

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

July 20, 2017
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Copper Room – City Concourse
202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

I. **Call to Order with Quorum at 6:10 pm:** Chair Dr. Rodney Hood called meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Commissioners in Attendance:**

Dr. Rodney Hood, Chair
Joyce Abrams
Dana Brown
Peter Callstrom
Ray King
Summer Stephan

Gary Lynn
Genevieve Jones-Wright
Archie Robinson
Vinh Tran
Shelley Zimmerman

Commissioners Absent:

Elizabeth Bustos
Mohamed Ahmed
Bishop Bowser
William Gore
Adolfo Gonzales
Don Johnson
Gary Gallegos
Cindy Marten

Staff in Attendance:

Rev. Rickey Laster, Executive Director
Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney
Sonja Mack, Executive Assistant

- IV. **Welcome:** Chair Dr. Rodney Hood
- V. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Commission Gary Lynn to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017 with corrections. Seconded by Commissioner Joyce Abrams. Motion passed unanimously.**
- VI. **Presentation: Speaker: Armand King, Founder of Paving Great Futures**
Armand King and Jay Bowser gave an overview and an update of the various programs and initiative provided for youths, and its efforts to combat gang violence, recidivism, homelessness and poverty within the San Diego Community.
- A. Culinary Hospitality Administration Management Program C.H.A.M.P.S
- i. A flagship program which focuses on six core competencies
 1. Entrepreneurship
 2. Job Readiness
 3. Financial Literacy
 4. Civic Engagement
 5. Community Service
 6. Responsible Life skills
- B. Champion Catering Service Program has been created to assist with reaching people on the streets and curtailing problems that stem from the San Diego Gaslamp District and spill over into other Communities.
- i. Flippers Nights Kitchen is open to the public downtown on 6th and B Street in the Gas Lamp District, Friday and Saturday evenings from 9 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Presentation: Cindy Cipriani, Deputy U.S. Attorney, Success Agents...Together We Succeed

- A. Mark Conover and Shastity Urias provided a video presentation and an update on the Success Agents program.
- i. The focus of the program is to strengthen relationships between students, school officials, law enforcement and other agencies within the community, to ensure they are getting what they need to stay on tract.
 - ii. The program also provides family workshops to the families to develop strengths confidence and personal skills monthly programs.
- B. Shastity Urias highlighted a Success Agent participant, Illiana Gonzalez who described her experience and what she learned from the program.
- C. Executive Director Rev. Rickey Laster gave acknowledgements to the Commission on Gang Intervention and Prevention, the San Diego Police Department, and U. S. Attorney's Office for assisting with the adoption of Success Agents as an initiative.

- i. July 28, 2017, The San Diego County Juvenile Justice Commission will present an award to Success Agents for their progress and accomplishments.

VII. **Public Comment** (Speaker Slips are available) None

VIII. **Commissioner Highlight: Commissioner Gary Lynn**

Retired veteran who served 28 years in the United States Navy. As a result of the Rodney King incident, a number of community leaders formed the Equality Alliance of San Diego and it made a great impact on his life. It exposed him to the inequities in the San Diego economic, political and social systems that significantly impact communities of color. He believes is a root of the social issues that we have today. He decided to make a conscious decision to work in the non-profit community. He worked eight years with The United Way; nine years with the YWCA of San Diego County working with homeless women with children, homeless families and victims of domestic violence. He is also a member of Rise up Industries, Inc.; a gang prevention, intervention and reentry program that is modeled after Homeboy Industries out of Los Angeles California. The program is designed to assist individuals with reentering into society after being released from incarceration. Thank you Commissioner Lynn for your continued dedication and service to the City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

IX. **Action Item(s):**

A. **Vetting Process:**

- i. **Chair Dr. Rodney Hood discussed vetting process and proposed criteria.**
 1. Criteria 1 – Do they meet the mission and goals of CGP&I as stated in the strategic action plan
 2. Criteria 2 – Information must be provided in a form of written or oral presentation to the Commissioners that provides and overview of the program and how it meets the CGP&I goals and objectives.
 3. Criteria 3 – Find an organization to adopt and assist the initiative moving forward prior to becoming an official program of CGP&I.
- ii. Recommended action made by Chair Dr. Rodney Hood: To approve and adopt vetting process and proposed criteria that meets the strategic action plan set forth by CGP&I. **A motion was made by Chief Shelley Zimmerman to approve and adopt vetting process and proposed criteria. Seconded by Commissioner Gary Lynn Motion passed unanimously.**

- iii. Recommended Action: Motion to approve “Game Changer” program as highlighted by Commissioner Chief Shelly Zimmerman and Chair Dr. Rodney Hood.
A motion was made by Chief Shelley Zimmerman to approve and adopt “Game Changer” program.”
Seconded by Commissioner Joyce Abrams
Motion passed unanimously.

X. Information Scan:

- A. **Gang Statistics: Commissioner Shelley Zimmerman, Chief of Police and Lt. Marshal White, SDPD Investigations Unit:**
 - i. Provided handout and reported the statistics on documented gang members and gang related incidents for FY17.
- B. **Probation Update: Commissioner Adolfo Gonzales, Chief of San Diego County Probation Department provided handouts and discussed:**
 - i. Life Skills program
 - 1. Graduation date August 24, 2017; 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Tubman Chavez Community Center
415 Euclid Ave, San Diego, Ca 92114
 - ii. Community Rap Partnership – Passport to Life Event
 - iii. Hoover High School Stabbing Incident

XI. Committee Updates:

- A. **Outreach and Communications Standing Committee** – No report provided.
- B. **Youth Standing Committee** (Commissioner Brown)
 - i. July 11, 2017, the intention of the day was to lift up ACES, trauma informed systems and resilience building. Small groups such as, California Endowment and Center for Youth Wellness flew to Sacramento California to influence Assembly members and Senators on trauma informed systems lifting up unanimous resolution ACR #1155 addressing early childhood brain development.
- C. **Gang Documentation Ad Hoc Committee** (Commissioner Jones-Wright)
 - i. Lt White is working to wrap up the final stages of review and a full report will be presented during the next CGP&I meeting scheduled in September.

XII. Chair’s Report:

- A. Welcomed CGP&I’s newest Commissioner, San Diego County District Attorney, Summer Stephan.

XIII. Executive Director's Report:

A. Discussed CGP&I newsletter

- i. The CGP&I Inaugural newsletter will highlight the work of the Commission, introduce and highlight community partnerships and provide monthly reports.
- ii. A draft copy of the CGP&I newsletter was provided to the Commissioners to review and offer input during the next CGP&I meeting in September.

B. Currently in the process of creating Bylaws for CGP&I.

XIV. Announcements: None

XV. Adjournment: 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:
September 21, 2017

Location:
Malcolm X Library
Multi-Purpose Room
5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
5148 Market Street
San Diego, CA 92114