

MINUTES

CITY OF UNION CITY CITY COUNCIL AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING AND JOINT WORK SESSION

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008
7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City CA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the special meeting and joint work session to order at 7:07 p.m.

- 1.a Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Green lead the salute to the flag.
- 1.b Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci and Navarro, Vice Mayor Fernandez, Mayor Green

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Valle (arrived at 7:43 p.m.)

HRC Members present: Alternate Commissioners Cheema and Duncan, Commissioners Cabiles, Guio and Nadig, Chair Gates-Anderson

HRC Members absent: Vice Chair Hsu

II. JOINT WORK SESSION: DISCUSSION ON NEXT STEPS FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Human Relations Commission (HRC) Chair Gates-Anderson provided an overview of proposed next steps for youth violence intervention and prevention, and presented a draft road map for the evolution of HRC work teams. HRC Commission members also distributed a document entitled *Preventing Youth Violence: Communities Take Action*. HRC members proposed establishing the following work groups:

- November Election Support Working Group
- Service Delivery Working Group
- Grants Working Group
- Youth Employment Working Group
- Alameda County Outreach/Interaction Working Group

City Attorney Rodriguez stated the scope of work for the various proposed work groups should be developed to determine Brown Act applicability for work group meetings.

Commission members responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Deputy City Manager Acosta stated he would be designating staff representatives to participate with the various proposed work groups.

Deputy City Manager Acosta spoke about the importance of establishing expected deliverables for the various work groups.

Todd Benson offered his support for the proposed work program.

Chris Cara read from a prepared statement regarding strategies for youth violence prevention programs.

Hilary Bass spoke about her work as the Youth Development Coordinator for the Associated Community Action Program in Hayward, including the various programs she manages throughout Alameda County that benefit youth, age 14 to 24 years of age. Ms. Bass responded to questions and comments from Council and Commission members.

Jerico Abanico expressed support for the proposed work groups, and provided names of interested parties who might be considered to assist.

Hugh McNamara inquired about the provisions of the next measure to be proposed to voters on the November 2008 ballot.

Mayor Green recessed the meeting for a break at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation and support for the work program proposed by the HRC.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk