



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, July 17, 2013
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club
MEETING: Number 255

Commissioners Present:

Chair Mark Dillon
Vice Chair Joel Trambley
Commissioner Joyce Abrams
Commissioner Mary Alcock
Commissioner Tiffany Harrison
Commissioner Mitz Lee
Commissioner Susan Thomson Tschirn
Commissioner Pat Washington
Commissioner Monica Bauer
Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur
Commissioner Lorena Slomanson

Commissioners Excused:

Commissioner Bruce Abrams
Commissioner Shonee Henry
Commissioner Gracia Molina de Pick

Student Representative Present:

Staff Present:

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, HRC
Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. MINUTES APPROVAL** – HRC Minutes of June 19, 2013 were approved.
- III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- **Strategic Planning Report for the Human Relations Commission**
A consulting team of students from the University of San Diego Masters in Non-Profit Leadership and Management presented the data and recommendations they compiled to assist the Human Relations Commission in the development of a strategic plan. Three themes emerged: Focus, Visibility, Evaluation, Diversity. The Commission will move forward with discussion and implementation of the recommendations. The Commission thanked the team for their work with commendations.
 - **Comprehensive Immigration Reform Update**
Andrea Guerrero, Executive Director of Alliance San Diego provided an overview of the human impact of the broken immigration system and the common values core to this country and our nation of immigrants. She emphasized the critical importance of comprehensive

immigration reform and the voices that must be raised to realize this reform. The Commission will speak at an upcoming City Council meeting asking Councilmembers to urge Congressional Representatives to take action. The Executive Director will ask CAHRO to take action urging member agencies to contact Congressional Representatives. **Motion:** send a letter to local Congressional Representatives urging them to take a leadership position in bringing comprehensive immigration reform to a vote in the House of Representatives when they return from recess. Motion passed.

V. ACTION AGENDA

- **New Business**

1. **Consider letter to Governor in support of AB1266** – The School Success and Opportunity Act (AB1266) will ensure that transgender pupils can fully use and participate in all school activities, facilities, and programs. **Motion:** send a letter urging Governor Brown to sign this legislation. Motion passed.
2. **Update from Issue Committees**
 - a. **Access Committee** –
Commissioner Alcock, Chair: She and Commissioner J. Abrams attended the SSAB meeting. Rick Wanne, Deputy Director, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) will present on the CalFresh program at the September Commission meeting.
 - b. **Civility Committee** –
Commissioner Harrison, Chair: The Commission will host a meeting with law enforcement and community based organizations on implementation of the Human Trafficking Posting Notice law.
 - c. **Education Committee** –
Commissioner Lee, Chair: The Collaboration Agreement with San Diego Unified School District will be on the board docket at a meeting in September. The Commission assisted SDUSD in organizing a contingent in the Pride Parade and in making contact with the District Attorney and SDPD for a policy meeting.
 - d. **Immigration Committee** – no report.

VI. INFORMATION AGENDA

- **Chair's Report**

- Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Awards Event at The LGBT Center was a successful event – Awardees included: Lifetime Achievement Award: Mandy Carter, Mayor Bob Filner, Ashley Walker. Civil Rights Award: Jimmy Lovett Jr., Carole Norman, Christopher

Grinston, Vertez Burks, Stamp Corbin, and Tracie Jada Obrien.

- Hunger Advocacy Network Legislative Breakfast – The Commission hosted the breakfast here in the Santa Fe Room.

- **Commissioners' Reports**

- Commissioner Trambley spoke about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and suggested the Commission stay informed regarding access.
- Commissioner Thomson Tschirn requested that the Commission consider taking a stand on the sexual harassment allegations regarding the Mayor as advocating for safe working environment for all is a core responsibility of this Commission. **Motion:** send a letter to Mayor and Council urging commitment to safe and respectful working environment for all. Motion passed.

- **Executive Director's Report**

- Celebration of 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act – the Commission has been asked to work with the Commission for Arts and Culture and the Public Library to put on events celebrating this anniversary.

VII. ADJOURNED MEETING AT 7:35 p.m.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 18, 2013