



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Commissioner Elizabeth Block
Commissioner Patricia Durham
Commissioner Linda Jolivet

Commissioner Erika Whitcomb
Commissioner Antonio Wong

7:04 p.m. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Block, Durham, Jolivet, Whitcomb and Wong all present
Council Liaison Ann Cheng was present

Approval of Minutes

Approve the January 5, 2011 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – Council Liaison Cheng reported on the following: Redevelopment - the direct impact to staff; monitor things as they happen; and staff will draft an action plan soon. Green House Gas – emissions reduction targets 2005 levels by 15% in 2020 and 30% by 2035. City's Mission Statement – a special meeting (work session) will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The mission statement will be developed to define the city's mission at a high level. This will be used as a tool for staff, it will clarify roles and the values for the city. The mission statement will be a kickoff to create a Strategic Plan for the city.

Old Business –

Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Celebration – Commissioners Block and Jolivet stated the celebration was well attended. Commissioner Block stated that this event should have a lasting impact on the people in the community and would have liked to walk in the parade and see more presence from high school students. Commissioner Durham stated every year the committee has a different theme and maybe a film can be prepared next year to show previous MLK celebrations. Durham also stated the Commission has been invited to hold the celebration

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at the theatre. Durham will bring a list of the MLK committee members to share with the Commission to gear up for next year's celebration.

New Business

Iron Jawed Angels – March 19, 2011, the Human Relations Commission will co-host the reception after the film. Rafael's will cater the reception and Staff Liaison Beshears will take care of payment to Rafael's for the reception. Commissioners Block, Durham and Whitcomb will be present.

Sundar Shadi – June 26, 2011, the Human Relations Commission will co-host the reception after the film. A letter was sent out from the Commission to interview community members interested in sharing information about Sundar Shadi. Staff Liaison Beshears will contact Suzanne Iarla to find out if a time for the event has been confirmed.

Items for Next Meeting

Calendar of Events for Human Relations Commission

Cinco de Mayo

July 4th Booth

Committees for Events

New Projects

Announcements – No announcements

ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting is on April 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm.