



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** North Terrace Rooms, Community Concourse  
**MEETING:** Number 274

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

**Commissioners in Attendance**

Monica Bauer	Tiffany Harrison	Susan Thompson Tschirn, Vice Chair
Dion Brown	Shana Hazan	Joel Trambley, Chair
Mark Dillion	Godwin Higa	Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner
Charles Gillig	Gagandeep Kaur	
Gloria Harris	Jessica Nare	

**Excused Commissioners**

Lorena Slomanson

**Staff Present**

Danell Scarborough, Exec. Director  
Denise Sandoval, Exec. Assistant  
Raine Hartman, Intern

Minutes of Commission Meeting – Approval of January 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
Vice Chair Tschirn made motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Kaur. Unanimously approved.

Non-Agenda Public Comment: None

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ACTION:**

**ACTION AGENDA: New Business**

- Debriefed joint meeting with Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. Reviewed action items from that meeting.
- Election of Officers for 2015  
Nominating Committee was Commissioner Mark Dillon and Commissioner Jessica Nare. Nominations were taken by email and phone.  
Presented nomination for Chair – Joel Trambley. There were no nominations from the floor.

Vote taken: Unanimously approved.

Presented nomination for Vice Chair – Susan Thomson Tschirn. There were no nominations from the floor.

Vote taken: Unanimously approved.

- Gender-neutral restrooms in San Diego – understanding the issues
  - Blue Montana – Transgender Community Representative
  - Darlene Tando – Transgender Therapist, Licensed Social Worker
    - Signage
    - Cost
    - New Construction
    - Single Stall
    - Educating the Public
  - Staff introduced research done by Raine Hartman, HRC intern, SDSU Student in Business Administration
    - City of West Hollywood – (Effective 1/15/2015) Passed an item to develop an ordinance to required that all single-stall restrooms in businesses and public placed in the City of West Hollywood will now be required to be gender-neutral.
    - Assembly Bill 1266 – Prohibits public Schools from discriminating on the basis of specified characteristics.
    - Civil Rights Issues – Human Rights & Dignity

**Motion by Commissioner Dion Brown to request that further research be done regarding Gender Neutral Restrooms with an expected timeline of April 2015 meeting, in order to be well informed prior to supporting the issue. Commissioner Monica Bauer seconded Motion. Vote: 10/0 – Motion Passed**

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **Chair's Report**

- Annual Planning Retreat – February 25, 2015, 4:00- 9:00 p.m.
  - Guest Speaker will be David Graham, Deputy Chief Operating Officer
  - Workshop to set priorities for Commission's work for 2015

### **Commissioners' Reports and Announcements**

- Commissioner Tiffany Harrison
  - San Diego region will be working on Gold Star Status which is a program through Not in Our Town
- Commissioner Shana Hazan
  - Awareness campaign regarding Senior Nutrition has resulted in a 25% increase in Cal Fresh enrollment for Seniors over the past year
- Commissioner Dion Brown
  - Attended the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Police-Community Relations panel
- Commissioner Godwin Higa
  - Working on a Summit for Restorative Justice

- Johns Hopkin invited him to speak on Trauma-Informed Education
- Announced the Day of Compassion on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Cherokee Point Elementary
- Vice Chair Susan Thompson Tschirn
  - Met with Deputy District Attorney Summer Stephan – Poster will be redesigned to include the “Be Free Text”. Distribution will begin next month.
  - Met with Marissa Ugarte regarding a movement called Demand Abolition to eradicate the demand for the purchased of sex and the illegal commercial sex industry. Ms. Hunt has committed to cutting this crime by 20%.
- Youth Commissioner Lillian Shallow
  - Las Mananitas Breakfast is coming up. Cesar Chavez Service Clubs develop leadership skills in high schools. She encouraged all to attend.
- Commissioner Jessica Nare
  - Suggested a discussion regarding Human Trafficking as Sex Work and/or Prostitution so the Commission can be informed and have a position on the issue.
  - October Meeting at SDSU has made great progress
- Commissioner Monica Bauer
  - Shared the great turn out at the Not in Our Town Film Event
- Commissioner Gloria Harris
  - Laura’s Law was passed by the County Board of Supervisors and is effective 1/27/2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting will be March 18, 2015**

**Upcoming Events**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> NIOT Film Screening, March 12, 2015, SDSU Campus
- Restoring Respect Conference, March 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, USD Campus
- Cesar Chavez/Las Mananitas Breakfast, March 27, 2015, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
- Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, May 21, 2015, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Bayfront Hilton

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