MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 1, 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 Sara Parker
Commissioner Erika Whitcomb
Commissioner Antonio Wong

7:03 p.m  ROLL CALL
Commissioners Block, Durham, Jolivet, Parker and Whitcomb – present
Commission Wong - absent
Council Liaison Ann Cheng was present

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers

Approval of Minutes
Approve the May 4, 2011 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – Council Liaison Cheng reported on the following: Cheung Mei Orphanage Open House – was well attended; sixty were expected and ~ 200 showed up. NAACP Good Friday Breakfast – Chief Moir was the keynote speaker at the breakfast and the community had an opportunity to meet and learn more about the City’s new Police Chief. Beijing Bicycle Film – was a good event and Commissioner Wong attended with Council Liaison Cheng. Bike the Bridges – scheduled for June 12, 9:30 a.m.-noon, everyone will ride across the Carquinez Bridge and meet in Martinez after. Greenway Crossing – approved the pedestrian greenway crossing which is $750,000.

Hate Crime – Sergeant Peter Statton reported on two hate crimes. On January 25, 2011, someone smeared a nazi symbol in mud on the Tehiyah Day School sign. There was no video or witnesses. On February 4, 2011, an African American victim had something derogatory scratched on their car with a sharp object. Any further questions about the hate crimes should be directed to Sergeant Scott Cliatt of the Police Department.

Old Business
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Sundar Shadi – Commissioners Durham, Jolivet and Wong will attend the reception after the film showing on June 26, 2011. The reception is co-hosted by the Human Relations Commission.

New Business
July 4th Booth – Staff Liaison Beshears reported no other Commissions/Boards were able to share a booth with the Human Relations Commission and based on the number of Commissioners available, the Human Relations Commission will not have a booth this year. Commissioner Jolivet will attend the celebration.

Promoting Diversity at El Cerrito Schools – Commission Jolivet presented a proposal to support and promote diversity, multiculturalism in El Cerrito Schools by encouraging and recognizing innovative projects. All Commissioners are in favor. A sub-committee of Commissioners Block, Jolivet and Parker will work further on ideas, mission, etc.

Items for Next Meeting
Promoting Diversity at El Cerrito Schools – report from sub-committee about next steps to move forward.

Announcements – No announcements

**ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING** at 8:05 p.m.
The next meeting is on July 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm.