



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 3, 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 Gabriel Quinto

Commissioner Sara Parker
Commissioner Erika Whitcomb
Commissioner Antonio Wong

7:04 p.m. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Durham, Jolivet, Quinto and Wong – present
Commission Block, Parker and Whitcomb - absent
Council Liaison Ann Cheng was absent

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers

Approval of Minutes

Approve the July 6, 2011 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – In Council Cheng's absence, Staff Liaison Beshears reported that the State's Budget included elimination of Redevelopment. If the City decides to keep the Redevelopment Agency a \$1.7 million payment is required by the State.

Old Business

Promoting Diversity for high school students – Proposal prepared by sub-committee and copies provided to Commissioners by Commissioner Jolivet. Commissioners discussed changes to the document and Commissioner Jolivet will update the draft and email it to Staff Liaison Beshears. Staff Liaison Beshears will review the updated draft before submitting to City staff for approval. Commissioner Quinto suggested inviting a speaker, someone who graduated and grew up here to help promote diversity at the school.

How to Honor Ernest Iiyama – Commissioner Quinto suggested a proclamation be prepared to dedicate in Iiyama's honor and give the proclamation to his family. Commissioner Quinto will contact the Japanese American Citizens League for upcoming events so that the Commission may be able to present the proclamation at one of the events. Also discuss consideration of renaming a street in Iiyama's honor.

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Items for Next Meeting

Promoting Diversity at El Cerrito Schools – working on ways to involve students and teachers to promote diversity. Status update from sub-committee

How to Honor Ernest Iiyama - El Cerrito activist who died

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration – January 16, 2012

Announcements – No announcements

ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING at 7:55 p.m.

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