

**MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.
Union City, CA 94587**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Meeting was convened at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Chairperson Gates-Anderson, Vice Chair Hsu, Commissioner Guio,
Commissioner Cheema, Commissioner Duncan, Commissioner Nadig

Absent: Commissioner Cabiles (excused absence)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the November 26, 2008 meeting

Commissioner Guio moved to approve. Commissioner Cheema seconded.
Approved 6-0.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEMS

- Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Discussion of January 21, 2009 Advisory Board Meeting

Chairperson Gates-Anderson presented a Powerpoint slideshow that had been prepared for the YVPI Advisory Board Meeting on January 21, 2009.

Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta stated he presented to the YVPI Advisory Board an implementation decision tree that requires certain determinations be made in a particular order to get the program underway. July 1, 2009 would be the program implementation target date. The initial step, from a staff perspective, is to bring on the Program Manager as quickly as possible. With regard to this position, a decision must be made as to whether it will be filled by promoting from within or hiring from outside.

Commissioner Duncan reported that the first YVPI Advisory Board meeting went very well. She stated the next steps would be to turn the specific priorities reported by DCM Acosta into a very specific project plan with milestones and timelines than can be reported on and made available to the community. DCM Acosta stated the three top priorities for preparation in the following 30 days would be the strategic planning, crime data, and the job description/recruiting process for the Employment Coordinator pieces.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Duncan would meet with DCM Acosta and other City staff as the project plan with milestones and timelines is developed. Commissioner Guio agreed to meet with and accompany DCM Acosta as Data Analysis support from the Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice is explored. Commissioner Hsu agreed to review and comment on the job descriptions for the Program Manager. Commissioner Hsu also agreed to brief the HRC about the list of local service providers.

Commissioner Cheema provided a status report for the youth employment working group.

- CalGRIP Grant – Report

DCM Acosta stated there is no new information to report on the CalGRIP Grant application because it is 'frozen solid' in the lockdown that characterizes the State of California government in Sacramento. There has been no decision made, no publishing of who did or didn't make it, and no indication of what the timeframe is, so everything is effectively in 'suspended animation'.

- Fremont/Union City HRC Interaction - Discussion

DCM Acosta stated that he had heard from a number of sources that the Fremont HRC is becoming increasingly more aware of youth violence in Fremont and would like to get more engaged in youth violence prevention in their city. The possibility exists that they may be interested in having one of their commissioners attend a Union City HRC meeting to learn what Union City is doing.

Commissioner Guio noted the Fremont HRC meetings occur on Mondays and encouraged any commissioners who would like to attend. He also noted that he has been working with members of the Fremont HRC on a presentation for March 2009 (“Our Community – We All Belong”).

Commissioner Duncan asked if it would be possible to have someone from the Fremont HRC give a brief report on “Our Community – We All Belong” at the February 2009 UC HRC meeting.

- Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)

Chairperson Dianne Gates-Anderson nominated Commissioner Emily Duncan as the new Commission Chair. Commissioner Lee Guio seconded. Approved 5-0*.

Commissioner Sarabjit Cheema nominated Vice Chair Helen Hsu as the new Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Dianne Gates-Anderson seconded. Approved 5-0*.

Commissioner Gates-Anderson suggested the meeting continue with the current officer assignments and the new would take place at the next meeting. The commissioners concurred.

*Commissioner Nadig left the meeting prior to this item.

B. TRACKING ITEMS

- UC50th Anniversary Activities - Update

DCM Acosta reported on the UC50th Commemorative Council Meeting which celebrated the 50 year anniversary of the City’s first Council Meeting. The Council Meeting was held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at Barnard-White Middle School.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

HRC Retreat Scheduling

Commissioner Gates-Anderson suggested the commissioners send available Saturday dates in February and March 2009 to DCM Acosta. The suggested retreat time is 9am to 2pm.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA

Action Items:

Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention – Discussion
CalGRIP Status – Update
HRC Retreat - Discussion

Tracking Items:

None.

X. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.