



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, October 13, 2016**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Clyde Fuller, Commission Vice Chair Deborah Cochran and Commissioners Bill Baber, Alex Kreit, Dave Potter, Sid Voorakkara and Greg Zinser

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Stephen Ross, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of September 8, 2016

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Cochran
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Abstained:	Zinser

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Potter commented on the recent open house hosted by Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron at the firm's new office located in downtown San Diego.

Commissioner Voorakkara asked Commissioner Potter about his recent efforts with respect to the lobbying of City staff who serve as Hearing Officers for certain types of land use matters. Commissioner Potter explained that when he reviewed a Fact Sheet recently issued by Commission staff, he realized that these Hearing Officers are not covered by the City's

lobbying laws. As a result, he asked Executive Director Fulhorst to follow-up with Bob Vacchi, the Director of the City's Development Services Department. According to Ms. Fulhorst, Mr. Vacchi advised her that Hearing Officers are not allowed to discuss a pending matter with any interested party (including lobbyists) outside of a hearing in light of due process considerations. In response to a request from Commissioner Potter, Mr. Vacchi recently updated the department's website to address this prohibition. Ms. Fulhorst thanked Commissioner Potter for his efforts, which alleviated the need for the Commission to consider expanding the City's lobbying laws to include disclosure of lobbying contacts with Hearing Officers.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst reported that staff will be working with the City's Department of Information Technology to develop an online complaint form which will make it easier and more efficient for individuals to submit complaints. In addition, staff will be working with the City's Communications Department on the development of a website video that will provide a general overview of the laws within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding Restoring Trust in San Diego – A Committee to Support Nathan Fletcher for Mayor 2013

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Voorakkara
Vote:	Carried Unanimously

Item 9: Release of Investigative Files - Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Fulhorst explained the process for releasing investigative files to another law enforcement agency, as delineated in the Commission's Operating Policies. Commission Chair Fuller reported that he has asked Commissioner Cochran to serve with him on an ad hoc committee to review a recent request for materials in a closed investigative file.

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commissioner Fuller called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of October 13, 2016

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of October 13, 2016:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2016-38 – Filing of Campaign Statements

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Cochran/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (12 potential matters)

Case No. 2013-25 – Contributions in the Name of Another

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Zinser
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case No. 2015-18 – Contributions in the Name of Another

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Cochran/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case No. 2016-02 – Registration as a Lobbying Firm

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Voorakkara/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case No. 2016-21 – Mass Campaign Literature

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case Nos. 2016-25, 2016-28, and 2016-29 – Reporting Campaign Contributions: Lobbying Firms

Motion: Approve Stipulations
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Cochran
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case Nos. 2016-30, 2016-31, and 2016-33 through 2016-35 – Reporting Campaign Contributions: Lobbying Firms and Organizations

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Zinser
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Abstained: Baber

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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Clyde Fuller, Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Ethics Commission

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