



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, 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 284

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance**

Joel Trambley, Chair	Jessica Nare	Keryna Johnson
Susan Thomson-Tschirn	Godwin Higa	Lorena Slomansen
Gagandeep Kaur	Dion Brown	Monica Bauer
Mark Dillon	Tiffany Harrison	

**Excused Commissioners**

Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner  
Dolores Canizales  
Charles Gillig  
Shana Hazan

**Staff Present**

Danell Scarborough, Exec. Director  
Denise Sandoval, Exec. Assistant  
Don Giaquinto, Director of Protocol, Office of the Mayor  
Greg Halsey, Deputy City Attorney

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Dillon to Approve the October 2015 and November 2015 Commission Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Lorena Slomanson  
Vote: Unanimously approved**

**Non-Agenda Public Comment – none**

**Mayor's Office Representative Comment**

- **Mentioned that the website: SD Resource Center for New San Diegans is live now and a link has been sent to all, it contains over 50 resources**
- **Gender Neutral Restroom topic will be have an update in February**
- **Look out for a major City Website update**

- **State of the City Speech – all are invited to attend**

### **Acknowledgements**

Chair, Joel Trambley thanked Mike Giorgino for his service as the Commission's legal advisor and welcomed Deputy City Attorney Greg Halsey who will be the Commission's new legal advisor.

### **PANEL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

#### **Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices – An Overview (*power point*)**

- Justine Darling, Restorative Practices Coordinator
- Mayte Benitez, Restorative Community Conferencing Specialist  
National Conflict Resolution Center

### **ACTION AGENDA – New Business**

- Debrief Annual Recognition Ceremony and Reception
  - **Public Comment** - Bruce Abrams  
Mr. Abrams, as past Chair and Commissioner of the HRC expressed his opinions about the Annual Recognition Ceremony and Reception.
  - Commissioners were all given forms to return and express their suggestions and recommendations regarding the Annual Recognition Ceremony and Reception.
- Discuss community climate related to recent events
  - Commissioner Monica Bauer suggested that this topic be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.
  - Commissioner Tiffany Harrison suggested that responding to current issues be a topic at our next retreat.
- **Old Business**
  - Election Process for Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2016
  - Election Committee consists of: Commissioner Dion Brown, Mark Dillon
  - Commissioner Dion Brown thanked intern Arlene Nairn for putting together the Survey Monkey for nominations.
  - Commissioner Mark Dillon informed of the process that will take place on January 20, 2016 as part of the Agenda.
    - Nominees names will be read for each office (Chair and Vice Chair)
    - Nominations will be taken from the floor
    - The nominations will close
    - Each Nominee will be allowed 2 min to speak
    - The vote will take place with a show of hands for each office and not

by ballot. (*Per Roberts Rules, The Chair does not vote unless a tie needs to be broken*)

- There is no vote by proxy since we are taking nominations from the floor.
  - You may only vote for one person per office
  - If there is not a majority, the top 2 candidates will run off
- Commissioner Dion and Commissioner Mark Dillon will meet to put together the process for the nomination committee and submit it to be added to the HRC Bylaws for authorization.

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **2015 Priorities/Committee Reports**

- Global Perspective – Commissioner Monica Bauer reported that they tried very hard to get the Office of New San Diegans started but instead the Website of New San Diegans was created and it is a first step in the right direction. The new bridge connecting the Tijuana International Airport with San Diego is now open and fully functional.
- Equity – Commissioner Godwin Higa – reported that the dialog is continues on changing the name of Robert E. Lee Elementary School, Commissioner Higa will keep us updated on the progress. Commissioner Godwin Higa also reported that the San Diego Police Department will be presenting at the February 17, 2016 meeting.
- Safe and Just Communities – Vice Chair Susan Thomson-Tschirn reported the Restorative Justice Summit in February 2016.
- Legislative Update – Nothing Reported

### **Chair's Report**

- Ashley Walker Social Justice Award Honoree – Samuel Valdez
- Commission Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2016 was distributed
- Commission Planning Retreat for 2016 – a doodle will be sent out to all Commissioners regarding date and time.

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

- Upcoming community breakfasts – HRC tables
- Plans for 2016 – Executive Director Danell Scarborough announced her retirement in 2016

### **Commissioners' Announcements**

- Commissioner Dion Brown announced that the Social Service Advisory Board Award is helping the Commission make more partnerships
- Commissioner Keryna Johnson announced that AB551 (which the Commission voted on) was approved unanimously by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.
- Commissioner Tiffany Harrison announced that Black Lives Matter won People of the Year award.

**ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club,  
2144 Pan American Road West,  
San Diego, CA**

**Upcoming Events**

+Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast and Celebration sponsored by United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) Monday, January 18, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Jacobs Center

+All People's Celebration, Monday, January 18, 2016, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., Balboa Activity Center

+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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