



MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL – WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall – City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Council Members	Board Members
Janet Abelson	Randall Enos
Rebecca Benassini	Todd A. Groves
Jan Bridges	Madeline Kronenberg
Mark Friedman	Elaine R. Merriweather
Greg Lyman	Charles T. Ramsey

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Bridges, Friedman and Mayor Lyman
West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education Directors
Enos, Groves, Ramsey and President Kronenberg

Absent: Director Merriweather

6:30 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL – WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Mayor Lyman convened the Special Joint City Council / West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education meeting at 6:31p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Abelson.
2. **WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS – Mayor Lyman and WCCUSD President Kronenberg**

President Kronenberg expressed her appreciation for the Joint meeting and noted that collaboration with cities has been an important activity this year.

Mayor Lyman thanked the School Board members for attending the meeting this evening, noted that the School District is an important contributor to the community and emphasized the importance of continuing dialogue.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Description of New El Cerrito High School/City of El Cerrito Internship Program

Presenters: Sukari Beshears, Human Resources Manager, City of El Cerrito and Michael Aaronian, College Career Coordinator.

Director Ramsey suggested expanding the program to the City Attorney's Office.

Councilmember Benassini stated that Councilmembers would welcome any questions from students regarding what it is like to be a councilmember.

Director Enos stressed the importance of the role of the internship program in local government.

Mayor Lyman asked if there is a policy in place for returning students and whether the number of student interns could be expanded in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson stressed the importance of both agencies working together for the benefit of the students and providing a link for career development, exploration and an opportunity to succeed.

President Kronenberg expressed appreciation to Mr. Aaronian and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson for their efforts in initiating the internship program and noted the opportunities for collaboration and developing a model for a linked learning academy for public service among other cities within the School District and throughout California.

B. Update on Writer Coach Connection

Presenters: Robert Menzimer, Executive Director, Community Alliance for Education/Writer Coach Connection.

Kathleen Hallam, Portola Site Coordinator, stated that she is impressed with volunteers that the program has recruited and kept.

Matthew Burnham, Principal, Portola Middle School, spoke of the benefits of the Writer Coach Connection program and the importance of working with volunteers.

Ms. Yvette Soto, English Language Development teacher, stated that her students have benefited greatly from the Writer Coach Connection and thanked all of the volunteers that are involved in the program.

[Mayor Lyman recessed the Joint City Council / WCCUSD Board of Education meeting at 6:59 p.m. Mayor Lyman convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and promptly adjourned the City Council meeting to after the adjournment of the Joint City Council/WCCUSD Board meeting. The Joint meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.]

Ms. Soto introduced four Portola Middle School students who each offered brief statements regarding the importance of the Writer Coach Connection and how the program has improved their writing.

David Luongo, Principal, El Cerrito High School, described the benefits that accrue from the community building inherent in the Writer Coach Connection program and also noted how the program helps students succeed.

Curt Douglas, El Cerrito High School English Department Chair, expressed his enthusiasm for the Writer Coach Connection program and how coaches serve the unique needs of each student. Mr. Douglas also reported that the completion of

writing assignments and the quality of written work has improved as a result of the program. Mr. Douglas introduced three high school students who each spoke about their own positive experience of the program and its tutors.

Councilmember Bridges asked how one can sign up to be a coach.

Director Groves stated potential coaches can sign up at writercoachconnection.org and encouraged all to become involved.

President Kronenberg applauded Mr. Groves' involvement in the program and stated that the program is a turnkey program in which the coach and student are supported thoroughly.

C. Update on Bond Program in El Cerrito

Fairmont Elementary School

Presenters: Magdy Abdullah, WCCUSD Engineering Officer, introduced Marcus Hibser of HY Archiects, who provided an overview and update regarding the Fairmount Elementary School campus.

Director Ramsey confirmed with the District's architect that construction drawings could be out by the summer of 2015.

Mayor Lyman encouraged the School District to coordinate with the City's Tree Ordinance, particularly with respect to the Redwood Grove.

El Cerrito High Stadium Project

Kevin McQuarrie, Principal, WLC Architects, provided an update and overview of the stadium project at El Cerrito High School.

