MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes
Approve the May 2, 2012 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

Action: Moved, seconded (Jolivet/Abele) and carried unanimously to approve minutes adding 'the principal will resend the information and talk to a couple of teachers in particular' to the first sentence under old business.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – Council Liaison Cheng reported that the results of the National Citizen Survey were presented to Council by City staff. The Survey shows how the community rates quality of life and service in El Cerrito. Approximately 300 members of the community responded to the survey. The last survey was conducted about five years ago. Council is involved in budget discussions next Monday, June 11, 2012 and the following Tuesday, June 19, 2012 the Council will adopt the budget. There is a budget deficit for the City. Fire and Police are contributing by forgoing their cost of living adjustment and management employees are contributing more to CalPERS to help reduce the budget deficit.

Old Business
Promoting Diversity at El Cerrito Schools – no status update so the Commissioners discussed what other options they have to provide funding to the school to promote diversity. A motion was made and moved to provide the grant to the Angaza Student Activity Fund. (Whitcomb/Quinto) and carried unanimously

New Business

New Priorities Campaign – Al Miller made a presentation on the New Priorities Campaign and would like to get the support of the Human Relations Commission for the July 17, 2012 City Council Meeting. Commissioners would like to review the information before making a decision to support at the upcoming meeting.

Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) month – Commissioner Quinto talked about how important the month of June is to the LGBT community. A motion was made and moved for Council to recognize the month of June each year as LGBT month at the Council meeting. (Quinto/Jolivet) and carried unanimously.

Budget Update – no budget update at this meeting and the budget will be discussed with the future projects at 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

New Priorities Campaign
Human Relations Commission Brochure
Future Projects

Announcements – No announcements

ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING at 8:18 p.m. Moved, Seconded (Abele/Whitcomb)