

# Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

## “Corrected” Minutes

Balboa Park Ball Room  
2150 Pan American Rd West  
June 19th, 2014

**Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

### COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Rosa Ana Lozada  
Commissioner Danny Villareal  
Commissioner Bishop Cornelius Bowser  
Commissioner Pastor Archie Robinson  
Commissioner Gary Lynn  
Commissioner Don Johnson  
Commissioner Vihn Tran  
Commissioner Dana Brown  
Commissioner Joyce Abrams  
~~Commissioner Eduardo Corona~~  
Commissioner Dr. Rodney Hood

### WELCOME

#### Non Agenda Public Comment (Speakers Slips are available)

**Introduction:** David Graham, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Neighborhood Services.

- Deputy Chief Graham acknowledged all of the work and time the Commissioners give and the offered very supportive words of appreciation to the Commission and the Executive Director.

#### Approval of the May 14, 2014 Joint Meeting Minutes:

*Motion made by Commissioner Gary Lynn to approve Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Joyce Abrams*  
*Vote: 10/1(abstention)\*Motion passes Minutes are approved*

#### Action Agenda:

##### Action Item A

The Ad Hoc Committee working on the 2015-2017 Strategic Action Plan has expanded the plan to include the community concerns voiced at that joint meeting of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The committee has the following recommendation for the Public

Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee to send to the full City Council. (*Goal #3: Advocate, formulate, and recommend for adoption proactive gang policies, ordinances and guidelines*)

**Recommended Action:**

Informed by community input and supported by research and best practices, the Commission recommends that the Mayor and City Council continue to invest in our youth with support focused on the following elements, which have been framed as the Community Focused Youth Empowerment Initiative:

**RECOMMENDATION #1:** the Commission recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the establishment of a Community Focused Youth Empowerment Initiative with the goal of advancing prevention efforts to increase safety, provide opportunities that give hope to young people, and support the implementation of services for the high-end offenders.

*Motion made by Commissioner Bowser to: move forward with this recommendation. 2nd by: Commissioner Brown. Vote: 10/0 \*Motion Passes*

**RECOMMENDATION #2:** the Commission recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the three strategies within the Action Plan that includes:

1. Prevention: Start Early: preschool and after school activities
2. Intervention: Workforce readiness and employment, Youth Development
3. Suppression: the Hardest to Serve: Group violence Interruption (GVI) support

*Motion made by Commissioner Bowser to: move forward with recommendation #2 and to include Sheriff Bill Gore's support letter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Commissioner Robinson Vote: 10/0 \*Motion Passes*

**Community Scan and Update:**

Gang Statistics – Lieutenant Bennett provided both City and County wide gang related crime statistics (*handouts*).

Youth Gang Statistics – Deputy Gonzalo Mendez, played a very instrumental role in the Strategic Action Plan and felt ownership and excitement in moving the Strategic Plan forward.

**Community Information Sharing:**

Commissioner Bowser gave an update on the Hospital Violence Reduction Project – Volunteer Ministers have almost completed the required tests and physicals.

Commissioner Brown provided an update on the progress being made in the Trauma Informed Care at Cherokee Point Elementary. She invited the Commission to watch the 2 videos that she has emailed regarding Trauma in the lives of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade children and the impact it has had on their lives.

**Executive Director Report (handout):**

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**Announcements:** Recognition was given to Lynn by the Commissioners and guest speakers for all of her hard work and dedication in getting the Strategic Action Plan in motion and now moving forward. Its next stop will be to go before Council.

**Adjournment: 6:29 PM**

**Next Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Location: TBA**