HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

monday, February 9, 2015

TRAINING ROOM

3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B

FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

7:15 P.M.

**1. SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 7:15

**3**. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Nguyen-Cleary, Vice Chair Dewan, Commissioners Iyer, Kwan, Smith, and Watanuki

Absent: Veeru Vuppala

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of December 15, 2014, and January 12, 2015

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kwan and seconded by Commissioner Dhami to accept the minutes from December 15, 2014 and January 12, 2015, as amended. The motion was approved and so ordered. Commissioners Iyre, Watanuki and Smith obstained from the vote.***

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

1. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Enc. 6.1.1 - Printout of published and unpublished Compassionate Communities Survey Responses

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**9.1 Focused Strategy for HRC Fundraising**

Kelly Kline, Economic Development (ED) Director, presented her ideas for effective outreach to the business community. Kelly Kline explained that it is hard to get the attention of business, especially in our community. She explained that they have a team consisting of council member, mayor, staff from Economic Development, commissioner, and Chamber member that go on 40-50 visits a year, to local buisnesses to better understand their needs and encourage them to remain in Fremont.

Kelly Kline suggested that we piggy back off of what the Economic Development Department is already doing by developing literature listing what we are looking for and a designating a single point of contact for people to contact. Other suggestions were:

Send ED a quarterly note of potential projects that ED could take on their talks (concierge approach).

Invite local businesses to the next FRC orientation .

HRC can pursue individual relationships in parallel to the work of the Economic Development Department.

Staff will follow up with Kelly Kline on who she currently has listed as their community services liaison. They will also create an insert for the economic development package, that will include

develop 4 questions

***A motion was made by Chair Nguyen Cleary and seconded by Commissioner Dewan to create a new Financial Resources Committee consisting of Commissioners Smith, Dewan, Watanuki and Chair Nguyen Cleary. The motion was approved and so ordered.***

**9.2 Affordable Housing**

Chair reviewed current Residential Nexus and draft housing plan in lieu fees.

Four possible recommendations:

**Change in rental construction in lieu fee.**

***A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dewan to recommend to the City Council that the rental construction in-lieu fee remain at $19.50 a square foot, instead of dropping to $17.50. This would maintain the differentiation between the rental fee and the fee for condos and town homes at $27.00. The HRC also recommended an in-lieu fee of $10.00 for rental units under 700 square feet.  The motion was approved and so ordered.***

**Provision allowing on-site production of 12.9% affordable rental units.**

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kwan and seconded by Commissioner Smith to recommend that in no case should onsite total affordable housing development fall below 15% of the planned market rate units.  The HRC also recommends maintaining a proportional distribution of component affordability levels. The motion was approved and so ordered***

**Provision for Developer negotiation.**

***A motion was made by Commissioner Kwan and seconded by Commissioner Dewan to recommend that in no case may this provision result in fewer affordable housing units than otherwise provided for in other sections of the ordinance. The motion was approved and so ordered;***

**9.3 Human Rights Campaign – Municipal Equality Index**

Table to March 2015 meeting

**9.4 Film Screening: Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine**

Table to March 2015 meeting.

1. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendized discussion or taken action)

**10.1 Human Relations Commission Strategic Directions**

Tabled to March 2015 meeting

**10.2 San Francisco Gay Pride Parade**

Tabled to March 2015 meeting

**11.** **COMMISSION REFERRALS** (Referrals from the City Council to the Commission)

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**12.1 Promoting Economic Security and Success**

Tabled to March 15 meeting

**12.2 Celebrating Diversity and Promoting Civic Engagement of the Community and Youth**

**12.2.1 Racial Equity/ Social Justice Dialogue**

**Tabled to March 2015 meeting**

Commissioner’s Iyer handed out a summary of the meeting the sub Committee (made up of Commissioners Smith, Watanuki, and Iyer)had regarding Participation in the Gay Pride parade, Addressing racial issues based on recent events nationwide, Box Art Program, and Branding the HRC

***Commissioner Smith made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Iyer to request staff to take all necessary actions to hold a Community Leaders Dialogue on March 21st, from 1 to 3pm.*** ***The motion was accepted and so moved***

Staff: Facilitate getting a venue and outreach to community at large.

**12.3 Providing Safety-Net Services for At-Risk Populations**

Tabled to March 2015 meeting

1. **STAFF REPORTS** 
   1. **Attendance Summary (Attachment 13.1)**
   2. **Calendar (Attachment 13.2) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.**
   3. **Value of In-kind Contributions for HRC Sponsored & Supported Projects.**

1. **REFERRALS TO STAFF** (a request to have items placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

***A motion was made by Commissioner Dewan and seconded by Commissioner Iyre to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and so ordered.***