Director Ramsey asked which firm was performing the hazardous material analysis and review, particularly at the El Cerrito field. Director Ramsey also suggested that the light installation and its brightness be sensitive to impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson confirmed with Mr. Abdullah that the site will be accessible and available to the general community for use and exercise after the school is closed.

Councilmember Benassini said she was happy to see the street view of the design from Ashbury Avenue and envision how the project will look to pedestrians.

Director Ramsey encouraged incorporation of a sustained maintenance agreement of 5-10 years into the contract documents.

Mayor Lyman asked Mr. Abdullah to describe the maintenance program in more detail and asked whether the public or businesses would be allowed to use the concession area and kitchen as a community resource for teaching and production.

Councilmember Bridges asked for clarification regarding the location and availability of restrooms for tennis court users.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson asked for more clarification regarding use of the kitchen facility and whether it could be used for fundraising events.

Bruce Harter, Ph.D, WCCUSD Superintendent, stated that the community will have full use of the kitchen area just like all of the other high schools.

Future Portola Middle School located at Castro Elementary Campus

Mr. Hibser provided an overview of the future campus.

Director Ramsey asked for an explanation of the public noticing plan and how the residents can file any construction related concerns or complaints with the District and also asked that the public be informed about the construction timeline, process and administration.

Councilmember Benassini confirmed access points to Castro Park during construction.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson asked about wheelchair access at the Portola site.

Mr. Abdullah identified www.wccusd\bondprogram.com as the public outreach website containing project updates. Mr. Abdullah provided a summary of renovation projects that have recently been completed or that are planned such as Harding Elementary School restrooms and waterproofing. Mr. Abdullah stated that the bond program has contributed \$285,631,200 to El Cerrito schools however this amount does not include the high school stadium or the new Fairmont campus.

Director Ramsey added that plans for Cameron School are underway and have not been ignored.

Steve Collins, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Director, explained that he represented a single district with a specialized local plan area. Mr. Collins updated the Council and Board on special education needs at Cameron School, an early intervention center, including expansion of the building.

D. Report from Portola Disposition Subcommittee

Councilmember Benassini stated that the subcommittee is comprised of Mayor Lyman, herself and Directors Ramsey and Groves. Councilmember Benassini said the subcommittee is discussing the future temporary Portola Middle School campus that will be vacated by the School District once the Fairmont Elementary School kids are moved into their new building in approximately 2018. The Subcommittee met on April 29, 2013 to discuss the sloped part of the campus where demolition has taken place and future uses of the site, including a long term lease of the site by the City. The Subcommittee also discussed use of the lower site where the Portola Middle School is today including the plan to move the schools and children in the future.

Mayor Lyman said that public comment will be incorporated into the decision making process and that the final decision on future uses will determine what type of fundraising is needed.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Al Miller, El Cerrito, expressed how important it is for the two governing bodies to meet together and noted that both bodies are responsible to the same electorate. Mr. Miller also described how the El Cerrito High School site had been used historically and stressed the importance of having public access to the new facilities since the public paid for them through bond measures.

Robert Studdiford, El Cerrito, expressed his views and offered ideas regarding use of and access to the old Portola site and explained how open space benefits everyone in the community.

Tom Panas, El Cerrito, thanked the City and Board for the presentations this evening. Mr. Panas stated that a very large mosaic across from the office at Fairmont School is a

treasured resource that is more than fifty years old and asked how it will be integrated into the new campus.

Dr. Harter stated that the District and the City had been meeting and said that both entities had come to a mutual agreement on how they will work together. Dr. Harter stated he was delighted to report about progress being made to make facilities available not only to groups but also individuals.

5. COMMENTS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION FROM BOARD DIRECTORS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Friedman said he was encouraged by the history of collaboration between the School District and the City and that he was excited to see the plans for the new and renovated facilities. Councilmember Friedman also emphasized the need to make facilities available for use by the public whenever feasible.

Director Enos emphasized the need to continue to work together toward what students need.

