



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
Balboa Park/Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road San Diego, CA, 92101

Members Present:

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| Joyce Abrams | Mitz Lee |
| Mary Alcock | Lorena Slomanson |
| Tiffany Harrison | Susan Thomson Tschrin |
| Shonee Henry | Joel Trambley, Vice Chair |
| Gagandeep Kaur | |

Members Excused:

Pat Washington
Gracia Molina de Pick
Bruce Abrams
Monica Bauer
Mark Dillon, Chair

Staff Present

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, HRC
Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney
Darrin Schwabe, Senior Manager, HRC

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. MINUTES APPROVAL** – HRC Minutes of March 20, 2013 were approved.
- III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- **Request to support designating a Little Saigon San Diego District**
Frank Vuong, President, Little Saigon San Diego Foundation

Mr. Vuong presented a PowerPoint discussion addressing the desire for a Little Saigon designation. Mr. Vuong asked the Commission to support this proposal.

Motion: The Commission provide a letter of support and endorsement of the “Little Saigon” designation project, specifically noting from Highland Avenue to Euclid Avenue on El Cajon Boulevard become “Little Saigon” District.

Motion approved

- **Maximizing independence and fully integrating people with disabilities into the community**

Louis Frick, CEO, Access to Independence

Mr. Frick discussed the integral part of our diverse disability community, and the resources and mission of Access to Independence serving all of San Diego and riverside counties.

Mr. Frick requested any assistance with learning more about how to become a Commission. The HRC Access Committee will add to their agenda.

- **Creating win-win partnerships between San Diego County businesses and adults with disabilities**

Mark Berger, CEO, Partnership with Industry

Helping intellectual and developmental disabled to become more productive in the community. Helps 550 disabled each day working in community.

Mr. Berger stated that he would love to have the City of San Diego as part of their future.

V. ACTION AGENDA

- **New Business**

1. **Reflections from CAHRO Conference:** Various Commissioners noted their Appreciation for, and complimented the conference logistics, and presentations.

2. Update from Issue Committees

a. Access Committee –

Mary Alcock, Chair: Went to SSAB meeting; invited Rick Wanne, Director of Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services, to speak at an HRC meeting; County cell phone app being developed for CalFresh program downloads; searching for contact regarding housing access.

b. Civility Committee –

Tiffany Harrison, Chair: Justice for Victor Ortega overview, invited Police and Ortega group to come to meeting; Danell spoke with Assistant Chief who said PD is willing to come and speak about use of force in general; Committee also focusing on sex trafficking

Mary Alcock: New law where employment posters are required for Human Tracking victim awareness

c. Education Committee-

Mitz Lee, Chair: Working on resolution between Commission and school district addressing student safety; School Board would like the Commission to provide draft language of the resolution; Summit on Student Safety has been canceled

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d. Immigration Committee-

Lorena Slomanson, Chair: Two months will have presentation from San Diego Immigrants Rights Consortium, addressing the 13 paths to citizenship

3. Protocol for Request for Commission Action: Tabled for May meeting

VI. INFORMATION AGENDA

• **Chair's Report**

Council passed immigration action; Human Rights Campaign has a municipal quality index and San Diego has a perfect score

• **Commissioners' Reports**

Mitz Lee - Pacific Rim Parks Board invited Mayor Filner to a picnic event, and the Mayor graciously accepted and attended

Tiffany Harrison – San Diego State Diversity Conference will be held the week of April 22nd

• **Executive Director's Report**

These Hands Don't Hurt – Violence Awareness fair at SDSU staffed by Senior Manager

Speaking Volumes – Docent tour, May 14, of art exhibit at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, and is open to Commissioners.

Celebration of Compassion – Coming together of different faiths, at Cherokee Point Elementary School, on May 18th, with presentations of art, learning, action, and more.

Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast – The Human Relations Commission will have a table at the breakfast on May 24th.

VII. ADJOURNED MEETING AT 7:35 p.m.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 15, 2013

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