



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, September 18, 2013
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park Club
MEETING: Number 256

Commissioners Present:

Chair Mark Dillon
Commissioner Mary Alcock
Commissioner Bruce Abrams
Commissioner Joyce Abrams
Commissioner Tiffany Harrison
Commissioner Shonee Henry
Commissioner Mitz Lee
Commissioner Susan Thomson Tschirn
Commissioner Monica Bauer
Commissioner Gagandeep Kaur

Commissioners Excused:

Vice Chair Joel Trambley
Commissioner Gracia Molina de Pick
Commissioner Lorena Slomanson
Commissioner Pat Washington

Student Representative Present:

Lillian Shallow

Staff Present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MINUTES APPROVAL – HRC Minutes of August 21, 2013 were approved.

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT –

- **Howard Singer** – Requesting the Commissions support in changing the name of the La Jolla Christmas Parade to a neutral non-religious title.
- **Debbie Allen** – Requesting the Commissions support in changing the name of the La Jolla Christmas Parade to a neutral non-religious title.
- **William Adams** - Requesting the Commissions support in changing the name of the La Jolla Christmas Parade to a neutral non-religious title.

IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/ACTION

- **Food Insecurity/Food Sustainability Panel:**
Rick Wanne, Director, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services, County of San Diego
Jennifer Tracy, Executive Director, San Diego Hunger Coalition
James Floros, President and CEO, Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank
Included an up to date overview of what CalFresh, the San Diego Hunger Coalition and San Diego Food Banks role and programs include, and how all three coordinate together in helping to build a successful anti-hunger network. To view the three PowerPoint presentations delivered during the discussion, please visit the Human Relations Commission’s website and select the “Presentations” Tab.

V. ACTION AGENDA

- **New Business**

1. **Update from Issue Committees**

a. Access Committee –

Commissioner Joyce Abrams: Introduced Darrin Schwabe and John Giguere to discuss the Swipes for the Homeless program, and the idea to encourage other schools in San Diego to participate.

Motion: To draft a letter addressed to local colleges and universities informing them about, and encouraging them to participate in the Swipes for the Homeless program. Motion Passed.

b. Civility Committee –

Commissioner Harrison, Chair: Hate Crimes Coalition held quarterly meeting and proposing to have a memorandum of understanding between law enforcement, schools, and County Mental Health, Probation and Health and Human Services, which focuses on prevention of bullying and hate crimes and spotting the red flags early. They are publicizing an upcoming workshop we are all invited to; Next step for the human trafficking poster will be to pull legal representatives together to review the poster and discuss a draft of notification and enforcement letter; Tiffany and Darrin met with the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum. Presented a PowerPoint on Senate Bill 1193 and what the Commission is doing to support the Bill.

c. Education Committee –

Commissioner Lee, Chair: The Collaboration Agreement with San Diego Unified School District will be on the board docket on October 22nd. We do not need to wait for formal agreement to begin working collaboratively together in the meantime. Moises Aguirre, new External Relations Manager for the San Diego County School District wanted to add some new language to tie to their Vision 20/20 Goals.

d. Immigration Committee –

None

2. **Awards Working Group**

Commissioner Henry, Co-Chair: Had a second planning meeting. Changed the date for the ceremony to Wednesday, November 20th. Continuing to search for a sponsor. Would like to maintain diversity with food, to include Thai, Mediterranean, vegetarian, and more. New San Diego Youth award to be titled San Diego Diversity Youth and Leadership Award, and criteria includes demonstrating community involvement that promotes social justice, diversity, equality, and respect. Thought this year would just award high school level and gauge success for including other levels in the future. Would like to design and produce a video for future ceremonies representing who the Commission is and those being recognized. Commissioner Bruce Abrams suggested we hold a food drive for attendees to bring donations during the ceremony.

VI. INFORMATION AGENDA

- **Chair's Report**
 - Briefed Interim Mayor Gloria on appointments needed for the HRC.

- **Commissioners' Reports**
 - Commissioner Bruce Abrams: I referred John Giguere, the previous intern for the HRC and I encourage all commissioners to consider referring other students while you are out speaking and at events.
 - Commissioner Joyce Abrams: Consider inviting the La Jolla Community Parade, Non-Agenda Public Comment speakers back to our October meeting to hear our comments and allow to ask questions. Also, I recommend including any representatives from the opposite point of view. Chair Dillon suggested we place on agenda first for the HRC to discuss as a topic resulting from their presentation.

Motion: Explore background, legality, and City Policy surrounding the La Jolla Christmas Parade topic discussed during public comment. Motion Passed.

- **Executive Director's Report**
 - National Day of Action for Immigration Reform on October 5th
 - Native American Employee Association acknowledging Native American History Month at the Concourse Downtown on November 22nd.

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

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 16, 2013