Councilmember Bridges noted that it was helpful to receive an update on all the projects and thanked the speakers for their comments regarding the joint use agreement and described public comments about the history and difficulties of field users that the City's Park and Recreation Commission has received.

Councilmember Benassini echoed the need for a joint use agreement that will allow non-student athletes to value the playfields as much as student athletes and thanked the School District for reporting on all of the programs going on at the schools.

Director Groves thanked President Kronenberg and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson for bringing the Intern Stars program to life and said he is looking forward to seeing the program grow.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson thanked everyone for the session and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work together and thanked Director Ramsey in particular for requesting the joint meeting. The joint meeting provides an opportunity to work together in a constructive way.

Director Ramsey thanked everyone and stressed the importance of transparency and information sharing. Director Ramsey pointed out that the School Board will be voting to re-institute an elementary music program in El Cerrito through the theater school concept at its next meeting and also noted that El Cerrito had one of the largest parcel tax renewal and bond measure passage rates. Athletics will keep going, counseling services will continue and libraries will remain open. The Ivy League Connection is still vibrant. Director Ramsey congratulated and thanked voters in El Cerrito for all of their support.

Mayor Lyman thanked the Board for meeting with the City Council and stressed the importance of dialogue. Mayor Lyman emphasized the interrelationship between the two jurisdictions and thanked the School District on its follow through on the bond measures. Mayor Lyman stated that he looks forward to continuing a strong and growing relationship. He also thanked the School District for its continued support of school resource officers and the Morehouse Project and for creating a safe environment for youth.

President Kronenberg mentioned the District's strategic plan process and reported that there will be meeting in Pinole tomorrow and Kennedy on May 11. More information is

posted at wccusd.net.

The public can provide input by attending meetings, by sending an email directly to any of the school board directors or Dr. Harter or by clicking on a strategic plan link located on the District's website. President Kronenberg noted that El Cerrito is a city that wants to see the success of its schools and promised that the strategic plan will be adhered to.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 3(A) Description of New El Cerrito High School/City of El Cerrito Internship Program

1. Powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by Sukari Beshears, Human Resources Manager*

Item No. 3(B) Update on Writer Coach Connection

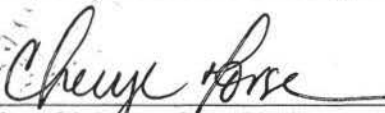
2. Writer Coach Connection in El Cerrito – *Submitted by Robert Menzimer, Executive Director.*

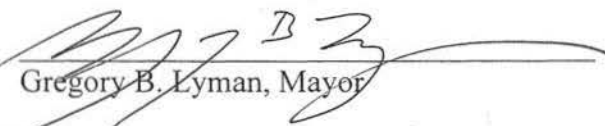
Item No. 3(C) Update on Bond Program in El Cerrito

3. Community Update on Portola Middle School at Castro Project – *Submitted by Magdy Abdallah, West Contra Costa Unified School District.*
4. Powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by Bruce Harter, Superintendent, West Contra Costa Unified School District.*
5. Comments on Fairmont School Mosaic – *Submitted by Tom Panas, El Cerrito.*

6. ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL/WCCUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING at 8:41 p.m.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Joint El Cerrito City Council – West Contra Costa Unified School District Board Of Education Meeting of May 7, 2013 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk


Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Greg Lyman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember Mark Friedman

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Bridges, Friedman and Mayor Lyman.

7:00 p.m.

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Lyman convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting until after the conclusion of the special Joint City Council/West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education meeting.

The regular City Council meeting resumed at 8:47 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE** was led earlier during the Special Joint City Council/West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education by Mayor Pro Tem Abelson.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Benassini invited all to participate in Bike to Work Day on May 9, 2013, the Stockton Avenue Art Stroll on May 10, the Citywide Garage Sale on May 11 and the Stege Sanitary District Centennial Celebration on May 18.

