



# **Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**

## **Minutes**

November 19, 2015

5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Malcolm X Library**

5148 Market St.

San Diego, CA 92114-2209

**Call to Order:** 5:45 p.m. (*Quorum at 6:15 p.m.*)

### **COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chair Rosa Ana Lozada

Commissioner Joyce Abrams

Commissioner Bishop Bowser

Commissioner Peter Collstrom

Commissioner Laura Duffy

Commissioner Rodney Hood

Commissioner Mack Jenkins

Commissioner Don Johnson

Commissioner Gary Lynn

Commissioner Archie Robinson

Commissioner Vinh Tran

Commissioner Danny Villarreal

Commissioner Shelley Zimmerman

#### **1. Welcome by Executive Director, Rickey Laster**

#### **2. Non Agenda Public Comment (Speakers Slips are available)**

- Hugh Muhammad

#### **3. Presentation - Christina Chomut, Freelance Journalist & Photographer**

- The AjA Project, founded in 2000, is an acronym for the phrase, “Autosuficiencia Juntada con Apoyo” (supporting self-sufficiency). These young girls presented images and narrative around their perspectives of the impact gangs have on their community in City Heights.

#### **4. Information Scan**

- Gang Statistics and Initiative Updates- Todd Bassett, Lieutenant, SDPD Gang Unit
  - Hand out provided as requested by Commission with all statistics.

- Probation Update - Jason Rasch, Probation Supervisor, Gang Unit, Juvenile's Probation Department
  - Probation has a new Star/Pal Officer who has filled the position vacancy.
  - Probation continues to be actively involved with the San Diego Cultural Art Alliance collaboration with the District Attorney's Office.
  - Probation invites the community to attend the Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices Summit that will take place on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

#### **5. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- *from July 16, 2015***

**Motion by Commissioner Gary Lynn to approve the minutes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Commissioner Bishop Bowser**

**Abstained: Commissioner Shelley Zimmerman**

**Approved unanimously with correction made to Jason Rasch's name on the second page**

#### **6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- *from September 24, 2015***

**Motion by Commissioner Gary Lynn to approve the minutes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Commissioner Bishop Bowser**

**Abstained: Commissioner Peter Collstrom**

**Approved unanimously**

#### **7. Outgoing Chair Report**

- Overview of Commission's work, accomplishments, and opportunities for future direction.
  - Chair Rosa Ana discussed the importance of continuing to integrate the community and youth voice into the work of the Commission.
  - Chair Rosa Ana provided an overview of all the collaborative projects including those with the Opportunity Network, C.A.S.T, Park and Recreation, the Compassion Project, etc.
  - Recommendations for the Commission's next steps focus on 3 measurable goals: collaboration, building upon exiting and new initiatives, and including strategies along the life span (including early childhood)
  - Additional recommendations for the Commission to consider include identifying action post the Restorative Justice and Restorative Practice Summit, coordinating a Paper Tigers screening with the Human Relations Commission, and to join ACES Connections.

#### **8. Action Items**

- The Alternative to Incarceration (A.T.I.) Ad-Hoc Committee was created on March 19, 2015 and met on the following days:

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May 1, 2015	July 29, 2015
May 19, 2015	August 18, 2015
June 23, 2015	September 15, 2015

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee is to establish an Alternative To Incarceration (A.T.I.) in partnership with San Diego Police Department and County of Probation, to identify and support region specific gang Intervention and prevention strategies within the City of San Diego.

**Requested Action:** The A.T.I. Ad Hoc Committee requests an affirmative vote on the following recommendations:

Action 1:

- Distribute copies of the OJJDP Parent Guide to Gangs to the Commission at the September 24, 2015 meeting
- Create a single resource page to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention existing efforts by providing information from:
  - OJJDP Parent Guide to Gangs
  - The National Human Trafficking Resource Center
  - San Diego Access and Crisis Line
  - Crime stopper
  - Call resource numbers to identify language capacity
  - Post the references noted above on the Commission website

**Motion by Commissioner Peter Collstrom to: provide public education and distribute the information of resources to the community.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Joyce Abrams. Vote: 13-0 / Motion passes unanimously.**

Action 2:

- Based on the complexity of those with life experiences, and the vulnerable population they are serving, the Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the Commission consider the following recommendations for advancement and/or implementation to the extent possible:
  - “Violence Interrupters”- (Navigators)- encourage proper training prior to hire or serving in a voluntary capacity
  - Receive ongoing supervision from a licensed or qualified professional to promote their well-being, avoid relapse, and support ongoing professional growth and development
  - Encourage participation in Family/Youth, Adult Partner Networks
  - Encourage funders to allocate sufficient dollars for needed training and supervision
  - Commission Executive Director will continue to identify potential funding sources to support services for the highest end population

**Motion by Commissioner Bishop Bowser to: encourage proper training for “violence interrupters” and use the following recommendations as guidelines when working with these navigators.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rodney Hood. Vote: 13-0 / Motion passes unanimously.**

**9. Executive Director Report**

- Ordinance Change to add the United States Attorney for the Southern District (Laura Duffy) was approved by full Council.
  - The Commission welcomed Commissioner Laura Duffy and she expressed her appreciation and excitement to being part of the Commission
- Update on Board Retreat
  - Commissioners will be receiving a doodle to determine Commissioner’s availability for the half day Board Retreat
  - Executive Director Rickey Laster will be accepting recommendation for the retreat agenda via email and will gather all recommendations for the Commission meeting in January where the agenda will be finalized.
- Presentation and thanks to Commissioners
  - Chair Rosa Ana Lozada was presented with a plaque as a token of appreciation for her passion, dedication, and hard work while on the Commission.
  - Thanked Commissioner for their year of Service.
- Acknowledgement of Award from Human Relations Commission

**10. Adjournment: 7:10**

**Next Meeting:**

***January 21, 2016  
College/Rolando Library  
6600 Montezuma Rd.  
San Diego CA 92115***

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