



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, May 18, 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 289

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joel Trambley, Chair	Faye Detsky-Weil	Susan Thomson-Tschirn
Jessica Nare, Vice Chair	Shana Hazan	Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner
Monica Bauer	Godwin Higa	
Dion Brown	Patrick Hovakimian	
Dolores Canizales	Keryna Johnson	
Tinesia Conwright	Lorena Slomanson	

EXCUSED COMMISSIONERS

Stephen Groce	Gagandeep Kaur	Nicole Murray Ramirez
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GUESTS & STAFF

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director
Denise Sandoval, Executive Assistant
Greg Halsey, Deputy City Attorney
Don Giaquinto, Director of Protocol

Meeting called to order: 5:35 p.m.

WELCOME

Roll Call: conducted

Approval of the minutes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes of April 20, 2016 made by Commissioner Dion Brown, seconded by Commissioner Faye Detsky-Weil. Vote: 0 abstention, 0 opposed, 11 approved, Minutes unanimously approved (11-0).

Non-Agenda Public Comment: none

Mayor's Office Representative Don Giaquinto, Director of Protocol - Reported that the audit continues regarding gender neutral bathrooms in City facilities. The City is having their lobbyists review AB 1732, which is a bill in support of the gender neutral bathrooms.

Mr. Giaquinto also informed that City's Budget is on line for all to view on the City's website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Photo of Commission – will be rescheduled

PRESENTATIONS

Offensive Language/Behavior and the First Amendment – Understanding the Commission's Role

Dr. Danell Scarborough, Executive Director

ACTION AGENDA - New Business

1. Considering support for Assembly Bill 1732 All Gender Restrooms

Commissioner Shana Hazan made a motion to support the Assembly Bill 1732 and forward the letter to the appropriate agencies and parties. Seconded by Commissioner Dion Brown, and requested that the letter be sent to Blue Montana and Dr. Tando, who brought the issue to the Commission in its inception.

Vote: 12 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, motion passed.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- 2016 Priorities/Committees

<p>Global Perspective: <i>Chair: Commissioner Monica Bauer</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The letter to the Mayor is being updated and the Committee is currently pending an appointment date with the Mayor.
<p>Governing for Equity and Diversity: <i>Chair: Commissioner Godwin Higa</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conversations are proceeding regarding the J.A.P. in the Box complaint.2. San Diego Unified will be voting next week on name change - Robert E Lee to Pacific View Leadership Elementary. A process was used that involved all stakeholders.3. San Diego City Schools is currently providing LGBTQ awareness and education training for all staff.
<p>Access to Basic Needs: <i>Chair: Commissioner Keryna Johnson.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Committee has not met.
<p>Communications: <i>Chair: Commissioner Dolores Canizales</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The committee met prior to this meeting and came up with some exciting new ideas<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website review and update• Quarterly Newsletter• Work plan, contacts, publications• Monthly topics calendar
<p>Commission Awards: <i>Chair: Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The committee will meet prior to June Commission meeting to review process and timeline for this year's awards.

Legislative Update: continued

Chair's Report

1. Human Relations Commission Annual Report for 2015 – is nearing completion. This will be shared with Mayor and Council, put on website, and available as handout at next month's meeting.
2. Conversation with Deputy Chief Operating Officer David Graham regarding the Executive Director Selection Process meeting is scheduled for 5/19/2016.

Executive Director's Report

1. Our current community collaborations include Day of Compassion, Standing Together for Peace, Hunger Advocacy Network Legislative Breakfast
2. An updated Commission roster will be sent to all Commissioners
3. Interns for summer and fall semester needed, pass along information

Commissioners' Announcements

1. Commissioner Shana Hazan provided a handout of Senate Bill 1286 regarding Police Transparency and requested that it be an item on a future agenda. Commissioner Hazan also shared that her organization will be opening a Kindergarten Readiness Program in Linda Vista.
2. Commissioner Susan Thomson-Tschirn informed that there is a developer that will present his idea of building homeless housing using cargo containers at the June Commission meeting.
3. Commissioner Godwin Higa reported that the Day of Compassion Event will be taking place on Saturday June 11, 2016 at Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park. He also mentioned that they will be honoring our Executive Director, Dr. Danell Scarborough and invited all to attend.
4. Commissioner Monica Bauer provided a handout for the Black & Brown Family Unite event.
5. Commissioner Keryna Johnson invited all to attend the Food Systems Changers event regarding food justice and equity, she will be the speaker and she will send the link to everyone.
6. Commissioner Dion Brown reported that on May 7th, 2016 he attended the Price-Copley Roof Top Event of "35 years in the Neighborhood".

ADJOURNED: 7:34p.m.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2016
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Upcoming Events:

+Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m., Bayfront Hilton

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+Day of Compassion, Saturday, June 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park
+Standing Together for Peace, Saturday, November 5, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park
+California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO) State-wide Conference, October 27 & 28, 2016, San Jose

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