

MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Commissioners Present: T. Oyos, T. Harrison, G. Molina de Pick, B. Abrams, S. Henry, G. Lynn, N. Murray Ramirez, C. Ramos

Commissioners Excused: J. Abrams, M. Alcock, M. Lee, R. Shim, M. Dillon, G. Mitrovich

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

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Abrams called the 222nd meeting of the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission (HRC) to order at 5:30 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call**
- c. **Approval of Minutes**
 - ✓ Motioned by Commissioner Murray-Ramirez to approve the August 18, 2010 Minutes
 - ✓ Seconded by Commissioner Oyos
 - ✓ Motion passed
- d. **Public Comment**
 - i. Tom Jensen, former Puppet Theater puppeteer, spoke about abuse and discrimination he experienced at the Puppet Theater in Balboa Park. Commissioner Murray-Ramirez suggested his commentary be forwarded to Council Member Gloria's Office to review.
 - ii. Edgar Hopida, Executive Director of Council on Islamic American Relations spoke about the attacks against mosques and hate crimes against Muslim-Americans happening around the country and the impact on local community members. Ideas about future partnerships opportunities were offered.

II. PRESENTATIONS

a. Impact of Proposition D on San Diego Families

Councilmember Donna Frye, Council District 6, City of San Diego, provided an overview of Proposition D and a review of the essential public safety and other city services that are at risk of drastic cuts should it not pass.

III. BUSINESS

a. OLD BUSINESS

- i. **HRC Statement Urging Tolerance and Inclusion**
Item continued
- ii. **Update on progress regarding reestablishing a County HRC**
No update at this time
- iii. **Update on County Food Stamp Program Working Group**
Caring Council are members and County made clear that certain items would not be part of the discussions.

- iv. **Update on HRC Annual Awards and Commendations**
Letters have been sent out and letters will be sent to all the Commissioners.

b. NEW BUSINESS

- i. **Commendation honoring Morris Casuto leadership and retirement**
 - ✓ Motioned by Commissioner Molina de Pick to honor Morris Casuto with an HRC Commendation
 - ✓ Seconded by Commissioner Lee
 - ✓ Motion passed

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Hate Crimes – 2009 State of California Statistics and Trends

- i. There was a decrease of 21.8% from 2008 to 2009
- ii. Statistics are based on penal code violations

b. Update on HRC membership in CAHRO

c. Update on Education Consortium's activities

- i. There are active scheduled check-ups of A-G classes for parents

VI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – State legislation session concluded

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a. Task force updates

b. Event updates

- i. UAAMAC's Judicial Reform Town Hall
- ii. City Club's 35th Anniversary Celebration
- iii. UAAMAC's Superintendent Meeting
- iv. CPI Gala 2010

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED:

Prepared by Rimah Khouri, Labor Relations Officer

Approved by Danell Scarborough, Executive Director