Mayor Lyman invited all to attend a free screening of the Healthcare Movie on May 18 and 22 at City Hall. On June 15 the El Cerrito Historical Society and Friends of the Cerrito Theater will sponsor a free film about historic movie theaters of the East Bay at the Cerrito Theater. The East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) is leading a campaign entitled "Are you Earthquake Ready?" More information, particularly how much water to store, is available at www.ready.gov. On April 18, Mayor Lyman and Councilmember Benassini attended the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) General Assembly award luncheon. The City's Recycling Center received the Urban Design Award. ABAG's film about the Recycling Center will be shown at the May 21 City Council meeting. Mayor Lyman said everyone should be proud of city staff and the design-build team. The award is an acknowledgement of the beauty and functionality of the Recycling Center. Additionally, EBMUD is entertaining a rate increase of approximately 9% this year and 8% next year. It is a Proposition 218 rate increase based on one vote per property and includes a majority

protest process. Comments are due to EBMUD by June 11. A public hearing during the EBMUD regular meeting is scheduled on the same date.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tom Panas, El Cerrito, stated his support for the Contra Costa Florist building and commented on the April 22 Eden Housing Environmental Impact Report scoping meeting. Mr. Panas said he presented a resolution to PMC and the project team on behalf of the Historical Society and is also working with members of the Japanese American Citizens League and will submit proposed mitigations to the City and PMC next week. Mr. Panas asked that advocates of the Contra Costa Florist Building, a historic resource, be at the table when mitigations are discussed. Mr. Panas also spoke in support of an historic resources ordinance and said he is hopeful that the City will adopt one during his lifetime.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, spoke about the history of the Stege Sanitary District and reminded everyone about the celebration of Stege's Centennial on May 18 from 1-4 p.m. at the Stege Office on Schmidt Lane. Mr. Miller also commented on the Writer Coach Connection and said another advantage of the program is that there are 108 volunteers who go into the schools and spend time there and can comment on what the schools need and how best to support them. Mr. Miller also urged everyone to see the Healthcare Movie.

Lisa Motoyama, representing Resources for Community Development (RCD) and the East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), thanked the City Council for its commitment to affordable housing and for supporting Consent Calendar Item No. 5(C), the Affordable Housing Week Proclamation. Ms. Motoyama stated that RCD is the developer of the Ohlone Gardens project, El Cerrito's next affordable housing development. It will serve fifty-five families. The City is collaborating with EBHO on a small grant EBHO received from MTC and the HUD Sustainable Regional Communities Grant Program. EBHO is partnering with El Cerrito to explore affordable housing policies and funding strategies post redevelopment including land value recapture and public benefit zoning. Ms. Motoyama urged the City Council to support Senate Bill 391, the California Homes and Jobs Act, which will create a permanent funding source for affordable housing in California.

4. PRESENTATIONS – None.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5L

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Friedman) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5F and 5H through 5L in one motion as indicated below. Consent Calendar Item No. 5G was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Bridges and voted on separately as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the April 16, 2013 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Second Reading of Measure A Swim Center Ordinance

(First Reading April 16, 2013. Vote: Unanimous)

Adopt Ordinance 2013-02 establishing the Measure A Swim Center Parcel Tax rates for FY 2013-14, equal to the approved FY 2012-13 rates of \$38.61 per single-family residential unit, \$29.73 per multifamily residential unit, and \$270.66 per acre of non-residential property.

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2013-02. *Effective June 6, 2013.*

C. Affordable Housing Week Proclamation

Approve a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 10 through 19, 2013 as Affordable Housing Week in the City of El Cerrito to raise awareness about the importance of affordable housing for families and communities and encouraging residents to participate in Affordable Housing Week activities and recognize how affordable housing can create better futures for families, individuals and communities.

Action: Approved proclamation.

D. Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 Resolution of Intent to Order Improvements and Set the Date for the Public Hearing as May 21, 2013

Accept the Engineer's Report specifying assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and adopt a Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and setting the time, date and place of the public hearing as May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2013-19 and set the public hearing for May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

E. All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Colusa and Eureka Avenues

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to establish an all-way stop at the intersection of Colusa Avenue and Eureka Avenue.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2013-20.

