



## MINUTES

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

#### Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Commissioner Makalia Aga

Commissioner Patricia Durham

Commissioner Georgina Edwards

Commissioner Sara Parker

Commissioner Gabriel Quinto

Commissioner Erika Ricon Whitcomb

#### 7:03 p.m. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Aga, Durham, Edwards, Quinto and Whitcomb - present

#### Approval of Minutes

Approve the January 2, 2013 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

**COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS** – Councilmember Lyman reported the following: City Council interviewed candidates for Commission/Board vacancies. On January 26, 2013 a Strategic Plan meeting was held to review mission, values and goals and diversity is a strong component valued by residents. National Night Out is August 6, 2013. Last year there were 29 parties and 10% of the population participated. Transportation Program – adopt policies to be in compliance with the County's transportation program. The Council voted to continue the pledge of allegiance during the Council meetings and people can decide if they want to participate or not. A subcommittee will deal with the old Portola site in conjunction with the school district to determine what to do with the site.

Staff Liaison Beshears reported that Commissioner Parker will be on a leave of absence beginning February 1, 2013 – April 30, 2013.

#### Old Business

##### Future Projects & Budget

Connected – Commissioner Quinto reported that another group who wants to open a new library will do an April showing of the movie.

Asian Pacific Islander Month – Commissioner Quinto will check with UC Berkeley and Ann Cheng about films to show, one is a silent movie by an El Cerrito resident Violet and another is also a resident Justin Tippin.

**New Business**

Bullying and Teen Suicides – Moved to the March 6, 2013 meeting.

Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) month - Commissioner Edwards will gather information about putting a group together to go to San Francisco. Commissioner Quinto received an invitation to march with Oakland and Richmond and said we can march with Richmond.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration – Commissioner Durham reported that the Celebration was on Channel 7 news and it was a good event. She is thankful for all the help this year. Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year and we have to start fund raisers early and suggestions have been made to combine with Richmond and Hercules. Tuskegee airmen received plaques at the event and the dream award was presented to Councilmember Janet Abelson.

**Items for Next Meeting**

Cohost Street Play

Bullying and Teen Suicides

High School Student on the Commission

**Announcements** – No announcements

**ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING** at 8:15 p.m. Moved,  
Seconded (Durham/Edwards)