

Human Rights Commission  
March 19, 2009  
DRAFT Minutes

**Commissioners Present**

Robert Sippel  
Vanessa Dao Burbach  
Karen Elaine Davis  
Dr. Calvin Gill (late)  
Andrae Gonzalez Macapinlac  
John M. Marienthal  
Mathew Alexander Salcido  
Donald Christopher Young

**Commissioners Absent**

David Parker  
Raji Bains  
Raj Bhanot (Excused)  
Edward Walker (Excused)

**Council Liaison**

Iris Zheng

**Staff**

Margarita Mendoza – City Manager's Office  
Tom Sims – Police Department

**a) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

**b) Orders of the Day & Agenda Approval**

By motion of Commissioner Macapinlac, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Orders of the Day and Agenda were unanimously approved (Yes: 7; No: 0).

**c) Approval of Minutes**

By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Burbach the February 19, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved, with one correction to a typo on Item 6f (2). There were two "No" votes to this item, Commissioners Sippel and Burbach. Let the record show that the vote on February 19, Item 6f(2) was Yes: 9; No: 2. (Yes: 7; No: 0).

**d) Oral Petitions**

The following citizens and issues were presented during Open Forum:

- Mr. Nan Su, Shen Yun Performing Arts, May 14-17
- Marth O'Connell- San Jose Municipal Code section pertaining to excused absences for Council, Board and/or Commissioners to include "significant others" or "partner"

**e) Standing Reports**

1. **Council Liaison Report** – Councilmember Chu is in Washington D.C. attending the National League of Cities Conference. Census Activities Memorandum from Council Member Chu and Great American Litter Pick Up Flyer were distributed. .
2. **Human Relations Liaison Report** –Commissioner Bains is absent, no report.
3. **San Jose Police Department Liaison Report** – No report, Lt. Sims introduced himself to the Commission, as the current liaison from the Chief's Research & Development Office.
4. **Staff Report** – Brief update regarding the Public Intoxication Task Force. City Manager would like to offer the services of a facilitator for the Commissions annual retreat on April 4.

**f) Discussion and Action Agenda Items**

**1. Setting the date, time and agenda for the HRC 2009 Retreat (Rescheduled from March 28, due to Joint Fire & Police Event)**

By motion of Commissioner Burbach, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission rescheduled its Annual Retreat to Saturday, April 4. (Yes: 6, No: 2- Macapinlac, Young)

By motion of Commissioner Marienthal, seconded by Commissioner Burbach, the Commission unanimously voted to utilize the services of a professional facilitator at the Annual Retreat. (Yes: 8; No: 0).

By motion of Commissioner Burbach, seconded by Commissioner Macapinlac, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the following Agenda items:

- Reports from Council Liaison, Fire Chief, Police Chief
- Discussion of "what worked well" in the prior year, presented by returning Commissioners
- Commission-wide work plan
- Committee Break-Out Groups to decide 2009 accomplishments & report-out to the entire group
- Team building exercise
- Discussion to add Senior Liaison role and any new Committees/Liaisons

Commissioner Davis also volunteered to bring refreshments to the retreat. (Yes: 8, No: 0).

**2. Report from Commissioners Burbach and Salcido regarding their participation in the City Clerk's Boards and Commissions focus group (February 25)**

Commissioners Burbach and Salcido each reported their respective experiences at the Focus Group. Staff was asked to research the feasibility of providing permanent name badges to Commissioners for their use at public events.

**g) Standing Committee Reports:**

Outreach Committee –No report.

Public Safety Oversight Committee –No report.

Youth Commission Liaison –At February 23 meeting, Youth Commission discussed Schools Going Green efforts, Alcohol Awareness Month, Smoking Ban at Apartment Complexes.

**h) Commissioner Updates:**

"Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" YWCA event- April 22. Commissioner Young will participate.

**i) Community Events:**

- March 28- SJPD & SJFD Chilli Cook Off

**j) Future Agenda Items**

- HRC Recommendation to Council regarding an amendment to the Municipal Code section pertaining to excused absences for Council, Board and/or Commissioners to include "significant others" or "partner"

**k) Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Burbach, seconded by Commissioner Macapinlac, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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