HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION Wednesday, July 20, 2010 Council Conference Room Palo Alto Civic Center 250 Hamilton Avenue 7:00 PM **ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present:** Bacchetti, Bernardo, Chen, O'Nan, Savage, Verma Staff: Greg Hermann, Amy Johnson **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** LeRon, graduated of Gunn in 2003. Read an article from Weekly. Spoke about fruit vendors not making money and living on 1 or 2 dollars per hour. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Bernardo, made a motion to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bacchetti AYES: unanimous. **AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS:** BUSINESS 1. DISCUSSION TO CO-SPONSOR COMMUNITY LAW NIGHT Staff briefed the commissioners on the purpose of the event. Free legal consultations from attorneys who are volunteering their time for one evening. The event is scheduled on November 1st at the Cubberlev Community Center Room. Commissioner Verma made a motion to cosponsor event, Seconded by Commissioner O'Nan. **AYES** unanimous. 2. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROCEDURE TO ESTABLISH FY 2011-2012 HUMAN SERVICES RESOURCE ALLOCATION PROCESS (HSRAP) "PRIORITY OF NEEDS" Commissioner Bacchetti provided handout and briefed the commissioners on changes made in 2nd year. The HRC to step back from process. Hear from experts and develop a criteria. He and Commissioner Ezran were asked to meet with Human Services Manager, Minka vander Zwaag to outline the process and bring back to HRC. He provided history on the agencies such as Avenidas who receive the bulk of the funding.

- 50 They discussed how to implement the proposal, whether it should be entire commission or a
- subcommittee. They discussed past role in priority setting for the RFP, (request for proposal). What
- does an expert look like? Getting advice from other grantors. Commission Savage suggested a smaller
- group to work on this.

Mr. Herb Borock, a resident, commented that all handouts should have been provided in packets. He spoke about the cuts possibly coming in the future and suggested that the presentations be made at public meetings.

Commissioner Savage said she was concerned about the time table. Commissioner Bacchetti said he would like to push the timetable out so as not to rush the process. Commissioners O'Nan, Bacchetti and Ezran will form subcommittee to work with staff. Will come back and report again at next meeting.

3. UPDATE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROJECT

Commissioner Bacchetti wants to find out where the community feels things are going well in regards to fairness and equal treatment. Asking the public how are the city is doing?

Commissioner O'Nan said she was concerned with the format, that it won't reach the people who could really benefit from this effort. Commissioner Bernardo said services should be offered to people in different languages. The existing subcommittee will continue to discuss this project.

4. PLANNING OF ANNUAL HRC RETREAT

They discussed possible dates and the facilitators as well as how the priorities will be determined. There will be a meeting to plan the agenda.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

None

6. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS:

A. Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Bacchetti reported on Asset Development report, and Project Safety Net. He handed out the 41 Developmental Assets and explained that they will keep discussing them in the future because they are in reference to youth well being.

B. Council Buddy Reports:

85 None86

C. Council Liaison Report:

None

D. Staff Liaison Report:

Greg Hermann reported on orientation with new commissioners. He's met with City Manager and Police Chief and Sandra Brown. There will be an upcoming Brown Act Training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bernardo announced she is expecting a baby, and is concerned about future time commitment.

99 CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- 100 1. HRC Retreat
- 101 2. HSRAP
- 102 3. Fruit Vendors

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104 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm