MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, May 2, 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

7:04 p.m **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Abele, Durham, Jolivet, Parker and Quinto - present
Commissioner Whitcomb - absent
Council Liaison Ann Cheng - present

Approval of Minutes
Approve the April 4, 2012 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Judy Wang, a teacher at El Cerrito High School, informed the Commission of the Angaza Program at the High School. This program consists primarily of African American and Latino students. The program was designed for students with a 3.0 GPA to encourage the students and equip them for college. The students meet regularly after school and attend weekend retreats.

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – Council Liaison Cheng reported that the Council approved the Strategic Planning consultant. The community will be involved in shaping the City's direction through the Strategic Plan. Redevelopment is going away. Staff is looking at what we can keep in terms of affordable housing and economic development as well as what projects to complete. The City has an Oversight Committee that met last month to work through the dissolution of the agency. There is funding through the end of the fiscal year.

Old Business
Promoting Diversity at El Cerrito Schools – Commissioner Jolivet met with the principal at El Cerrito High School and the Parent Teacher Association and reported that the principal will re-send the information and will talk to a couple of teachers in particular. Motion made and moved to provide one grant or split the grant to two groups. (Jolivet/Parker) and carried unanimously.

New Business
Budget Update – The Commissioners reviewed and discussed 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
Future Projects

Announcements – No announcements

ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING at 7:58 p.m. Moved, Seconded (Durham/Jolivet)