



# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 16th, 2014  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Balboa Park, Santa Fe Room  
**MEETING:** Number 264

### **WELCOME**

Roll Call

### **Commissioners in Attendance**

Mary Alcock	Gloria Harris	Jessica Nare
Monica Bauer	Tiffany Harrison	Lorena Slomanson
Dion Brown	Shana Hazan	Susan Thomson Tschirn
Mark Dillon, Chair	Godwin Higa	Joel Trambley, Vice Chair
Charles Gillig	Gagandeep Kaur	Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner

### **Excused Commissioners**

Mitz Lee  
Pat Washington

### **Staff in Attendance**

Danell Scarborough, Exec. Director  
Denise Sandoval, Exec. Assistant  
Bill Gersten, Deputy City Attorney

Minutes of the March 19, 2014 Commission meeting were approved

### **PRESENTATIONS**

San Diego State University SWIPES Program provided an update on their progress and future plans  
Mia Sarno and John Giguere

Rise-up Industries' provided an overview of their mission and plans for work in the community  
Joe Gilbreath, President

History of the Human Relations Commission – provided an overview of important projects and strategies that have shaped the Commission  
Ashley Walker, Executive Director, 1994 - 2009

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **New Business**

1. Issue Team Reports
  - a. Homelessness and Affordable Housing
    - i. Working with the San Diego Housing Commission to educate Affordable Housing Recipients on the First Time Buyers Program.
    - ii. Mailings and Meeting Information was discussed as ways to

- inform people of the First Time Buyers Program.
- b. Seniors
    - i. Speakers expected next month regarding legislation.
  - c. Human Trafficking
    - i. Human Trafficking Poster's sighted in communities.
    - ii. Poster graphics being shared with the County.
    - iii. There are plans to speak at community meetings.
    - iv. Enforcement of posting was discussed.
  - d. Immigrant Rights and Immigration Reform
    - i. Working on a proposal for the City's consideration.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **Chair's Report**

1. Restoring Respect's 3rd Annual Conf on Restoring Civility to Civic Dialogue
  - a. Passionate Objectivity is a term that resonated from that session
2. Catfish Club Panel – Financing Affordable Housing in San Diego
  - a. Panel illustrated the complex and controversial situation

### **Commissioners' Announcements**

1. Vice Chair Trambley - invited all to the Dine Out for Life for AIDS Support.
2. Commission Higa – directed attention to a Trauma Informed article in the Voice of San Diego.
3. Commissioner Hazan – Minimum Wage issue will potentially affect benefits that they are currently receiving such as CalFresh.
4. Commissioner Slomanson – Informed that the cutting of funds to nonprofit organizations with the shift in CDBG funding.
5. Commissioner Harrison – Shared an upcoming youth trip to Sacramento.
6. Commissioner Kaur - noted District Attorney's Advisory Board is having a Luncheon April 28<sup>th</sup>, with training for law enforcement on Cultural Sensitivity

### **Executive Director's Report**

1. CAHRO State-wide Training Conference – April 24, 2014, San Francisco
2. Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Budget
  - a. The HRC will have its own Executive Director.
  - b. Hosting a delegation from Pakistan and Afghanistan on Friday evening to discuss human rights and Advocacy.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Department of State International Visitors Meeting on Human Rights Advocacy and Awareness, April 18, 3:30 – 5:00, CAB 9, free
- Day of Compassion, May 3, 2014, 9:00 – 3:00, Cherokee Point Elementary School
- Interfaith Summit on Ending Human Trafficking in San Diego, May 8, 2014 San Diego First Church of the Nazarene, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., free
- Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, May 22. 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Bay front Hilton,

## **ADJOURN**

**Next Meeting will be May 21, 2014**