

**Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**  
*Minutes of November Meeting*  
**City Hall**  
**202 C Street San Diego, Ca. 92101**  
**Committee Room 12<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Thursday, November 21, 2013**

WELCOME

Welcoming by Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada at 5:33pm.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

1. Commissioner Alicia De Leon Torres.
2. Commissioner Dana Brown.
3. Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada.
4. Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins.
5. Commissioner Joyce Abrams.
6. Commissioner Fred Sotelo.
7. Commissioner Peter Callstrom.
8. Commissioner Chief Lansdowne.
9. Commissioner Bishop Bowser.
10. Commissioner Superintendent Cindy Marten.
11. Commissioner Pastor Robinson.
12. Commissioner Danny Villarreal.
13. Commissioner Nicole Ramirez.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Joey Estrada, San Diego State University Professor, and Joshua Guierre, San Diego State University Student.**

Rise Up Industries provides resources to those who are involved in gang related activities. Each individual is given different resources to meet their specific needs. The program has given hope to many who wish to turn their lives around. An electronic copy of the logistics of the program was requested by Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins.

**Councilwoman Marti Emerald.**

Councilwoman Emerald thanked the Commission for their continued efforts in gang prevention. Collaborative work with various agencies has made in impact in the community.

## **Alejandro Walltower, SDCS.**

Alejandro presented a student that has been mentored through SDCS, Check and Connect Program. Reynoldo Escobedo was a 1.5 g.p.a. student before the program. Today Escobedo is a 4.0 student with hopes of attending a community college to pursue his dream of becoming a therapist.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes for September were presented for approval.

### Discussion:

A correction needs to be made for the September minutes. Commissioner Joyce Abrams and Commissioner Fred Sotelo were not listed in the attendance section. Commissioner Chief Jenkins to move forward for approval.

Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins set motion, Commissioner Dana Brown seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

### Special Report:

Commissioner Fred Sotelo reported on a special leadership program.

A special thank you was given to the commissioners on behalf of the Tribe Program. The Tribe Program is 10 weeks long and provides mentorship to students in a variety of subjects. Micheal Bruner, YMCA, emphasized how critical everyone's contribution helps kids stay out of trouble and on the right path. Establishing a relationship is very important for the kids to feel comfortable and receptive.

## ACTION ITEM A

### Discussion:

A survey will be distributed by the Commissioners at city wide community meetings for resident input. The objective of the survey is to realize the needs of local communities in relation to gang prevention. A need and a solution will be identified and presented to the Mayor and the City Council in efforts to inform and present the residents perspective on gangs. Strategic and effective plans will be created once the feedback is received

Recommended Action: Create an Ad Hoc Committee to review data to address the impact of gang violence and to provide the Mayor and City Council the next steps.

Commissioner Fred Sotelo set motion, Commissioner Danny Villareal seconded.

It passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nichole Murray Ramirez, Commissioner Dana Brown, and Commissioner Joyce Abrams will be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

## ACTION ITEM B

Discussion- Communities are seeking available resources to address graffiti issues. Current efforts will be reviewed and examined to help create an effective document to be distributed to these communities. Along with a document, the Commission website could also post information on how to resolve the issue. Possibly create a one-stop shop for every area/district.

Recommended Action: Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to gather relevant materials for informing the public in regards to graffiti.

Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins set motion, Commissioner Dana Brown seconded.

It passed unanimously.

## INFORMATION SCAN

### a. Gang Statistics:

Officer Nisleit presented gang related crime figures. Homicides, assault with a deadly weapon, and shootings at a house/vehicle have declined slightly this year in comparison to the prior year.

### b. Realignment Update:

Chief of Probation Mack Jenkins-Tattoo removal program is still in full effect. Recidivism rate is currently at 28%. Realignment has been in effect for 2 years now as of October 20, 2013.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

### a. Ad Hoc Committees updates and accomplishments.

Commissioner Danny Villareal has had trouble placing individuals of certain ethnicities into the work force. It was emphasized that new policies need to be created to ensure equal opportunities to people of all backgrounds.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Violence Prevention Summit 2014: Neighborhood Solutions. The event date is February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m.

Jackie Robinson Breakfast of Equality in January. Cindy Martin is the key note speaker.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Danny Villareal set motion to adjourn, Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.