



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, September 16, 2015
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room
2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego
MEETING: Number 281

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:37 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance

Monica Bauer	Tiffany Harrison	Jessica Nare
Dion Brown	Shana Hazan	Joel Trambley, Chair
Dolores Canizales	Keryna Johnson	Lorena Slomanson
Godwin Higa	Gagandeep Kaur	Susan Thompson Tschirn, Vice Chair

Excused Commissioners

Mark Dillion
Charles Gillig
Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner

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 August 19, 2015 were approved unanimously with 1 amendment to page 4.

Mayor's Office Comment: Don Giaquinto

- Acknowledged the receipt of the support letters sent out by the Commission on September 1st.
 - Encouraging your support for the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015 (S.1659/H.R.2867)
 - Encouraging SDUSD to engage in Community conversation regarding changing the name of Robert E. Lee Elementary School.

Non-Agenda Public Comment –No Speaker Slips Were Received

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Update on Hunger/Food Sustainability in San Diego

James Wright, Feeding America San Diego

- Received the 2014 Annual Hunger Study that is done every 4 years.
- Feeding America has 150 partners
- 64% of Families using our program are employed
- 27% are Active Military or Veterans
- 18% of people relying on Feed America are under 18 years of age and 9 % are over the age of 60.
- 69% of food we provide are grocery items and 31 % are hot meals
- 57% of our partners are Faith Based and 44% are Volunteers

Daniela Solano, San Diego Food Bank

- 28% of qualified people receive benefits
- 78% of people that qualify for the CalFresh Program are not receiving the benefit due to the following:
 - Application is overwhelming
 - The clients are uninformed
 - They think that they have to have children to qualify
 - They think their immigration status will be compromised

Commission Action for Hunger Action Month:

- “Selfie Moment” Spooptember – posted and tweeted by HRC
- When you take a “Selfie Moment” with the orange spoon on your nose and post it on social media with the #Spooptember an anonymous donor will donate food to feed 8 people for the month of September.

ACTION AGENDA

New Business

- Consider letter to Mayor and Council regarding leadership role in combating hate language

Motion made by Commissioner Monica Bauer to amend the language to the proposed letter and bring it back to the next meeting for approval.

Seconded by Commissioner Jessica Nare

Motion passes, letter will be brought back to next meeting.

Old Business

- Review and approve Standing Rule on Developing HRC Statements

Motion by Seconded by Dolores Canizales to approve the Standing Rule on the developing of statements on behalf of the Human Relations Commission.

INFORMATION AGENDA

2015 Priorities/Committee Reports

Annual Recognition Event

- Selecting awardees

KEITH M. TURNHAM HUMANITARIAN AWARD

- Ms. Cheryl Perez

Nominations from the floor were requested and none were received for this award.

Motion by Commissioner Shana Hazan to create a sub-category for the Business Diversity Award to be split into Small Business and One for a large Business, for this year only. Seconded by Commissioner Godwin Higa

Motion Passes (Vote 8 / 3 Abstained)

CORPORATE DIVERSITY AWARD

- Cox Communications, VP Mr. Sam Attisha

Nominations from the floor were requested and none were received.

BUSINESS DIVERSITY AWARD

- Mark Kassab

COMMISSION PARTNER AWARDS

- Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, Rev. Rickey T. Laster
- Bread and Roses Center for Feminist Research and Activism, Dr. Doreen Mattingly
- San Diego Social Services Advisory Board, Chair Phil Thalheimer

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION COMMENDATIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Viet Mai, Educator, Artist and Consultant• To the Family of Mike Hardin Hodad's• Mr. Connor Maddocks• Mr. Alberto Cortez, Mama's Kitchen• Mr. Ray King, Urban League of San Diego	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pastor Sara Haldeman-Scarr• Rev. Jessica Stryko• Mr. Leon Williams, District Attorney's Office• Ms. Trinh Le, Center for Policy Initiatives
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Motion made by Commissioner Keryna Johnson to accept all requests for Commendations from the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur. Motion Passes

Chair's Report

- a. Upcoming presentations at Commission meetings
- b. Presentations for Meetings – Requests for new Topics should be sent to Danell.
 - Black Lives Matter - October
 - Awards Ceremony - November
 - Restorative Justice - December.

Executive Director's Report – none

Commissioners' Announcements

- a. Commissioner Monica Bauer mentioned 50 States Against Hate Movement to be put on next agenda for discussion.
- b. Commissioner Tiffany Harrison mentioned that on Sept. 26, 2015 there will be a Black Lives Matter event at the World Beat Center.
- c. Commissioner Keryna Johnson informed 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: 7:32 p.m.

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

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Nov. 14, 2015 CAIR-San Diego's 10th Anniversary Banquet: Strengthening Our Voices, Advancing Together.

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Voices for Justice: Who Will Speak If We Don't Breakfast, San Diego Convention Center

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Standing Together For Peace, Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park, City Heights

Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., HRC Awards Ceremony and Reception, Central Library

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