

Human Rights Commission
October 15, 2009
DRAFT Minutes

<u>Commissioners Present</u>	<u>Commissioners Absent</u>
Raji Bains	Edward Walker (excused)
Raj Bhanot	
Vanessa Dao Burbach	
Karen Elaine Davis	
Dr. Kalvin Gill	
Andrae Gonzalez Macapinlac	
Clarence Madrilejos	
John M. Marienthal (Late)	
Vice Chair David Parker	
Chair Robert Sippel	

Council Liaison

Yvonne Wong – Councilmember Chu’s Office

Staff

Ernest Azevedo – City Manager’s Office

a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum of 9 was present. Those present introduced themselves.

b) Orders of the Day & Agenda Approval

By motion of Commissioner Bhanot, seconded by Vice Chair Parker, the Orders of the Day and Agenda were unanimously approved (Yes: 9; No: 0). All present voted to approve the agenda.

c) Approval of Minutes

By motion of Commissioner Burbach, seconded by Vice Chair Parker, the September 17, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved (Yes: 9; No: 0). All present voted to approve the agenda.

d) Open Forum

- None.

e) Standing Reports

1. Council Liaison Report

Council Liaison Yvonne Wong had one item: 1) Councilmember Kansen Chu has begun promoting the Community Office Hours in order to receive feedback and provide assistance to residents .

2. Human Relations Liaison Report – No Report

3. San Jose Police Department Liaison Report

Lt. Thomas Simms had two items: 1) Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support (PSFSS) held a special Committee meeting to elicit feedback from community on City’s efforts of addressing policy issues and police services. Lt. Simms noted the positive feedback received from the community regarding the implementation efforts to address previous public concerns regarding policing in San José. 2) The San José Police Department Spanish Speaking Academy Kickoff had approximately 33 attendees.

4. Staff Report

Commissioners: Raji Bains, Raj Bhanot, Vanessa Burbach, Karen Davis, Kalvin Gill, Andrae Macapinlac, Clarence Madrilejos, John Marienthal, David Parker, Edward Walker, Robert Sippel.

CMO Staff Liaison, Ernest Azevedo had three items: 1) The Foreclosure Prevention and Resource Fair will occur on October 21st at the Mexican Heritage Plaza from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. 2) Bankon San José Recommendation Update was that the item will not need to be forwarded to the Rules Committee and can be immediately implemented by positing the link at a Department website. 3) Human Rights Commission Update was that make up interviews were occurring on October 18th, and then the packets will be forwarded to Councilmember Chu mid November.

f) Discussion and Action Agenda Items

1. [Discussion and Recommendation on Supporting and Joining As Amicus In Support Of Plaintiffs, In The Federal Case, Perry V. Schwarzenegger, Et Al. \(Vice Chair David Parker\)](#)

The Human Rights Commission of the City of San José passed the recommendation to support and join as amicus in Case No. S168078 in the Supreme Court of the State of California by the following vote:

Ayes: Bains, Bhanot, Burbach, Gill, Macapinlac, Madrijelos, Parker, Sippel, (8)

Noes: Davis. (1)

Absent: Marienthal, Walker. (2)

The Human Rights Commission has referred the recommendation for placement on the next available Rules & Open Government Committee meeting for consideration.

2. Discussion Regarding Downtown Nightclub Entertainment (Vice Chair David Parker)

No action was taken on this item due to the most recent update that the Voodoo Lounge Owner had cancelled the performance.

g) Standing Committee Reports:

- (1) Outreach Committee – No report.
- (2) Public Safety Oversight Committee – No report.
- (3) Youth Commission Liaison – No report.
- (4) Senior Commission – No report

h) Commissioner Updates:

None

i) Community Events:

- Filipino Flag Raising Ceremony, Tuesday, October 19th.

j) Future Agenda Items

- Commission Elections
- PDO/PIO Exemption
- HRC Training
- Retreat
- Workplan

k) Adjournment

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Parker, seconded by Commissioner Burbach, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. (Yes: 10; No: 0).

NEXT SCHEDULED HRC MEETING: November 19, 2009 @ 6:30 P.M.

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