Hsu recapped past site visits by the task force in preparation for making recommendations to the Union City Council regarding the new Center.

New members of the task force are being brought up to speed on the progress that has been made to date.

- Equity Task Force – Vice Chair Pettey stated there is an all-day workshop scheduled for Friday, August 26, 2011.

- Kids Zone – Commissioner Abanico was not able to attend the last meeting. The next meeting will be on September 14, 2011 from 9am to noon at the NHUSD offices.
- Sister Cities Festival- DCM Acosta reported the Sister Cities Festival was, in his opinion, the best one yet. It was very well-attended and everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves.
- 1st Annual HRC Community Event

Commissioner Kaur was not in attendance to report on this item.

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

Commissioner Kaur was not in attendance to report on this item.

National Night Out – August 2, 2011

Commissioner Cheema reported there was a great turnout for this year’s event and that the community participated more than in past years.

Volunteer Recognition

October meeting in conjunction with “Make a Difference Day” - Awards will be presented at the October HRC meeting.

Each commissioner nominate with reason for selection - Commissioners will announce their nominees at the September HRC meeting.

Plaques or certificates - Commissioner Abanico presented information on the plaques to be awarded to the volunteers in October. The commission made a selection between the two options.

There was a discussion of the text that should be included on the plaques.

X. FUTURE AGENDA

September Presentations: Fremont Family Resource Center

October Presentations: Presentation of Awards

December Presentations: Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Program and possibly Kids Zone or Life Eldercare

Community Involvement

Commissioner Reports

- Safety, Public Health, Support Services
 - Family Resource Center (Hsu)
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 - 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)

HRC Planning

- Unity through Community Event

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Cheema reported on National Night Out.

The commission discussed the future meeting schedule and decided to combine the November and December meetings. The combined meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

Commissioner Hsu announced that on Saturday, September 3, 2011, there will be a fundraiser for the military personnel killed in the helicopter crash earlier in August. For more information, the website address is www.31heroes.com.

XIII. NEXT HRC MEETINGS

September 28, 2011 / October 26, 2011 / December 7, 2011

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.