



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013**  
**Balboa Park/Santa Fe Room**  
2150 Pan American Road San Diego, CA, 92101

**Members Present:**

Chair Mark Dillon  
Vice Chair Joel Trambley  
Commissioner Bruce Abrams  
Commissioner Joyce Abrams  
Commissioner Mary Alcock  
Commissioner Tiffany Harrison  
Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur  
Commissioner Mitzi Lee  
Commissioner Lorena Slomanson  
Commissioner Susan Thomson Tschirn

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner Monica Bauer  
Commissioner Shonee Henry  
Commissioner Pat Washington

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Gracia Molina de Pick

**Staff Present:**

Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, HRC  
Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney  
Darrin Schwabe, Senior Manager, HRC

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
  - II. MINUTES APPROVAL** – HRC Minutes of April 17, 2013 were approved.
  - III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
  - IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/ACTION**
    - **The Legacy of the Montford Point Marines**  
**Melvin Chestnut, Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps Retired**  
The Montford Point Marine Association is a nonprofit Veteran organization, established to perpetuate the legacy of the first African Americans who entered the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1949 at Montford Point Camp, New River, North Carolina. Joe Jackson, one of the original Montford Pointers and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal was recognized. There are currently approximately 100 Montford Pointers remaining of the original 20,000.

- **Willie Blair**  
**Director of Neighborhood Revitalization, Mayor's Office**  
Mr. Blair spoke about his role in the Mayor's Office. Along with the Mayor, Neighborhood and Revitalization looks to see what City resources can be tapped, and how to generate resources that will help communities and neighborhoods that have not had the opportunity to receive improvements. Resources will be used to improve community policing, increase affordable housing, provide more jobs with a dignified wage, and more.

## V. ACTION AGENDA

- **New Business**
  1. **Update from Issue Committees**
    - a. **Access Committee –**  
Commissioner Alcock, Chair: Researching process for requesting input from City Council when cuts or changes in programs are made which may impact underserved in City. Will report back with findings.
    - b. **Civility Committee –**  
Commissioner Harrison, Chair: In connection with the Human Trafficking presentation below, would like to focus on ensuring Human Trafficking postings are in required locations, and around the border area. HRC can take action to ensure governmental and non governmental agencies are displaying the postings. Potentially involve the Mayor's Office, Police Department and more in City to support and sign a notification. Will reach out to bring others together. By next meeting, the Civility Committee will provide an update and outline incorporating ideas on what role the HRC wants to take.
    - c. **Education Committee –**  
Commissioner Lee, Chair: On May 8<sup>th</sup> met with San Diego Unified School District to begin drafting a partnership. Will ask the HRC and San Diego Board of Education to adopt the partnership between the San Diego Unified School District and HRC. Executive Director Scarborough discussed tentative draft plans, noting there is a Safe Schools Taskforce the HRC will partner with, and the HRC will receive briefings and presentations from the School District, have a presence at Student Summit, work with high school counselors to get word out for student involvement on the HRC Commission, and discuss emerging issues. Commissioner Abrams will represent the Commission in meeting with the Board of Education; Incoming Superintendent Cindy Martin will be present at the June HRC meeting.
    - d. **Immigration Committee –**  
Executive Director Scarborough: The San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium is incredibly active contacting legislators regarding Bill amendments, and also helping people learn about naturalization, and preventing fraudulent assistance. Joel asked if the SDIRC is taking a position on Uniting American Families Act. Uniting American Families Act includes giving same sex partners legal recognition and the ability to obtain a green card.

1. **Protocol for Request for Commission Action**

Joel Trambley presented a guideline to be used for streamlining the process when individuals or groups are scheduled to present in front of the HRC. The guidelines include thoughtful questions which can be addressed prior to the presentation to inform the HRC about the content and potential requests from the presenters.

2. **Human Trafficking Notice Requirement**

As a result of Commissioner Alcock notifying the Board during the April meeting, Darrin Schwabe presented a PowerPoint regarding Senate Bill 1193. Darrin also contacted the San Diego Police Department, District Attorney's Office, and the Sheriff's Department to learn about any management or enforcement of this required posting. There is none at this point in time.

3. **Human Relations Commission Bylaws**

Send questions or comments to Danell. A new and improved version of the Bylaws will be provided for discussion.

**VI. INFORMATION AGENDA**

- **Chair's Report**

Meeting with Mayor Filner week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Will report out activities and successes from past year, and plans moving forward.

- **Commissioners' Reports**

Joyce Abrams – Scheduling lunch at Partnership With Industries. Asked other Commissioners to contact her if interested in attending.

- **Executive Director's Report**

**Celebration of Compassion** – May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. Program includes crafts, educational sessions, and various activities. Cherokee Point Elementary.

**44 Street Resident and Youth Leaders** – HRC presented a commendation for commitment and dedication to healing, and problem solving.

**Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast** – May 24<sup>th</sup>. Sold out event. HRC has two tables.

**Hunger Advocacy Network** – HAN has two meetings coming up, both the June 7<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting and June 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast. The HRC will help host the breakfast.

**Peace Promotion Team Meeting** – Doing some great restorative justice work. A great connection for the HRC to pursue.

**VII. ADJOURNED MEETING AT 7:35 p.m.**

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 19th, 2013**

**Human Relations Commission**

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