



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 7, 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 Sharon Jones

Commissioner Sara Parker

Commissioner Gabriel Quinto

Commissioner Erika Ricon Whitcomb

7:05 p.m. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Aga, Durham, Jones, Parker, Quinto and Whitcomb – present

Commissioner Edwards - absent

Approval of Minutes

Approve the July 3, 2013 Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COUNCIL LIAISON AND COMMISSION REPORTS – Sergeant Caputo reported after the verdict of the Trayvon Martin case, an incident occurred with four White male adults and two African American male adults. The two African American males taunted the four White males, using racial slurs, at Nations on Central Avenue. The taunting turned into a burglary. The four African American males were arrested. The District Attorney's office filed robbery charges and there was no hate crime enhancement.

Old Business - None

New Business

Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. 25th Anniversary Celebration – Staff Liaison Beshears will schedule a meeting with Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager, to discuss a proposed letter by the commission about selling t-shirts to raise money for the MLK event. Commissioner Durham would like to collaborate with west county cities and have one celebration in El Cerrito. Commissioner Durham ordered and received "Save the date cards" for the MLK celebration.

Motion: Pay \$180.68 for MLK save the date cards.

Action: Moved, seconded (Aga/Parker) and carried unanimously.

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Human Relations Commission History – Joann Steck-Bayat reported on the history of the Commission. The Commission has to be visible and a resource to the community. There were diversity signs displayed in El Cerrito. MLK was a signature event. They held diversity forums that were moderated by different nationalities in the community. There were players from the Negro League that lived in El Cerrito. There was an Asian Heritage Month Celebration and a film was shown at the theatre and a discussion was held after the film at Shutter café. They tried to have a student involved on the commission as well.

Human Relations Commission Brochure – The commissioners will review the brochure and send updates to Staff Liaison Beshears. Beshears will bring an updated copy to discuss at the next meeting.

Morehouse Project – There is no funding for the project this school year. Jan Rader is in charge and Commissioner Quinto will invite Jan to come to the next meeting and provide an update.

EC Street Play – Commissioner Quinto reported that the street was disorganized and mistakes were made on the flyer. The date of the event on the flyer was wrong and it was not sent to businesses. Commissioner Quinto was very disappointed.

Items for Next Meeting

Stand Your Ground

MLK 25th Anniversary Celebration

HRC Brochure

Solano Stroll Street Fair

Morehouse Project

Announcements – No announcements

ADJOURNED HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING at 8:11 p.m. Moved,
Seconded (Quinto/Durham)