



Minutes
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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Roll Call 7:02pm

Commissioners Present: Aga (late), Edwards, Glueck, Hughes, Hunter Parisi, Pardue-Okimoto.

1. Minutes

It was moved (Pardue-Okimoto/ Hughes) to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2015 regular meeting. Motion passed 4-0-1.

YES: Edwards, Hughes, Hunter Parisi, Pardue-Okimoto

No: none

Abstain: Glueck

2. Oral Communications from the Public: This item was taken out of order.

3. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports:

- Acting Staff Liaison reported on the upcoming City Council Study Session on Minimum Wage to be held August 18, 2015, and asked Commissioners to assist with outreach to business owners about Restaurant Week.
- Glueck reported she meet with Karen Pinkos and drafted the brochure for the student Commissioner position.
- Aga reported she spoke with Pat Durham, who inquired about the date for the HRC meeting, but was unable to attend tonight.
- Pardue-Okimoto spoke about National Night Out, which was held on August 4th. The block party she hosted went well, a police officer and a member of the Crime Prevention Committee visited the party and overall people were appreciative. There were about 32 block parties in El Cerrito.
- There was some discussion including if the City provides a map of all the parties and if the City could print flyers for the hosts to encourage them to do more outreach.
- Edwards reported that Librarian Liz Ruhland send her a photo of the Loving Day display that was in the library.

4. Student Commissioner Program and Brochure The draft brochure and application for a Student Commissioner from El Cerrito High School was reviewed and discussed.

Glueck thanked Lydia and Karen for their work on the brochure. Hunter Parisi provided some minor edits. There was consensus that both the brochure and application form looked good. It was requested that Karen distribute the final versions to the Commission when they are ready.

There was discussion regarding next steps:

- Glueck and Pardue-Okimoto will coordinate outreach to the high school.
- There was consensus that the applications should be due by Friday Sept 18th, that a subcommittee will review all the applications and select up to three candidates to be interviewed. The subcommittee

could also decide to extend the application deadline. The top candidates will be invited to an interview as part of the HRC's regular October meeting (with interview slots in 15 minute increments.)

It was moved (Pardue-Okimoto/Edwards) for Glueck and Hughes to serve on a student recruitment subcommittee with the responsibilities as discussed during this item. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

5. MLK Day/Event:

Edwards started the discussion regarding planning for the upcoming 2016 MLK Day and Event. Aga reported that Pat Durham wants to continue to be involved in the planning of the event. Glueck suggested that Pat should be recognized at the event. Edwards suggested that the HRC should establish a subcommittee to work with Pat on planning the event and determining how the HRC can help Pat and be a more active partner.

It was moved (Glueck /Pardue-Okimoto to establish a subcommittee to work with Pat Durham to plan and carry out the MLK Day event. The subcommittee will be made up of members Edwards, Aga and Hunter Parisi. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Hughes requested that the subcommittee look into how the HRC can incorporate leadership (as discussed in the HRC's work plan).

Oral Communications from the Public: This item was taken out of order.

Resident Nick Arzio provided an update on the community cleanup event that the HRC previously supported. Mr. Arzio also followed up on his comments from last month and read the El Cerrito Democratic Club's resolution urging the City Council to establish a local minimum wage at a rate not lower than the City of Richmond's minimum wage; he offered to answer questions and urged the HRC to put this item on the agenda to consider recommending the Democratic Club's resolution to the City Council.

Mr. Arzio said he would send a copy of the resolution to Karen Pinkos to distribute to the HRC. Edwards and Hughes encouraged Mr. Arzio to attend the upcoming City Council study session on this topic.

In response to a question about why the Democratic Club's resolution ties El Cerrito to Richmond, Mr. Arzio responded that since Richmond was the first city in the County to pass a local minimum wage ordinance, they have set the example and El Cerrito should not establish a minimum wage lower than Richmond's rates.

6. Items for Next Meeting

Subcommittee reports

Discussion regarding minimum wage

7. Adjourned 8:15 pm

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