F. Central Avenue & Liberty Street Streetscape Improvements Project, City Project No. C-3063-A, Federal Project No. CML - 5239 (020)

Adopt a resolution which will result in the following actions: 1) Approve plans for the Central Avenue and Liberty Street Streetscape Improvements Project; 2) Reject the bid from Sposeto Engineering, Inc. as non-responsive and accept all other bids; 3) Amend the Capital Improvement Program to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 of available Measure A Street Improvement Funds for the Central Avenue and Liberty Street Streetscape Improvements Project; and 4) Authorize the City Manager to award a contract, contingent on successful negotiations with McGuire and Hester Corporation (the lowest responsible bidder for the project) for a deductive change order after undergoing a value engineering process which is not inconsistent with the revised budget for the Central Avenue and Liberty Street Streetscape Improvements Project, City Project No. C-3063-A.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2013-21.

G. Reduced Summer City Council Meeting Schedule

Approve a recommendation to adopt a reduced City Council Meeting Schedule consisting of the third Tuesday in July, August and September 2013. This practice is consistent with the reduced schedule approved in the past twelve years. City Council meeting dates in July, August and September would be July 16, August 20 and September 17, 2013 with an additional request to keep the first Tuesday in July and September reserved for special meetings as needed.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Bridges. Councilmember Bridges stated that she will be absent from the August 20 meeting. Mayor Lyman announced that he will be absent from the July 16 meeting. Moved, seconded (Abelson/Bridges) and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation.

H. Support for Senate Bills 405 and 158 - Single Use Carry-Out Bag Legislation

Approve a recommendation authorizing Mayor Lyman to sign letters expressing the City Council's support of Senate Bill 405 (Padilla) and Assembly Bill 158 (Levine), regulating the distribution of single-use carryout bags; and direct the City Clerk to send the letters to Senator Padilla and Assemblymember Levine and other appropriate legislators and

legislative bodies.

Action: Approved recommendation.

I. Support for Senate Constitutional Amendment 7 (Wolk)

Approve a recommendation authorizing Mayor Lyman to sign a letter expressing the City Council's support for Senate Constitutional Amendment 7, legislation that would place a constitutional amendment on the ballot to lower the local vote threshold from the existing two-thirds vote to 55% for communities seeking to pass a library construction bond measure or a special tax measure for library operations; and direct the City Clerk to send the letter to the members of the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.

Action: Approved recommendation.

J. Committee on Aging Appointment

Approve the Committee on Aging's recommendation to appoint Arlinda Babcock to the Committee on Aging, effective May 15, 2013.

Action: Approved recommendation.

K. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment

Approve the Environmental Quality Committee's recommendation to appoint Kevin Wildenberg to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective May 8, 2013.

Action: Approved recommendation.

L. Tree Committee Appointment

Approve the Tree Committee's recommendation to appoint Michael Charlton to the Tree Committee, effective May 13, 2013.

Action: Approved recommendation.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Master Fee Schedule Revision for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Master Fee Schedule.

Presenter: Lori Treviño, Economic Development Manager.

Mayor Lyman opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Friedman) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2013-22, including a revised Master Fee Schedule which deletes the street closure permit-after hours fee from page four because it is a fee that the Police Department no longer uses.

7. POLICY MATTERS – None.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Lyman reported on his attendance at the East Bay League of California Cities meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Abelson on April 25, 2013 in which the attendees received a presentation by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance and the Contra Costa Council. Mayor Lyman also attended the Contra Costa Mayors Conference with Councilmember Benassini on May 2. Dan Borenstein spoke on the status of pension reform in California. The Mayors Conference action on the Plastic Bag Ban, specifically support for AB 128 and SB 405 was moved to the next Mayors Conference agenda to allow more time for each member city to consider the item. Mayor Lyman stated that he is very supportive of this matter.

Letters of nomination for open positions on the ABAG Board of Directors and the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, need to be in by May 22. There are eight open positions.

