



# COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

## MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday, July 1, 2019

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** New Harvest Church Cafeteria (360 54<sup>th</sup> Street | San Diego, CA 92105)

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Rodney Hood

Dana Brown

Genevieve Jones-Wright

Mario Valladolid

Elizabeth Bustos

Summer Stephan

Mohamed Ahmed

D'Andre Brooks

Pastor Archie Robinson

Chief David Nisleit

Alberto Vasquez

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Michael Morrill

Vinh Tran

Peter Callstrom

Gary Gallegos

Cindy Martin

Don Johnson

Robert Brewer

Ray King

Adolfo Gonzales

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Pastor Jesus Sandoval, Executive Director

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** *Rodney Hood, M.D., Chairman*

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:** *Rodney Hood, M.D., Chairman*

Commissioner Alberto Vasquez motioned to approve; Commissioner Mario Valladolid seconded. Motion passed.

**PRESENTATIONS:** *None.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Speaker Slips Available)

**COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHT:** *Commissioner Mohamed Ahmed*

Commissioner Ahmed shared his experience working with Homeland Security and other government agencies on counter-involvement and extremism, with emphasis on understanding of recruitment and radicalization work, along with prevention and

intervention. Collaborating, he and these agencies have established methods to create safer environments and communities.

**ACTION ITEMS:** See under report(s).

**INFORMATION SCAN:**

**A. Update-Wide Gang Statistics Involving San Diego Police Department-Documented Gang Members:** *Lt. Matt Novak*

	Homicide	Attempted Homicide	Assault w/a Deadly Weapon	Shooting at a House/Dwelling	Robberies	Auto Thefts	Other Crimes	Other Crimes
May 2019	3	0	11	0	5	4	43	66
Year-To-Date 2018	5	2	55	2	31	24	99	318
2018	4	0	56	2	23	27	177	289

**B. PROBATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** *Ernesto Garcia*

Mr. Garcia reported that the Probation Department’s Annual Bike Ride and Beach BBQ was successful. They had over 150 youth and look forward to more participants next year. They were able to give away 50 bikes to local youth.

On August 9, 2019, the Probation Department will be hosting their Passport to Life event. It is open to the public. There will be workshops for youth ages 14-22 years old.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**A. Outreach and Communications Standing Committee:** *Commissioner Elizabeth Bustos*

The committee is scheduled to develop a Tactical Plan along with publish two e-Newsletters in September and December. There will be a template disbursed to all commissioners, for guidance on how to submit information for the newsletter.

**B. Youth Standing Committee:** *Commissioner Dana Brown*

Upcoming meetings will be held at The S.P.O.T. (Supportive Partnerships Operating Together) in the Downtown Central Library. The meetings will be bi-monthly. The date of the next meeting is TBD.

**C. Gang Documentation Ad Hoc Committee - Discussion on Eliminating Civil Gang Injunctions (G.I.):** *Commissioner Genevieve Jones-Wright*

Commissioner Jones-Wright reported that the Gang Documentation Committee (GDC) commissioners held a retreat on April 13<sup>th</sup>, where she presented a memorandum, regarding the findings and recommendations of Civil Gang Injunctions.

She has expressed that members of the community have voiced their concern on their uncertainty of the G.I. removal process and concern with becoming a target if they apply for removal. Commissioner Jones-Wright, along with the GDC have met with the City Attorney and the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) several times within the past year. They were informed that the SDPD would have to petition the court for removal of gang injunctions and that they would investigate into which individuals should be removed for G.I.

Commissioner Jones-Wright, along with Commissioner Brooks, have expressed their concern and deep disappointment for lack of candor in recent press releases, of the GDC, for their work with gang injunctions.

A motion was moved and passed for the Commission to adopt the GDC's recommendations to the City Council and the Mayor, for all gang injunctions in the City of San Diego to be eliminated.

Commissioner, District Attorney, Summer Stephan acknowledged the GDC's efforts and emphasized that G.I.s last a lifetime, unless a person petitions to be removed. To be removed from a G.I., a person must prove change of character and removal of gang activity. The process can be tedious. Very few people have been successful in their attempt. Approximately 10 people have applied and 6 have been granted in last 20 years.

There are approximately 700 persons on the County list of G.I.s. Approximately 320 have been removed. Persons on the list have been notified via U.S. mail. A simple form has been developed to initiate the process of removal. 51 out of 85 in the City and 322 out of 799 in the County have been removed.

**C. Executive Director Jesus Sandoval**

- i. **Community Mentor Summit Coming October 2019:** The upcoming summit will be on October 16-17, 2019 at the San Diego Concourse Golden Hall. The planning committee will move forward with the partnerships.
- ii. **City Library Collaboration: The S.P.O.T. (Supportive Partnerships Operating Together)** The S.P.O.T. will be a one stop shop for the Commissions grassroots partnerships. They are looking toward establishing The S.P.O.T. in all 36 libraries within the city for vulnerable populations.

**CHAIR REPORT:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, September 9, 2019 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
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