

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

Thursday, March 15, 2018
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
North Terrace – Civic Concourse
202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

I. **Call to Order with Quorum:** Chair Dr. Rodney Hood called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Commissioners in Attendance:

Dr. Rodney Hood, Chair
Adolfo Gonzales
David Nisleit
William Gore
Ray King
Adam Braverman
Dana Brown
Alberto Vasquez

Gary Lynn
Genevieve Jones-Wright
Archie Robinson
Vinh Tran
D'Andre Brooks
Mohamed Ahmed
Elizabeth Bustos
Mario Valladolid

Commissioners Absent:

Peter Callstrom
Cindy Marten
Summer Stephan
Don Johnson

Staff in Attendance:

Rev. Rickey Laster, Executive Director

III. **Welcome:** Chair Dr. Rodney Hood

IV. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:** January 18, 2018 meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

V. **Presentation:**

- a. San Diego County Sherriff Department- **Commissioner William Gore**
 - i. "Recidivism" (return to custody) since Realignment
 - ii. In San Diego, everything from Probation, DA's Office, to SD Jail facilities have been focusing on rehabilitation programming in facilities to give individuals the skills and abilities they need so

when they get released they can successfully reintegrate into their community as productive members.

- iii. Work force partnerships aim to teach individuals to be employable and work on identifying employers in the community who will give individuals job opportunities upon release from facilities.
- iv. Best practices indicate that the core of rehabilitative programming is cognitive behavioral training, essentially changing the thought processes that got individuals in jail to start with.

VI. **Introduction of New Commissioners:** Alberto Vasquez and Mario Valladolid gave a brief introduction of their life background and are new Commissioners on the Commission. David Nisleit is the new Chief of the San Diego Police Department, gave a brief description of his background in the police department, and is a new Commissioner on the Commission.

VII. **Public Comment:**

- a. Francisco Carbajal spoke about and distributed a pamphlet on Restorative Justice.

VIII. **Commissioner Highlight:**

- a. Commissioner Dana Brown talked about her life background, current impactful interactions, why she wanted to join the Commission, and placed an emphasis on her work involving ACESs Science.

IX. **Presentation:**

- a. **Game Changers – Sean Sheppard**
 - i. Presented a video on Game Changers.
 - ii. In 15 months, the reach of the Game Changers Program has vastly expanded, with similar videos being displayed on the NFL network on a regular basis and a 20 second commercial version playing during prime time on CBS around the country.
 - iii. Gave a brief introduction of Game Changers and how the program aims to bring law enforcement and non-law enforcement community members together through dialog and sports.
 - iv. Program Update: started off working specifically with only the SDPD but now works with 17 different law enforcement agencies (11 of these agencies are invested financially into the program, allowing it to remain viable).
 - v. Most frequently discussed topics include: trust, accountability, training (training of law enforcement and the community), standardized traffic stop protocols, the 2-5% (i.e. 2-5% of law enforcement is the problem within law enforcement and 2-5% of residents in bad communities are the problem within those communities), mental health among officers, cultural competency, and use of force.

- vi. Benefits: 3 way exposure at Game Changer events (non-law enforcement to law enforcement, law enforcement to non-law enforcement, and non-law enforcement to non-law enforcement), to serve as educational opportunities, increased communication, and having therapeutic and cathartic benefits.
- vii. Partial Goals: Host 15-20 Game Changers events per month, host 3600 members of the community per year, attract at least 10 corporate sponsors to contribute to the program, attract at least 10 judges per city to participate in Game Changers at least twice a year, attract each member of city council to participate at least twice a year, attract the DA to participate at least twice a year, attract the mayor to participate twice a year, and attract the Governor of California to participate once a year.

X. Action Item(s): None

XI. Information Scan:

- a. Report of City-Wide Gang Case Statistics involving San Diego Police Department-Documented Gang Members:
 - i. Stats have been going down steadily over the last few years
 - ii. Gang related activity: 0 homicide YTD, 0 attempted homicide, 10 assault with a deadly weapon- 2 shootings, 4 people arrested for robbery, 10 auto-theft YTD, other: 68 YTD (vs 99 YTD last year).
 - iii. Documenting individuals as gang members is a last resort measure (33 juvenile documented gang members in San Diego).
- b. Probation Department Update on Programs:
 - i. Regionalization of Gang Units
 - ii. Efforts being made at moving clients down to their appropriate risk level.
 - iii. Looking to bring back the Life Skills Program to San Diego, will address this more at the next Commission meeting in May.

XII. Committee Updates:

- a. Outreach and Communications Standing Committee - Commissioner Elizabeth Bustos
 - i. Newsletter discussion: Interviews are underway and stories pending for various partnership programs.
- b. Youth Standing Committee: Commissioner - Dana Brown
 - i. At the retreat, 7 commissions volunteered for Youth Standing Committee. Still deciding when to have 1st meeting.
- c. Gang Documentation Ad Hoc Committee - Commissioner Genevieve Jones-Wright
 - i. Final edits have been made on Bylaws and waiting for City's first review.
 - ii. Provide status update of SDPD Gang database review: this is on hold until further notice due to AB-90.

- iii. At the committee meeting on February 22nd, discussed topics related to gang documentation, such as how gang areas are patrolled by GSU, in relation to having standardized practices and things that can help to build better community relationships. Also discussed information related to 2 active gang injunctions (from 2004) in the City that are still being enforced.

XIII. Chair's Report:

- a. At the recent Board Retreat, a presentation on the Brown Act was given. An issue was brought up: on the occasion the Commission does not have a quorum can the Commission still have a meeting? When there is no quorum anything taking place is not official but can a meeting still take place? Still waiting on an answer which will hopefully be provided at the next board meeting.

XIV. Executive Director's Report:

- a. Update on Developing Bylaws for the Commission: this was addressed during the Gang Documentation Ad Hoc Committee's Report by Commissioner Genevieve Jones-Wright.

XV. Announcements:

- a. Commissioner Alberto Vasquez mentions the Social Justice Conference at San Diego City College March 23rd-24th.

XVI. Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:
May 17, 2018
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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