



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

- 1. Roll Call 7:02 pm – Commissioners Present: Edwards, Glueck, Heyenga, Hughes, Pardue-Okimoto. Commissioners Absent: Aga.**
- 2. Minutes**
Moved by Heyenga, seconded by Pardue-Okimoto, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2015 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Oral Communications from the Public:** None.
- 4. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports:** Staff Liaison Pinkos reported on the most recent City Council meeting actions.
- 5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Moved by Heyenga, seconded by Pardue-Okimoto, to nominate Georgina Edwards as Chair of the Human Relations Commission for the 2015 term. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Edwards appointed Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto as Vice Chair.
- 6. Work Plan and Calendar Schedule for 2015:** Commissioners considered various ideas for the upcoming year's workplan, including: proclamations, anti-bullying, engaging students in various ways, and diversity events including MLK and an Art Diversity Day in October. The Commission discussed using a balanced approach, by highlighting the commonalities among us as opposed to just the differences. Commissioners agreed to present to the City Council in June, so that they could provide their report and be present for the Council to consider proclamations for LGBT month in June and Loving Day June 12. Chair Edwards assigned Commissioner Glueck to work on the process for appointing a student member from ECHS. Chair Edwards further created a subcommittee of herself and Commissioner Pardue-Okimoto to discuss Loving Day. Commissioners agreed to continue developing the workplan and presentation to the City Council at their May meeting.
- 7. Items for Next Meeting:** Workplan and Presentation to City Council, Draft proclamations for June
- 8. Adjournment: 8:39 p.m.**

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