

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Bixson, Blomberg, De Anda, Kudo, Leyva, Privateer

Members Absent: Clinton,

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Privateer moved and Kudo seconded approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes –March 25, 2010

Blomberg moved and Privateer seconded, a motion to approve the March 25 minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

Norb Kumagai announced that a ceremony would be held just before noon on Tuesday, May 4 at Davis High School in memory of Thong Hy Huynh. Also encouraged Commissioners to place flowers on his gravesite in the morning.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Request to staff to send UC Davis cultural events calendar to Commissioners.

VI. Discussion/Action Items

A. Huynh Awards

De Anda shared the subcommittee's recommendations:

Stachowicz shared information from Commissioner Art Clinton, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Commissioners discussed the merits of the different nominations with the following actions:

Lifetime Achievement Award: Joaquin Galvan. Commission voted unanimously in favor of the subcommittee recommendation of Joaquin Galvan for his work with educational equity.

Commission discussed possible recipients of the Humanitarian Award. A majority of the Commission (Blomberg, Leyva, Privateer and Bixson) supported the Subcommittee's recommendation of Clara Robison for the Humanitarian Award for Ms. Robison's work with Grace in Action and Davis Community Meals.

Young Humanitarian Award: After discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the Subcommittee's recommendation of Moriah Malot and Elizabeth Fung, who will receive the award jointly for their work on researching about how children learn about race.

Civil Rights Advocacy: Commission held discussion about most appropriate recipient for this award. Blomberg, Kudo and Privateer voted for Emily Henderson to receive the award. Bixson, De Anda and Leyva voted for Cathy Speck to receive the award. No action was taken.

Community Education and Awareness: Commission discussed potential recipients. Commission voted unanimously, with Leyva abstaining, to recommend Cathy Speck for this award.

Excellence in Community Involvement: Leyva moved to award two awards for Excellence in Community Involvement. Motion died for lack of a second. De Anda recused himself from discussion and voting, as he is a former member of Nu Alpha Kappa, one of the nominees. Blomberg, Kudo and Leyva voted in favor of Nu Alpha Kappa.

Commission returned to Civil Rights Advocacy and unanimously voted in favor of Emily Henderson.

Peace Officer of the Year: Pamperin provided an overview of the candidates. Norb Kumagai, member of the public, spoke in favor of Dan LaFond. Commission discussed whether to recommend multiple recipients. Privateer moved that all nominees receive an award. Motion died for lack of a second. Commission agreed by consensus to recommend Dan La Fond for Peace Officer of the Year.

Kudo moved and Blomberg seconded, a motion to table other agenda items until the May meeting. Commission unanimously approved.

The Commission adjourned at 9:00 pm.