



## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

#### Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room  
2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego 92101  
**MEETING:** Number 279

**Call to order:** 5:30 pm (*w/o quorum*)

#### Commissioners in Attendance

Monica Bauer	Shana Hazan	Lorena Slomanson
Dion Brown	Godwin Higa	Susan Thompson Tschirn, Vice Chair
Dolores Canizales	Keryna Johnson	Joel Trambley, Chair
Mark Dillion	Gagandeep Kaur	Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner
Charles Gillig	Jessica Nare	

#### Excused Commissioners

Tiffany Harrison

#### Staff Present

Don Giaquinto, Director of Protocol, Mayor's Office  
Danell Scarborough, Executive Director  
Denise Sandoval, Executive Assistant  
Mike Giorgino, Deputy City Attorney  
Arlene Nairn, Student Intern

**Approval of Minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** continued until quorum available

#### **Welcome to New Commissioners**

- Keryna Johnson
  - Planning & Food Environment Specialist for the County of San Diego Health and Human Service Agency
- Dolores Canizales
  - Poway Chamber of Commerce President and CEO

#### **Recognition and Appreciation for Commissioners' Service**

- Commissioner Gloria Harris
- Commissioner Charles Gillig

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** none

### **Mayor's Office Comment: Don Giaquinto**

- Informed the Commission that his goal, in attending this meeting, is to make sure that the Mayor's Staff is being responsive to all inquiries or requests made and also, that the Commission is kept informed.

### **PRESENTATION: Training on the California Brown Act** *(handouts provided)*

- Mike Giorgino, Deputy City Attorney
  - Gave a detailed overview of the California Brown Act.
  - Cautioned against using "Reply all"
  - Discussed quorum violations in detail
  - Filming, recording, and picture taking, can take place at anytime during a public meeting
  - Explained difference in Brown Act rules regarding committees, standing meetings, sub-committees, ad hoc committees, conference calls during committee meetings and the posting rules of such meetings
  - Executive Meeting will now have a formal agenda posted
  - Special Meeting (only 24 hour posting notice) may be held
  - The Chair recommended emailing the Executive Director for information dissemination to the entire Commission

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **New Business**

- Consider Commission response to South Carolina tragedy
  - Commissioner Godwin Higa formally requested that the topic of supporting the change the name of Robert E. Lee Elementary, due to its association with the confederate flag issue and the issues that arose in South Carolina, be placed on our next agenda for discussion and vote.
  - Commissioner Jessica Nare supports making a statement regarding strong national symbols.
  - Chair Trambley agrees that we should make a statement we just need to be careful of all that we take on and how it affects the Commissions mission.

**Motion by Commissioner Monica Bauer: that the Commission author a quarterly op-ed regarding issues that the Commission feels strongly about. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Monica Bauer with the agreement that it will be added as a discussion for on an upcoming agenda.**

- Consider Commission support for Not In Our Town Pledge - Danell Scarborough

**Motion By Vice Chair Susan Thompson Tschirn: that the HRC take the pledge and post on our website.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Commissioner Mark Dillon**

**Vote: Motion passes unanimously**

- Consider Commission support for “Standing Together for Peace” event – Commissioner Godwin Higa
  - November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 9pm to be held at Henwood Park – The public will be invited to bring your own picnic, have some music, and listen to some speakers (faith, civic and other). The event will close with a candle light vigil for those that lost their lives through acts of violence.

**Motion by Vice Chair Susan Thompson Tschirn: that the Commission support the event with our visible support (logo) and logistics support (reserving park and performance space).**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Jessica Nare**

**Vote: Motion passes unanimously**

### **Old Business**

- Consider Commission involvement and support for ongoing accessibility and funding for Friendship Park at Border Field State Park
  - Pursue communicating to the Governor and State Park and Recreation Department regarding designation of the funds to be put towards the project. Meet with Toni Atkins and Supervisor Greg Cox to express our interest in this issue. HRC Student Intern, will work on scheduling an outing to Friendship Park for the Commission or take the Border Patrol Guided Tour.

### **INFORMATION AGENDA**

#### **2015 Priorities/Committee Reports**

- Global Perspective – Monica Bauer
  - Informed that DACA and DAPA will be going to City Council requesting support.
- Safe and Just Communities – Jessica Nare
  - Commission Nare shared that she met with the Status of Women, they are interested in supporting the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Commissioner Nare shared that she would like to meet with the our Executive Director regarding some logistics of the requested support and she will request that the topic be placed on the agenda of a future meeting for discussion.
  - Vice Chair Susan Thompson Tschirn mentioned that other local Cities are signing on to support the resolution on Demand Abolition and giving heavier sentences to those involved in Human Trafficking.
  - Vice Chair Susan Thompson Tschirn shared that in the Wall Street Journal it mentioned that Labor trafficking is worse than Human Trafficking. There is an article regarding some oil rig repair people brought to the US with the promises of citizenship and there was a lawsuit where one of the recipients won a 14 Million dollar settlement.
- Annual Recognition Event – Commissioner Dion Brown
  - Adding a Keynote Speaker or talent or both if the Commission so chooses.
  - Commissioner Shana Hazan shared that an inspirational message would add extra energy to the event.
  - Chair Joel Trambley shared that the event should stay Community focused.
  - Vice Chair Susan Thompson Tschirn, said her initial reaction would be “no”

to a Keynote Speaker. However, if the person was a past Chair or Commissioner that knew about the Commission then maybe the audience would learn something, but other than that, no to the Keynote Speaker.

- Commissioner Godwin Higa, suggested that maybe having one of the speakers that has actually come to the Commission and requested support on a topic or issue, would be one to honor in the event, Other than that we should not have a Keynote Speaker
  - Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur, I think that we have already run into time constraint issues and adding a Keynote Speaker would just push us further into time management issues, so much so that we have cut some of the awards out of the program. Agreed with keeping the event community focused.
  - Commissioner Monica Bauer, states that personally she would rather have entertainment than a Keynote Speaker.
  - Commissioner Jessica Nare states that she is interested in a Keynote Speaker only if it is an engaging.
  - Commissioner Lillian Shallow agrees with Commissioner Jessica Nare and Commissioner Monica Bauer
  - Commissioner Mark Dillon opportunistic speaker, entertainment adds work as well as the Keynote Speaker makes it a spectator sport instead of a dinner.
- Legislative Update – Arlene Nairn (handout)
    - A spread sheet was provided to all, containing past and present legislative bills that the Commission supported or opposed. The list will continue to be a part of the regular agenda update.
    - Senate Bill 10 which was originally established to facilitate opening an office of New Americans but was instead morphed into an insurance Medicare related Senate Bill by Senator Lara.

### **Chair's Report – Chair, Joel Trambley**

### **Executive Director's Report**

- Distribution and review of the City of San Diego Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy (handout)
- Report on Action Items

### **Commissioners' Announcements**

**ADJOURNED: 7:35 pm**

