

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010**

Commissioners Present: Tiffany Harrison, Joyce Abrams, Gary Lynn, Bruce Abrams, George Mitrovich, Mary Alcock, Gracia Molina de Pick, Mitz Lee, Carolina Alcoser Ramos, Teresa Oyos, Roberto Shim

Excused: Shonee Henry, Nicole Murray Ramirez, Mark Dillon

Absent: None

Staff Present: Danell Scarborough, Executive Director; Rimah Khouri, Labor Relations Officer

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Abrams called the 220th meeting of the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission (HRC) to order at 5:24 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call:** 11 Commissioners were present and 3 were excused.
- c. **Approval of Minutes**
 - ✓ Motioned by Commissioner J. Abrams to approve the June 16, 2010 Minutes with one correction
 - ✓ Seconded by Commissioner Lee
 - ✓ Motion passed unanimously

II. PRESENTATIONS

a. **Redistricting Commission**

Elizabeth Maland, City Clerk

Presenter provided information about the redistricting process in the City that is done after every national census per City Charter 5.1 and Municipal Code 27.1404-1415. The council districts last expanded from 6 to 8 in 1963. The City Clerk's Office has outreached to more than 100 organizations, libraries, and conducted 10 presentations to solicit applications. The census data is planned to be available April 1, 2011.

b. **Connections Housing/Downtown San Diego: Integrated service and residential community for the homeless**

Dale Kelly Bankhead, Family Health Centers of San Diego

Connections Housing will be an integrated service and residential community whose primary goal is getting homeless people off neighborhood streets into permanent housing in the downtown area. The current selected site is the World Trade Center building located in downtown and is modeled after the PATH: People Assisting The Homeless facility in Los Angeles. The facility is not open to families and another site in Cortez Hill is planned to replace the winter shelter. A neighborhood advisory board will be set up and facility is geared towards being a good neighbor in that everything happens inside the facility with no loitering outside. PATH received business support for the model with concerns regarding the location. An RFP was for the downtown area only and funding sources include CCDC, tax credits, VA vouchers, and federal programs. Immigration status checks will not be performed.

- ✓ Motioned to send letter of support for the Connections Housing/Downtown San Diego project to Mayor and Councilmembers.
- ✓ Motion was seconded.
- ✓ Motion passed.

c. The City's Living Wage Ordinance

Nora Nugent, City of San Diego Living Wage Manager

The Living Wage Ordinance was adopted by City Council in April 2005 and became effective July 1, 2006 with enforcement added in December 2008. Contracted employers are required to pay fixed wages and paid days off and obtain a certificate of completion. Contract compliance reviews are regularly conducted that are either performed randomly or by submitted information.

III. BUSINESS

a. OLD BUSINESS

i. Update on progress regarding reestablishing a County HRC

- 1. Information is being sought and receiving positive support from some county offices.

ii. Update on County Food Stamp Program

- 1. Commissioners Shim and Oyos will serve as liaison on this issue.

iii. Update on City's Equal Benefits Ordinance

- 1. ED Scarborough informed that the Rules Committee heard the action and voted to have the City Attorney's Office draft the ordinance and send the action to full council.

b. NEW BUSINESS

i. Discuss closure of DFEH Office in San Diego

- 1. Commissioner Alcock shared that DFEH plans to set up a regional office and provide online accessibility. Issue should remain as Old Business to follow up on.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. HRC Commendation to Channel 10 Investigative Team
 - i.** Commissioners Henry and B. Abrams presented awards to reporters.
- b. San Diego LGBT History Exhibit at City Hall

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Opening on commission from District 7. Information was provided on how to apply.
- b. CAHRO membership application and check received.
- c. Commissioner J. Abrams requested that December meeting be established in advance.

VI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – no report

- a. AB 1680 hate Crimes Protection Act
- b. AB 2706 Adding Homelessness to Protected Status

c. AB 2401 CSU Campus Priority Admission to local students
Executive Director Scarborough stated Interns will be recruited to assist with keeping up on legislative issues. Commissioner Harrison stated she will assist in serving as a liaison.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30pm

Prepared by Rimah Khouri, Labor Relations Officer
Approved by Danell Scarborough, Executive Director