MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Commissioner Makalia Aga
Commissioner Sara Parker
Commissioner Patricia Durham
Commissioner Gabriel Quinto
Commissioner Georgina Edwards
Commissioner Erika Ricon Whitcomb

7:03 p.m  ROLL CALL
Commissioners Aga, Durham, Edwards, Quinto and Whitcomb - present

Approval of Minutes
Approve the January 2, 2013 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

Action: Moved, seconded (Quinto/Durham) and carried unanimously to approve minutes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – Councilmember Lyman reported the following: City Council interviewed candidates for Commission/Board vacancies. On January 26, 2013 a Strategic Plan meeting was held to review mission, values and goals and diversity is a strong component valued by residents. National Night Out is August 6, 2013. Last year there were 29 parties and 10% of the population participated. Transportation Program – adopt policies to be in compliance with the County’s transportation program. The Council voted to continue the pledge of allegiance during the Council meetings and people can decide if they want to participate or not. A subcommittee will deal with the old Portola site in conjunction with the school district to determine what to do with the site.

Staff Liaison Beshears reported that Commissioner Parker will be on a leave of absence beginning February 1, 2013 – April 30, 2013.

Old Business
Future Projects & Budget
Connected – Commissioner Quinto reported that another group who wants to open a new library will do an April showing of the movie.
Asian Pacific Islander Month – Commissioner Quinto will check with UC Berkeley and Ann Cheng about films to show, one is a silent movie by an El Cerrito resident Violet and another is also a resident Justin Tippin.
New Business

Bullying and Teen Suicides – Moved to the March 6, 2013 meeting.

Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) month - Commissioner Edwards will gather information about putting a group together to go to San Francisco. Commissioner Quinto received an invitation to march with Oakland and Richmond and said we can march with Richmond.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration – Commissioner Durham reported that the Celebration was on Channel 7 news and it was a good event. She is thankful for all the help this year. Next year will be the 25th year and we have to start fund raisers early and suggestions have been made to combine with Richmond and Hercules. Tuskegee airmen received plaques at the event and the dream award was presented to Councilmember Janet Abelson.

Items for Next Meeting

Cohost Street Play
Bullying and Teen Suicides
High School Student on the Commission

Announcements – No announcements

ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING at 8:15 p.m. Moved, Seconded (Durham/Edwards)