

## Human Rights Commission

November 20, 2008

DRAFT Minutes

### Commissioners Present

Robert Sippel  
Robert Bailey  
Tahir Anwar  
Raj Bhanot  
Vanessa Dao Burbach  
Karen Elaine Davis  
Dr. Calvin Gill  
David Parker  
Edward Walker

### Commissioners Absent

Raji Bains (Excused)  
Qi Deng  
John Marienthal (Arrived at the conclusion of meeting)

### Council Liaison

Kathy Duong

### Staff

Margarita Mendoza – City Manager's Office

#### a) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

By motion of Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Orders of the Day and Agenda was unanimously approved (Yes: 8; No: 0).

#### c) **Approval of Minutes**

By motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Burbach the October 16, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved (Yes: 8; No: 0).

#### d) **Oral Petitions**

Nan Su, representative from the Falun Gong Organization spoke to the Commission, in celebration of the current Commissions work on behalf of Human Rights. Mr. Su thanked the Commissioners for their dedication, noting San Jose was the first City to pass the Human Rights Torch resolution which went on to gather over a million signatures.

#### e) **Standing Reports**

1. **Council Liaison Report** – Councilmember Chu reappointed Commissioners Gill and Parker to a second term, and appointed three new Commissioners: Andrae Macapinlac, Mathew Salcido, Donald Young.
2. **Human Relations Liaison Report** – No report.
3. **San Jose Police Department Liaison Report** – No report, but wished Commissioners a safe and happy Holiday season.
4. **Staff Report** – Public Intoxication Task Force development update.

f) **Discussion and Action Agenda Items**

1. **HRC March 2008 retreat – Progress on Goals set by Commission**

Due to the absence of Commissioner Marienthal, who originally requested this item on the Agenda, discussion and action on this item was deferred to the January 15, 2009 meeting.

2. **Discussion and Action – Election of 2009 officers**

Let the record show that Commissioner Gill arrived at this time during the meeting. Commissioner Bailey nominated the following members for the following positions:

- Commissioner Sippel as Chair
- Commissioner Parker as Vice Chair
- Commissioner Marienthal as Parliamentarian

The nominations above were seconded by Commissioner Anwar and unanimously approved (Yes: 9, No: 0)

g) **Standing Committee Reports:** None

h) **Commissioner Updates:** Commissioners Anwar and Bailey reflected on their tenure on the Human Rights Commission, as this is their last meeting. The Commission thanked both outgoing Commissioners fondly and wished them the best. Commissioner Parker provided updates regarding his participation in a performing arts event, Proposition 8 and Public Intoxication Council hearing. Commissioner Gill was congratulated on his re-election to the Open Space District Board.

i) **Community Events:** None

j) **Future Agenda Items**

- HRC 2008 Retreat – Progress on Goals set by the Commission. This item was deferred at the November 20 meeting.
- Human Rights Commission and/or Public Safety Outreach – meetings and surveys to find out what the Community looks for.
- Participation in the outreach process to hire an Independent Police Auditor.

k) **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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