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3 **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**
4 **Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

5 Council Conference Room
6 Palo Alto Civic Center
7 250 Hamilton Avenue
8 7:00 PM
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10 **SPECIAL MEETING**

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13 **ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present:** Bacchetti, Bernardo, Chen, Ezran, Verma
14 **Staff:** Minka van der Zwaag, Amy Johnson
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17 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None
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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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22 Commissioner Ezran made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected of the September 28, 2010 and
23 October 14, 2010 meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Verma. AYES: Unanimous.
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25 **AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS:** None
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28 **BUSINESS**

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30 **1. COMPLETING 2010-11 PRIORITIES**

31 Commissioner Bacchetti introduced a draft of the “2010-11 Priorities” and asked for any comments or
32 changes. There were no changes made to items 1a, 1b, or 1c. The commissioners briefly discussed
33 other lower priority items listed as items 1d, 1e, and 1f and agreed to add them to the list of priorities.
34 Item 1d will need to be explored further.
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36 **Commissioner Ezran made a motion to adopt the 2010-11 Priorities, Seconded by Commissioner**
37 **Bernardo, AYES: Unanimous.**
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40 **2. RENEWING AFFILIATION WITH PROJECT SAFETY NET**

41 Commissioner Bacchetti introduced the MOU for Project Safety Net. He explained that this is another
42 step on the road toward a strategic plan. He referenced a Draft Contributor Commitment document and
43 suggested that it be attached to the MOU reflective of the HRC as a contributor to Project Safety Net.
44 Commissioner Ezran asked that items D, E, and F, be included also on the attachment.

45 **Commissioner Bernardo made a motion to accept the HRC’s Contributor Commitment document**
46 **as corrected and send to Project Safety Net for inclusion into the MOU. Seconded by**
47 **Commissioner Ezran, AYES: Unanimous.**
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49 Commissioner Chen suggested that an attempt be made to shorten the document because after items D,

50 E, and F are added it may be a very long document. Commissioner Bacchetti agreed to try to make it all
51 fit and Commissioner Chen agreed to send him suggestions, all changes would not change the meaning.
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54 **3. HRC PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**
55 **PROCESS.**

56 Ms. van der Zwaag reported that City Council is happy to have the HRC be the review body for CDBG.
57 She reported that HSRAP and CDBG bids went out on Nov. 4th and proposals are due in by Dec. 16th.
58 Staff will review the proposals that then will go to selection committee for review. If anyone wants to
59 join the selection committee, they are welcome but it is not required, otherwise review results will be
60 presented to HRC in March, and then on May 9th to City Council and then by May 15th to HUD.
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62 Ms. van der Zwaag discussed the criteria that HRC would use; she explained that only applications that
63 met all minimum requirements would be reviewed. The review committee will share with the HRC the
64 criteria they used to make their recommendations. Commissioner Bernardo volunteered to participate
65 on the CDBG review committee and will report to HRC as meetings progress.
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68 **4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

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72 **5. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS:**

73 **A. Commissioner Reports:**
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75 Commissioners Bernardo, Verma, and Savage reported that they met with Police Captain Mark Venable
76 and discussed the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy and discussed the Department’s efforts to promote
77 the policy. Police Lieutenant Sandra Brown has been requested by other agencies to train their officers
78 as well. They requested that the Police Dept. give a brief presentation and provide a written report every
79 6 months to the HRC. The commissioners also reported that PAPD has more training scheduled for all
80 officers.
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82 Commissioner Chen reported that she attended the Youth Council meeting on Oct 25. About 18
83 students attended. The commissioners were introduced as adult liaisons to the Youth Council. They
84 discussed some upcoming family activities such as a family movie night. They also discussed activities
85 such as a High School dance, carnival, and a cooking event. All planned during springtime. The
86 students will be planning these events and more discussion is needed. The adult liaisons discussed what
87 they could do and how they could help. The next meeting is on Dec. 29th at 5pm. Commissioner Verma
88 will attend in her place next month.

89 Commissioner Bacchetti reported that he participated in the YCS Service Day. They worked with the
90 Special Education Office in East Palo Alto. Lots of families attended and participants varied in age. He
91 also reported that he attended the De Anza College National Coalition on Dialog on 10/29 which
92 discussed the “new normal”—more citizen participation is needed because public sector is not able to
93 maintain the scope of community support previously expected. He also reported that he is working with
94 Councilmember Gail Price on fundraising for Project Safety Net; that he attended “Camp Anytown,”
95 and that he and Commissioner Savage attended the Citizen’s Advisory Group to the Police Department,
96 which marked one year since the group started. The CAG members had a good discussion about what
97 they wanted it to be, they discussed bringing in young people to gain a different perspective.
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B. Council Buddy Reports:

Commissioner Bernardo reported that she met with her buddy [Amy, please note who that buddy is whenever any of us give a buddy report]; they talked about the issues involving the installation of an ATT wireless tower.

Commissioner Chen reported that her buddy has not responded to her emails.

C. Council Liaison Report:

None

D. Staff Liaison Report:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Bacchetti suggested that the December meeting be cancelled. The commissioners agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.