



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:08pm: Roll Call – Commissioners Present: Makalia Aga, Georgina Edwards, Gabriel Guenette, Margo Hunter Parisi, Jess Laird. Commissioners Absent: Lee Kariuki, Mina Wilson.

1. Minutes

Approval of minutes from the June 6, 2018 meeting. Moved by Commissioner Hunter Parisi, seconded by Commissioner Guenette. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Oral Communications from the Public:** Representatives from the El Cerrito Progressives spoke about their concerns related to rent increases happening throughout the City. The group also provided information about their weekly “El Cerrito Shows Up” event that takes place at the El Cerrito Plaza each Thursday from 6pm-7pm.

Nick Laurel of Tenants Together spoke about increasing rents in the City that have led to displacements of residents.

Patricia Durham discussed that planning for the 2019 MLK celebration is underway and encouraged participation at upcoming planning meetings.

- 3. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports:** Staff Liaison Cunningham announced the retirement of current City Manager, Scott Hanin, at the end of this year after 17 years of service to the City. Current Assistant City Manager, Karen Pinkos, has been appointed by City Council to succeed Mr. Hanin as the next City Manager. Council Liaison Fadelli briefed the Commission on recent Council actions including the updated Fire Hazard Abatement Program and the Charter City ballot measure.

- 4. Loving Day Recap:** Commissioners debriefed the Loving Day events that took place on June 13, 2018 and June 16, 2018. For the June 13th event at Off the Grid, Commissioners discussed the success of the event as it was the largest audience in El Cerrito Off the Grid history which also included a 50% increase in food sales. Commissioners acknowledged that the sound system used could have been better and will work on improving it for next year’s event. For the June 16th event at Rialto Theater, Commissioners discussed the success of the movie screening and book signing and expressed appreciation to Councilmember Fadelli in securing Sandy Stier and Kris Perry for the event.

- 5. Not In Our Town Week:** Staff Liaison Cunningham discussed the City’s participation in the upcoming “United Against Hate” week sponsored by the Not In Our Town group. Alongside El Cerrito Police Department, the Commission will serve as a co-sponsor of the El Cerrito event scheduled to take place one day during the week of November 11- 17, 2018.

6. **Day of Listening:** This item was moved to the September 5, 2018 meeting.
7. **Items for Next Meeting**
8. **Adjournment: 8:51pm**

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