



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, February December 16, 2015  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park, 202 C Street, San Diego  
**MEETING:** Number 275

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:45 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance**

Joel Trambley, Chair	Shana Hazan	Tiffany Harrison
Susan Thomson-Tschirn, Vice Chair	Jessica Nare	Lorena Slomansen
Dolores Canizales	Godwin Higa	Monica Bauer
Gagandeep Kaur	Dion Brown	

**EXCUSED COMMISSIONERS**

Mark Dillon  
Charles Gillig  
Keryna Johnson  
Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT**

Danell Scarborough, Exec. Director  
Denise Sandoval, Exec. Assistant  
Greg Halsey, Deputy City Attorney

**Motion made by Commissioner Dion Brown to Approve Minutes of December 9, 2015 Special Meeting and December 16, 2015 Commission Meeting.**

**Seconded by Commissioner: Monica Bauer Vote: Minutes unanimously approved (11/0)**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Thank you to Arlene Nairn for her service as Intern for the Commission

Bilateral Safety Coalition recognized Vice Chair Susan Thomson-Tschirn with an Angel of Trafficking Award. Added to the award were Certificates from Congressman Scott Peters and Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez.

Commissioner Keryna Johnson reported that the County Board of Supervisors approved the Urban Food Agriculture Zones Act and asked staff to prepare for implementation.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA- 2015 Priorities/Committee Reports**

1. Global Perspective – Commissioner Monica Bauer
  - a. The Commission is a member of the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium. The SDIRC is looking into how it can support a welcoming cities campaign.
2. Equity – Commissioner Godwin Higa
  - a. Presentation by SDPD regarding recruiting and hiring is confirmed for next month's Commission meeting.
3. Safe and Just Communities - Vice Chair Susan Thompson-Tschirn
  - a. Restorative Justice Summit is shaping up to be a significant event for the San Diego region.
  - b. Redesigned Human Trafficking Poster will be resent to businesses required to post it.
4. Legislative Update

## **ACTION AGENDA – New Business**

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2016**

**Nominations for Chair:** *Commissioner Dion Brown called for nominations from the floor: No nominations from the floor brought forward.*

**Nominee:** **Jessica Nare** shared her vision for the Commission

**Nominee:** **Joel Trambley** shared his commitment to the Commission

Vote was 6 to 5 in favor of Joel Trambley

**Joel Trambley will be Commission Chair for 2016**

**Nominations for Vice Chair:** *Commissioner Dion Brown called for nominations from the floor: No nominations from the floor brought forward.*

**Nominee:** **Monica Bauer** – *Withdrew her nomination and moved her support behind Commissioner Jessica Nare.*

**Nominee:** **Jessica Nare**

Vote was unanimous

**Jessica Nare will be Commission Vice Chair for 2016**

### **Old Business**

1. Discussed public awareness strategy regarding community climate
2. Discussed taking action on important items:
  - One option available is calling a Special Meeting – 24 hour notice required
  - A template will be provided to bring something forward to the Commission for immediate action
  - Speaking at City Council during non-agenda Public Comment
  - Commissioners may use their title and speak or write articles as an individual but may not speak on behalf of the Commission
  - Contact your Councilmember for discussion

Commissioner Tiffany Harrison requested that the topic be added to the Retreat Agenda

***“Call to Action” ADHOC Committee Created for the responding to issues: Commissioner Higa, Commissioner Nare, Commissioner Hazan.***

### **Chair’s Report**

1. Explained the annual process for the Commission setting its priorities and action for the year during the Commission Planning Retreat for 2016 - Saturday February 20, 2016 1pm – 5pm Location TBA

### **Executive Director’s Report**

1. Noted that the Mayor’s State of the City Address had application to the Commission’s work
2. Requested Commissioners register for Restorative Justice/Restorative Practices Summit
3. Noted the California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO) State-wide Conference April 13 and 14 in San Jose and invited Commissioners express interest in attending
4. Participated in Standing in Solidarity with Muslim Women rally. 400 women in attendance, moving talks and camaraderie.

### **Commissioners’ Announcements**

- Commissioner Dion Brown Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Honors Going to be held at the San Diego LGBT Community Center from 6-8PM One of the Civil Rights Honorees will be Dion Brown
- Commissioner Lorena Slomanson – Reported on the successful presentation of the Ashley Walker Social Justice Award at the All People’s Celebration to Mr. Samuel Valdez
- Commissioner Dolores Canizales – Requested passing along information that the United Way is offering free tax services (211)
- Commissioner Jessica Nare - Announced the grand opening of the SDSU’s Women’s Center

**ADJOURNED 7:30 PM**

**Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

**Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- +San Diego Regional Restorative Justice and Restorative Practice Summit, Friday, February 26, 2016, San Diego Community Concourse
- +Annual Cesar Chavez Birthday Celebration/Las Mananitas Breakfast, Friday, March 25, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m., San Diego Convention Center
- +Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m., Bayfront Hilton

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