

#### A. PROJECTS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Work with Neighborhood Associations
- Awareness of hate crimes and education
- Partner with Planning Commission re: Low Income Housing
- Continue working with PAPD
- Community Policing
- Involving Youth in the Community
- Charter change re: sexual preference to orientation
- Promote World Music Day as city event
- PAPD Demographic Data Review
- Develop a process for oral communication follow up
- Closing University Avenue
- Commissioner/Buddy
- Civic Engagement Award
- Commissioner get-together/city-wide with City Council
- Help people by educating them re: biases to be able to break them down.

#### B. IDEAS FOR PRIORITIES FOR NEXT YEAR

- Healthy Communities
- Inclusive Communities
- Hate Crimes
- Embracing Diversity
- PAPD & Community Relations
- Promoting a healthy and inclusive community

## Human Relations Commission

### Proposal for Palo Alto Civic Engagement Award

#### **Describe your proposed idea:**

To create a Civic Engagement Award that celebrates and recognizes civic engagement in Palo Alto. Civic Engagement for The Common Good is one of the 2009 City Council's top priorities.

#### **What do you hope to accomplish at the HRC meeting during the discussion of this agenda item?**

To get valuable feedback from HRC Commissioners on the following points:

- To review the 2003 award proposal minutes and other current local awards including the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce Tall Tree Awards and Athena Awards
- To define the goals of the awards and the number of awards
- To outline characteristics and attributes of potential nominees
- To outline the process for nomination
- To outline the selection committee role (and to determine the role of the Civic Engagement Advisory Council's role in the selection process)
- To discuss communication and marketing of the award
- To discuss the creation of plaques that would be displayed at City Hall

#### **What do you hope to accomplish with completion of this proposal?**

To incorporate all feedback into a revised document that can serve as supporting documentation for a Recommendation or Motion during the May 2009 HRC meeting. To determine whether the Civic Engagement Award should be sponsored by the Human Relations Commission, City Council, or co-sponsored by both organizations.

#### **Describe any needed research, or resources that will be needed to complete this proposal:**

The resources will include the selection committee's time to receive and review all incoming nominations. The selection committee will be responsible for recommending potential awardees to the Human Relations Commissioners and the City Council (if necessary).

Potential city staff time might include police and background checks on the final nominees. It would also include ordering and updating the City Hall plaques each year with new awardees.

#### **Will this proposal require city funding?**

Yes, for the initial plaques and for the addition of names plates each year.

#### **Describe proposed action items to be taken (if known)**

1. Review proposal with HRC Commissioners
2. Summarize proposal feedback for review at May 2009 HRC meeting
3. Determine Recommendation to City Council (if any)