



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014  
**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** North Terrace Rooms, Community Concourse  
**MEETING:** Number 261

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Mark Dillon  
Commissioner Mary Alcock  
Commissioner Bruce Abrams  
Commissioner Joyce Abrams  
Commissioner Monica Bauer  
Commissioner Tiffany Harrison  
Commissioner Shonee Henry  
Commissioner Mitz Lee  
Commissioner Susan Thomson Tschirn  
Vice Chair Joel Trambley  
Commissioner Pat Washington

**Commissioners Excused:**

Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur  
Commissioner Lorena Slomanson

**Student Representative Present:**

Lillian Shallow

**Staff Present:**

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, HRC  
Darrin Schwabe, Senior Manager, HRC  
Denise Sandoval, Executive Assistant  
Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney  
William Gersten, Deputy City Attorney

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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll Call

**OPENING COMMENTS**

Approve Minutes of December 11, 2013 Commission Meeting – Minutes approved unanimously  
Non-Agenda Public Comment - none  
Recognition of Service for Deputy City Attorney Karen Li  
Introduction of new legal advisor Deputy City Attorney William Gersten  
Recognition of Service for Darrin Schwabe, who is taking a new position in the Human Resources Department.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION /ACTION**

Old Globe's Community Outreach Initiatives – Community Voices and Mobile Shakespeare  
Presentation by Eric Louie, Associate Producer, Old Globe Theater  
Motion: Human Relations Commission will send a letter of support for these important programs to the Old Globe. Motion approved unanimously.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **New Business**

1. Election for 2014 Officers
  - a. Nominations Committee moved nomination of Joel Trambley for Vice Chair of the Commission. No nominations were offered from the floor. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Nominations Committee moved nomination of Mark Dillon for Chair of the Commission. No nominations were offered from the floor. Motion passed unanimously.
  
2. Status of Diversity and Inclusion/ La Jolla Christmas Parade
  - a. The Chair provided an update on this issue. The Commission pursued a mediation approach through use of the National Conflict Mediation Center, this was declined by one of the parties.
  - b. There were six public speakers on this item. Each supporting continued effort by the Commission to affect the change the title of the La Jolla Christmas Parade to reflect a more diverse and inclusive event in La Jolla.
    1. Teddy Rodosovich – Diversity and Inclusion La Jolla Group
    2. Frank Tsimboukakis – Private Citizen
    3. Howard Singer - Diversity and Inclusion La Jolla Group
    4. Derek Casady – Diversity and Inclusion La Jolla Group
    5. Bonnie B. Price – Diversity and Inclusion La Jolla Group
    6. Dr. Michael McQuary – Diversity and Inclusion La Jolla Group
  - c. Three Commissioners Bruce Abrams, Shonee Henry, Joyce Abrams offered to personally assist with resolving this issue.
  
3. Updated from 2013 Issue Committees
  - a. Access Committee – Mary Alcock, Chair
    - i. Interested in having a presentation from City Library staff regarding technology available to the public
  - b. Civility Committee – Tiffany Harrison , Chair
    - i. Researching Statistics Bullying and Hate Crimes
    - ii. Reminder of the Human Trafficking Press Conference -January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. at Police Headquarters
  - c. Educations Committee – Mitz Lee, Chair -
  - d. Immigration Committee – Lorena Slomanson, Chair
    - i. San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium is working on providing input to the state regarding design of Drivers License and on Trust Act Implementation – and training for police departments

4. Logistics for 2014 Commission Planning Retreat
  - a. Monday, February 17, 2014 9 AM to 2 PM @ Mission Trails Regional Park
  - b. Facilitator will be Lila Gracey, Grace Concepts
  - c. Goals will be to set priorities for 2014 and discuss commission roles

#### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

**Chair's Report:** None

**Commissioners' Reports:** None

**Executive Director's Report:**

1. Update on appointment process for new Commissioners
2. Introduced pre-retreat survey and Commissioner scorecards
3. Coordinate participation in MLK events

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- UAAMAC MLK Breakfast, January 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m.
- MLK All People's Breakfast, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- HRC presenting to Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 p.m., location TBA
- Human Trafficking Awareness Poster Press Conference, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. CAB Lobby
- An Evening with Lou Dunst, Holocaust Survivor, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Ohr Shalom Synagogue
- Tet Lunar New Year Festival at Qualcomm Stadium, Opening Ceremonies 3:00 p.m., February 1
- Cyberbullying Conference: February 4, 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the University of San Diego in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
- 2014 Community Violence Prevention Summit, February 22, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovations
- Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, May 22, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Bayfront Hilton

**ADJOURNMENT**