



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2016
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club
2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego
MEETING: Number 287

Meeting Called to Order: 5:45 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joel Trambley, Chair	Keryna Johnson	Patrick Hovakimian
Jessica Nare, Vice Chair	Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner	Gagandeep Kaur
Monica Bauer	Lorena Slomansen	Tinesia Conwright
Dion Brown	Susan Thomson-Tschirn	Faye Detsky-Well
Dolores Canizales	Patrick Hovakimian	

EXCUSED COMMISSIONERS

Shana Hazan
Godwin Higa

STAFF

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director
Denise Sandoval, Executive Assistant
Adrian Perez, Intern

Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2016 Commission Meeting:
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Canizales, seconded by Commissioner Johnson
Vote: 1 abstention, 0 opposed, 12 approved. Minutes stand approved.

Non-Agenda Public Comment – None
Mayor's Office Representative Comment – None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Welcome and introduction of New Human Relations Commission Commissioners

- **NICOLE MURRAY RAMIREZ** – Latino Gay advocate and activist. Past Chair and Commissioner of the HRC. Served 4 terms on the Commission
- **TINESIA CONWRIGHT** – Founder of Depositing Empowerment Through Outreach & Urban Redevelopment (DETOUR), which uplifts, motivates, and inspires teen girls through education, empowerment, and entertainment. Staffs the Annual Pride Parade, and works at the San Diego Housing Commission.
- **STEPHEN GROCE** – Financial Assets Manager, serves on SDPD Citizens Recruiting Advisory

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Board, Clairemont Town Council, and SDPD Captains Advisory Board.

- **FAYE DETSKY-WELL** – Has always been involved in her community, has served as Medicare Counselor, Paralegal, Community Leader, Instructional Designer, Quality Control Specialist and served on the City's Ethics Commission.
- **PATRICK HOVAKIMIAN** – U.S. Deputy District Attorney focused on white collar crime and prosecutions. An internship with the Department of Justice's Community Relations Service led to his interest in human relations.

ACTION AGENDA – Old Business

1. Consider any action in response to presentation by SDPD on recruitment strategies
The Commission decided to refer this topic to the Governing for Equity and Diversity Committee to determine if any further action by the Commission is recommended.

INFORMATION AGENDA

1. Overview of the Restorative Justice/Restorative Practices Summit
Commissioner Susan Thomson-Tschirn provided overview of the day, thanked Commissioners for attending and Danell for her hard work, mentioned Dr. Ross's impactful presentation and the excellent sessions at the summit and noted that the Commission made a significant impact in the community with this event.
2. Reviewed roles of committees, chair, and executive committee in advancing Commission's priority issues. Commissioners indicated their choice of committee to serve on.

2016 PRIORITY ISSUES/COMMITTEES

Global Perspective: Chair: Commissioner Monica Bauer

The current goal of this committee is pursuing an "Office of New San Diegans". The Committee also belongs to the Immigrant Rights Consortium, we attend the 2nd Monday of every month 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. we discuss initiatives. We also are following the Mayor's goals, in helping to become a "Mega Region".

1. Commissioner Lorena Slomanson
2. Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez
3. Commissioner Dion Brown
4. Commissioner Faye Detsky-Weil
5. Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur

Governing for Equity and Diversity: Chair: Commissioner Godwin Higa

1. Youth Commissioner Lillian Shallow
2. Commissioner Steph Groce
3. Commissioner Tinesha Conwright
4. Commissioner Faye Detsky-Weil
5. Commissioner Keryna Johnson
6. Vice Chair Jessica Nare

Access to Basic Needs: Chair: Commissioner Keryna Johnson.

The goals of the committee are pursuing and making sure that all communities have access to fresh and healthy choices in order to achieve.

1. Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur
2. Commissioner Shana Hazan
3. Commissioner Godwin Higa

Communications: Chair: Commissioner Dolores Canizales

Currently the committee will be working on the Communications plan with the Cities Communication liaison, develop strategies and support Assembly Bills. (Facebook, Twitter)

1. Commissioner Patrick Hovakimian
2. Chair, Joel Trambley
3. Commissioner Keryna Johnson
4. Youth Commissioner Lillian Shallow

Commission Awards: *Chair: Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur*

This Committee works on putting together the Commissions Annual Awards Ceremony. It is a ceremony where we highlight individuals who give back to the Communities. This committee would be in charge of the logistics that go into preparing and holding the Ceremony.

1. Commissioner Lorena Slomanson
2. Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez
3. Commissioner Susan Thomson Tschirn
4. Vice Chair Jessica Nare
5. Chair Joel Trambley

Chair's Report

Commission Annual Report-will be distributed at April meeting.

Chair Trambley reminded Commissioners that staff can provide Commission Commendations, if you are attending events in which you want to recognize the organization or individual. Mayoral Proclamations are also available with proper notice.

Chair Trambley reminded Commissioners that they can always feel free to speak on topics in the public as an individual using their Commissioner title. The only thing you cannot do is speak on behalf of the Commission or for the Commission.

Executive Director's Report

Commissioners were asked for a bio and headshot for the website. Photos will be taken at beginning of April meeting.

Las Mañanitas Breakfast and Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast are coming up soon. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Commissioners' Announcements

Chair Trambley: LGBT Center – Dine out for Life on April 28, 2016 benefits HIV/AIDS organizations

Vice Chair Nare-Just returned from the National Student Affairs Conference in Indiana

Commissioner Canizales – Poway Spring Festival on April 3rd, 2016

Commissioner Johnson- March 18, 2016 Rise Breakfast and on Monday, March 21, 2016 there is a free event on Improving Hunger and Health.

Youth Commissioner Lillian Shallow will be the speaker at the Las Mañanitas Breakfast. It will be held at the Convention Center.

Commissioner Steph Groce –is running for a seat on the San Diego Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez – is co-chairing the AIDS Memorial Task Force with Kathryn Faulconer. The Mayor and CM Todd Gloria located a park in Bankers Hill to dedicate to Dr. Brad Truax, who was very instrumental during the HIV discovery period.

Commissioner Monica Bauer – was invited to be on a panel discussion for USD on the topic of Refugees it will be held on April 21st and invites others to attend.

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