

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Copper Room of the Community Concourse

202 C Street, Downtown San Diego

MEETING: Number 282

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Commissioners in Attendance

Joel Trambley, Chair Mark Dillion Gagandeep Kaur
Susan Thompson Tschirn, Vice Chair Godwin Higa Lorena Slomanson
Monica Bauer Tiffany Harrison Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner

Dion Brown Shana Hazan
Dolores Canizales Keryna Johnson

Excused Commissioners

Charles Gillig Jessica Nare

Staff Present

Danell Scarborough, Exec. Director Denise Sandoval, Exec. Assistant Don Giaquinto, Director of Protocol, Mayor's Office Arlene Nairn, Student Intern

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Human Relations Commission Meeting held on September 16, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Mayor's Office Comment: Don Giaquinto

• Resources for New San Diegans – a webpage should be ready to go online in 2 weeks.

Non-Agenda Public Comment –No speaker slips were received.

PANEL PRESENTATION: Black Lives Matter: Local Perspectives and Actions

Moderator: Commissioner Tiffany Harrison

- Alyssa Smith, Vice Pres., NAACP California-Hawaii Youth & College Division
- Dr. Charles Toombs, African Studies Department Chair, SDSU
- Chris Wilson, Associate Director, Alliance San Diego Representative from Reclaiming the Community

ACTION AGENDA

New Business

• Consider support for implementation of AB551 – Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones in San Diego – fact sheet and draft letter by Commissioner Keryna Johnson

Motion made by Commissioner Keryna Johnson to have HRC agree on this letter of support Seconded by Commissioner Dolores Canizales

Vote: unanimous

Consider support for San Diego Hate-Free Zone Statement

Motion made by Commissioner Monica Bauer to support the San Diego Hate-Free Zone Statement

Seconded by Commissioner Shana Hazan

Vote: unanimous, one abstention

• Consider support and participation in the Anti-Defamation Leagues' 50 States Against Hate Initiative

Motion made by Commissioner Monica Bauer to add the Commission's name in support of this initiative

Seconded by Commissioner Mark Dillon

Vote: unanimous, one abstention

Discussion and decision about Commission meeting locations

Motion made by Commissioner Dion Brown to move all meetings to Balboa Park Seconded by Commissioner Monica Bauer

Vote: 12 in favor; 1 opposed

INFORMATION AGENDA

2015 Priorities/Committee Reports

- a. Global Perspective
- b. Equity
- c. Safe and Just Communities
- d. Annual Recognition Ceremony and Reception
- e. Legislative Update

Chair's Report

- a. Ashley Walker Social Justice Award selection process
- b. Elections Nominating Committee formed
- Upcoming presentations at Commission meetings Presentations for Meetings - Requests for new Topics should be sent to Danell

Commissioners' Announcements

- a. Commissioner Tiffany Harrison noted that on Sept. 26, 2015 there will be a Black Lives Matter event at the World Beat Center.
- b. Commissioner Keryna Johnson noted that there would be a Food Waste Summit on October 6th, 2015. The summit to find a solution to the amount of food waste taking place around our community.

ADJOURN: 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting will be October 21, 2015 in the Copper Room of the Community Concourse