

## Minutes

May 19<sup>th</sup> 2016  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Second Chances  
6145 Imperial Avenue  
San Diego Ca, 92114

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### Commissioners in Attendance:

Chair Dr. Rodney Hood,	Commissioner Genevieve Jones–Wright
Commissioner Joyce Abrams	Commissioner Gary Lynn
Commissioner Mohamed Ahmed	Commissioner Archie Robinson
Commissioner Bishop C. Bowser	Commissioner Ray King
Commissioner Dana Brown	
Commissioner Elizabeth Bustos	

### Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Laura Duffy	Commissioner Don Johnson
Commissioner Bonnie Dumanis	Commissioner Cindy Marten
Commissioner Gary Gallegos	Commissioner Shelley Zimmerman
Commissioner Adolfo Gonzales	

I. **Call to Order: 5:40 p.m.** (*Quorum met at 6:00pm*)

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion made by Commissioner Lynn to Approve the Meeting Minutes from Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Bowser*

*Motion unanimously passes*

III. **Public Comment: None**

**IV. Presentations:**

Youth Voices - Commissioner Dana Brown introduced Human trafficking presentation made by 6 young ladies from Youth Voices. Lizette Diego, Jessica Rivera, Katherine Rodriguez, Tatiana Sanchez and the two Youth Mentors: Stephanie Linderman and Talitha Thompson. Their presentation was very informative

County Health and Human Services Grant - Dale Fleming, HHSA  
Power point presentation given on

**V. Commissioner Highlight: Commissioner Mohammed Ahmed**

Commissioner Ahmed is the Founder and President of C.U.R.E. Africa, it was founded in August of 2011. He is a graduate of San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Arts (BA), International Security and Conflict Resolution 2008 – 2013

Commissioner Ahmed facilitated awareness programs on several campuses around the country including his alma mater of San Diego State University (SDSU). Commissioner Ahmed mobilized the East African community to advocate and help end famine in the Horn of Africa, he did this by raising \$30, 000 dollars in donations. He took this money and returned to Somalia to build an elementary School for a community that didn't have one. He was also able to raise \$48,000 for American Refugee Committee "I AM A Star" a Somalia Campaign.

Commissioner Ahmed attended The Fred J. Hansen-Summer Institute on Leadership & International Cooperation. Here he represented the United States and Somalia among twenty participants from different countries and backgrounds. He worked on areas of global conflict, human rights, food security, economic development and youth development and also completed mediation, negotiation and cooperation workshops along with research and presentations on how to effectively resolve global conflict and enhance international cooperation.

Commissioner Ahmed spent time in the Office of the Intercultural and Cross Cultural Center, where he researched, designed and implemented unique programs that promoted the appreciation for

cultural diversity and fostered intercultural and cross-cultural understanding.

**VI. Action Items:** Strategic Action Plan Update – Dr. Hood, Chair

*Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to extend the Strategic Action Plan to five (5) years.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Brown*

*Motion unanimously passes*

*Motion made by Commissioner Robinson to form the Strategic Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Bowser*

*Motion unanimously passes*

*Motion made by Commissioner Lynn to rename the Commissions Core Strategies from "Suppression" to "High Risk Engagement" and the phrase "Credible Messenger" to "Community Mentor" on all written materials.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Abrams*

*Motion unanimously passes*

**VII. Information Scan:**

- Gang Statistics and Initiative Updates – Commissioner Shelley Zimmerman, Chief of San Diego Police Department  
Chief Zimmerman was unable to attend and Officer Harlot gave the statistics on behalf of Chief Zimmerman.
  - Commissioner Abrams questioned why human trafficking statistics were not listed.  
Officer Harlot responded that those types of cases are handled by the vice unit.
  - Commissioner Bowser informed that sex trafficking was not a gang crime. Lieutenant Bennett responded that it was, however Commissioner Bowser re informed that the bill was actually vetoed and not made part of gang enhancement charges.
  - Chair, Dr. Hood reiterated the question he always poses... is this data good or bad and why or why not, do these numbers go up or down because of something (programs)?

Officer Harlot said that he would look into it by our next meeting.

- Commissioner Ahmed asked about crimes with the Hookah Lounges in his community, he states that there always seems to be problems with these establishments.

Officer Harlot informed that the Hookah Lounges were on their radar but that the Vice unit is in charge of them.

- Probation Update - Commissioner Adolfo Gonzales, Chief of San Diego County Probation Department. Jason Rasch, Supervising Probation Officer, Gang Unit, County of San Diego will be presenting the statistics on behalf of Chief Gonzales.
  - Community Wrap Program - Currently working on the Civics Bike Program, this program refurbishes bicycles and gives them out to people in need as a form of transportation.
  - Art 4 change Program - The program is holding its kickoff on Jun 8<sup>th</sup>, it is an 8 week program and it has 10 youth involved. It is currently being held at the Mid-City Police Division.
  - Gang Youth Life Skills Course - This program is free and it kicks off on June 7. It involves 10 youth and we teach them life skills like; applying for a California I.D. and Nutrition among other skills that the youth may not have access to learn.
  - Juvenile Hall Open House was a success we had 2,868 visitors, fantastic turnout.
  - San Diego Unified School District Wellness Centers - This is a program that allows the Probation Department to be on campus and interact closely with the youth. It is pending funding and we are currently looking at working at the following locations: Lincoln, Crawford, Sara, Hoover and Morris High Schools.
  - San Diego Unifies School District High School Graduations  
This is community engagement, our next graduations are Lincoln and Mira Mesa High Schools.

- Commissioner Abrams asked if the Bicycle program took donations of bikes to refurbish.  
Jason Rasch responded that it would be a good idea and he would let us know if that was possible and the details.
- Commissioner Johnson inquired as to the Arts 4 change program and who it was open to?  
Jason Rasch responded that it is for low level taggers, and the program is for 8 weeks, they are looking for a permanent location and the donor would like to remain private.
- Commissioner Bustos requested that at his next update he include the funding sources for the programs.  
Jason Rash responded that he would make a note to do that.
- Commissioner Ahmed asked if they took interns in the probation department.  
Jason Rasch answered that they did and the requirement was that they had to 18 years old and submit an application.

**VIII. Committee Updates:**

**IX. Outreach and Communication Standing Committee Update** ☒  
Commissioner Bishop C. Bowser

*Motion made by Commissioner Abrams to propose that the Commission send a letter to Mayor Faulconer and the City Council requesting they support the Summer Night Lights program and to help fund it at 10 parks.  
Seconded by Commissioner Johnson  
Motion unanimously passes*

**X. Executive Director's Report:**

- Report to the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods on April 20, 2016 (Annual Report Handout)
- Discussed Mr. Antoine Brown Sentencing and Interview plans to be discussed further in the Subcommittee meeting of June (not

yet scheduled).

- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Commissioners/Community Updates/Upcoming Events**
- XIII. Adjournment 7:30 p.m.**
- XIV. Next Meeting: July 21, 2016 Location to be determined.**

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