



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Creekside Conference Room

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Commissioner Robert Abele
Commissioner Patricia Durham
Commissioner Linda Jolivet

Commissioner Sara Parker
Commissioner Gabriel Quinto
Commissioner Erika Ricon Whitcomb

7:02 p.m. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Durham, Jolivet, Parker, Quinto and Whitcomb - present
Commissioner Abele - absent
Council Liaison Ann Cheng - absent

Approval of Minutes

Approve the March 7, 2012 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – None

Old Business

Promoting Diversity at El Cerrito Schools – Commissioner Jolivet will contact the principal at El Cerrito High School to attend a staff meeting to discuss the grant that is available to help students and teachers promote diversity at the school.

New Business

School-Based Restorative Justice - Rita Alfred, Consultant of Restorative Justice Training Institute, gave an overview of restorative justice. They use the “circle process”. In the circle process, people sit together with City officials in an effort to bring people together to encourage communication which will help them to work better with the youth. The Institute works with the community to build and strengthen relationships, create a safe space and encourage accountability as key to creating a fair and equitable society.

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Neighborhood Watch Groups in El Cerrito – Sylvia Moir, El Cerrito Police Chief, gave an overview of how the Police Department works with the neighborhood watch groups. The Police Department has a neighborhood watch link on the website that explains the role of the neighborhood watch and encouraged the Commissioners to review the information on website. The neighborhood watch coordinator from the Police Department goes out and meets with the block captain about neighborhood watch and the department stays in touch with the neighborhood watch groups.

History of the Human Relations Commission – was tabled because the former commissioners were not available to attend.

Budget Update – Review and discuss what has been spent to date this fiscal year. Staff Liaison will provide an update for the next meeting.

Future Projects – Discuss and determine new projects/ideas to consider. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

Items for Next Meeting

Budget Update
Calendar
Future Projects

Announcements – No announcements

ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is on May 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm.