



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2013
Balboa Park/Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road San Diego, CA, 92101

Members Present:

Chair Mark Dillon
Vice Chair Joel Trambley
Commissioner Joyce Abrams
Commissioner Mary Alcock
Commissioner Tiffany Harrison
Commissioner Mitz Lee
Commissioner Lorena Slomanson
Commissioner Susan Thomson Tschirn
Commissioner Pat Washington
Commissioner Monica Bauer
Commissioner Shonee Henry

Members Excused:

Commissioner Bruce Abrams
Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur
Commissioner Gracia Molina de Pick

Student Representative Present:

Lillian Shallow

Staff Present:

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, HRC
Darrin Schwabe, Senior Manager, HRC

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. MINUTES APPROVAL** – HRC Minutes of May 15, 2013 were approved.
- III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- **Conversation with Cindy Marten, Superintendent Designate San Diego Unified School District**
Cindy shared the history of her education and professional growth leading up to being designated as Superintendent. She emphasized how her focus is all about the kids. Two areas of focus during the conversation were technology and anti-bullying. Cindy explained how it was critical for every student to be digitally literate, and that her new reorganization will put kids in the middle to ensure they are supported from every arm of the organization. Cindy said she would be happy to partner with the Human Relations Commission. Also present on behalf of the San Diego School District was Rebecca Phillpott, Manager, Drop-Out Prevention Program.

V. ACTION AGENDA

- **New Business**

1. **Approval of Partnership Agreement with San Diego Unified School District**

Motion: The Commission adopt the agreement with the understanding the Mayor still has yet to review and may add to or edit the agreement as necessary. *Motion approved*

2. **Update from Issue Committees**

- a. **Access Committee –**

Commissioner Alcock, Chair: Attended Hunger Advocacy Network (HAN) quarterly meeting; attended Point Loma Town Hall meeting; signed up for the HAN Legislative Breakfast on Friday, June 21st; Rick Wanne, Deputy Director, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), will talk about the CalFresh program at an upcoming meeting.

- b. **Civility Committee –**

Commissioner Harrison, Chair: Met with Bronwyn Ingram, City of San Diego First Lady, to discuss collaboration on awareness for Human Trafficking Senate Bill 1193, requiring posters to be placed at designated businesses. The First Lady agreed to work with the HRC and speak with Bonnie Dumanis, San Diego District Attorney, and William Lansdowne, San Diego Police Chief to help coordinate a planning meeting; Met with Mario Lopez, Director of Bi-national Affairs, City of San Diego. Mario expressed interest in working with the HRC and bringing awareness to SB1193 around the border region.

- c. **Education Committee –**

Commissioner Lee, Chair: Helped coordinate the presentation above, “Conversation with Cindy Marten, Superintendent Designate”.

- d. **Immigration Committee –**

Commissioner Slomanson: Attended San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium meeting; Senate introducing immigration reform bill; Supreme Court struck down requirements demanding proof of citizenship during voter registration; Commissioner Bauer noted there are fraud awareness posters available for immigration assistance, and Committee agreed to research for possible distribution.

3. **Format of Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee for review and update**

Continued to next meeting, July 2013

VI. INFORMATION AGENDA

- **Chair’s Report**

Met with Mayor Filner. The Mayor supports the idea of pursuing homelessness and poverty simulation, and the human trafficking efforts being pursued by the Civility Committee.

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The Mayor is working on creating a cross-border planning committee and an offer was made from the HRC to participate on the committee; Students from the University of San Diego, Nonprofit Leadership and Management Masters program will present their strategic plan to plan in July.

- **Commissioners' Reports**

Joyce Abrams – Five participants, including Commissioners and Staff, went on the scheduled tour at Partnership With Industries (PWI). A very valuable experience, and pride was noticeable in all the workers at PWI.

- **Executive Director's Report**

Celebration of Compassion – Wonderful day of activities. Look forward to growing next year.

Student Interns – HRC has three Summer Interns helping to provide valuable support in the office.

Commissioners' Monthly Activity Reports and HRC Annual Report – Monthly Activity Report forms were distributed. Commissioners please fill in the report to ensure we have an accurate history of the tremendous work you are doing. These forms will also be used for information to include in the Annual Report being developed for FY13.

Upcoming Events

-**Hunger Advocacy Network Legislative Breakfast** – June 21, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club

- **Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Honors** – July, 2, 2013, 6:00 p.m. The LGBT Community Center

-**Happy Birthday Frida/Pachanga de Frida** – June 29, 2013, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. The LGBT Community Center

-**Human Rights Campaign Annual Gala** – August 10, 2013, U.S. Grant

-**Commissioner Appreciation Reception** – following the August HRC Meeting, August 21, 2013, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the park

-**Join the Conversation** – Commissioner Bauer invited everyone to attend the Anti-Defamation League programming on Supreme Court Review 2013

-**Prop 8 Decision Pending** – Commissioner Trambley invited everyone to attend a support rally at the flag in Hillcrest.

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: July 17th, 2013