At the West County Mayors meeting the group discussed the effort to put forth unified candidates for regional appointments. Councilmember Friedman expressed interest in running for the East Bay Economic Alliance position. Mayor McLaughlin invited Mr. Friedman to attend the next West County Mayors meeting to introduce himself to the other West County Mayors. The West County Mayors also received a presentation on illegal hauling and dumping in the County. North Richmond and the unincorporated part of the County in particular, are affected by this activity. EBMUD also made presentations regarding earthquake preparedness and its proposed rate increase. Additionally, EBMUD is issuing an EIR regarding large diameter pipes that will be ripped up along Richmond Street, San Pablo Avenue and Barrett Avenue in an around El Cerrito. This is significant construction that may cause traffic issues. On May 18 the East Bay Regional Park District has planned a community trails/healthy walking challenge in Tilden Park to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the trails and develop a healthy lifestyle. On May 1 the Human Relations Commission (HRC) met and continued its discussion on preparations for the 25th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Celebration and Parade. The Commission is asking for funds for the event and is also coordinating fund raising. HRC members also discussed waving of the Gay Pride flag during Gay Pride week.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson noted that the Healthcare Movie that will be shown at City Hall on May 18 and 22 is sponsored by the Committee on Aging and encouraged all to attend.

C. Councilmember Benassini reported that she attended the ABAG General Assembly and was inspired by the stories of the work being done by other cities in the Bay Area and also enjoyed participating in the exchange of ideas. There were interesting presentations on projects from the cities of Fremont and Petaluma. The keynote speaker was Robert Reich, former U.S. Secretary of Labor and currently a professor at UC Berkeley. Mr. Reich spoke about various trends and how the One Bay Area Plan can help respond to those trends including an aging population and senior services, the diverging wage gap within the context of affordable housing, and also the need to prepare for Climate Change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Another speaker, a UC Berkeley professor, spoke about the interrelationship between how a city is built can influence how people interact and live.

D. Councilmember Bridges reported that the Design Review Board (DRB) met and considered conceptual design review for AT&T wireless facilities that will be placed in the public right-of-way at six different sites. There weren't too many comments. They are extensions on pre-existing PG&E poles. The project will return to the DRB as it moves through its process. On April 24 the Park and Recreation Commission met and approved the FY 2013-14 master fee schedule for the Recreation Department. It was also reported that there is a delay in the solar panel installation at the Community Center. At the time of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting there was no shared use agreement with the School District for local facilities however Councilmember Bridges recently learned that one was agreed upon prior to this evening's City Council meeting. Additionally, the Recreation Department recently launched an eNewsletter and Councilmember Bridges noted that there are 802 in the childcare program.

At the request of Councilmember Bridges, Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, reported that the Recreation Department informed the public through the eNewsletter and through written surveys in the office that the Department will implement a new schedule similar to the hours maintained by City Hall beginning May 13. Most survey respondents were in favor

of the schedule change or didn't care about the change. The Recreation Department will be closed alternate Fridays on the same Fridays that City Hall is closed.

E. Councilmember Friedman stated that the Stockton Avenue Art Stroll on May 10 will also be repeated in September.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 5(C) Affordable Housing Week Proclamation

1. EBHO Affordable Housing Week Event Calendar – *Submitted by Lisa Motoyama, RCD and EBHO.*

2. EBHO's Announcement of the 5th Annual State of Housing in the East Bay Symposium – *Submitted by Lisa Motoyama, RCD and EBHO.*

Item No. 6 Master Fee Schedule

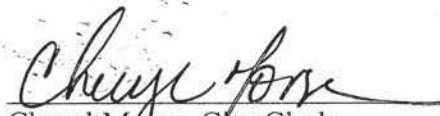
3. Business License Tax Rate Correction – *Submitted by Lori Treviño, Economic Development Manager.*

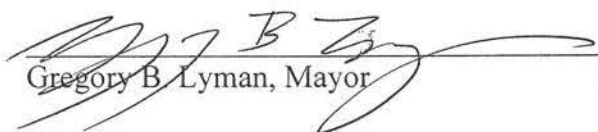
Other:

4. Comments on the April 22, 2013 Eden Housing project Environmental Impact Report scoping meeting and historic resources ordinance – *Submitted by Tom Panas, El Cerrito.*

9. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 9:38 p.m.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of May 7, 2013 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk


Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor