



Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

Minutes

July 16, 2015
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Second Chance
6145 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, CA 92114

Call to Order: 5:39 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Rosa Ana Lozada	Commissioner Gary Lynn	Commissioner Rodney Hood
Commissioner Joyce Abrams	Commissioner Don Johnson	Commissioner Peter Collstrom
Commissioner Dana Brown	Commissioner Archie Robinson	
Commissioner Bishop Bowser	Commissioner Mack Jenkins	

I. Welcome by Chair Rosa Ana Lozada

- A. Chair Lozada thanked Second Chance, Alex Macias, Supervisor of Adult Workforce Training Program, for the use of their community meeting room and for always extending their welcome to us by making us feel at home.

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (Speakers Slips are available): No speaker slips received

Approval of the Meeting Minutes - *Special Meeting June 18th, 2015*

Motion by Commissioner Gary Lynn to approve the minutes

2nd by: Commissioner Rodney Hood

Approved unanimously

Commissioner Dana Brown requested that future Agendas include permanent updates of:

- A. Restorative Justice Summit / Upcoming Meetings
- B. Ad Hoc / Sub - Committee - on Alternatives to Incarceration
- C. Legislative Updates

III. Presentation – “I Am My Brother’s Keeper”– David Mohammed

- A. “I Am My Brothers’ Keeper” is an organization that believes “Self Improvement to be the Bases of Community Development.” The mission of the agency is to develop and operate programs substantially improving the quality of life for the residents of San Diego. The Program offers education and supportive services such as: Student enrichment, computer lab training, entrepreneurship training, parenting classes, mentoring programs, senior classes and services programs, literacy, work force development and educational housing opportunities.
- B. In 2005 the Program was totally funded through Hugh Mohammed. In 2014, the Program acknowledged the importance of how many members of the community wanted to contribute and applied for a 501 (c) (3) license. The approval is currently pending. The Program will keep the Commission updated on its progress.
- C. Brother Caswell X, a youth currently involved in the Program, explained how the Program has opened his eyes to how important good food and nutrition is needed in underserved communities. “This program is a blessing in my life...it has really shown me a lot about the environment”.

IV. Discussion Item: Strategic Action Plan Update for Public Safety and Livable Neighborhood Committee (PS & LN).

- A. Staff requires that Commissioners forward a list of tasks being done by them that touch the Strategic Action Plan; Staff requires all information by September 4th by 5 pm. This due date is because we will be briefing the Council District 9 prior to the presentation. If Staff does not receive your information by the deadline, the information may not appear on the Update.
- B. We will be presenting to the update to City Council on September 23, 2015 regarding the update of the Strategic Plan. Staff will keep the Commission informed as the dates get closer.
- C. Chair Rosa Ana Lozada – World Health Organization “measures that look at promoting and supporting health services.”
- D. Commissioner Peter Calstrom – Shared his Workforce Readiness statistics almost doubling the need for employment and the need to getting employers on board and his work on improving trainings and integration of the trainings. The Workforce Partnership received grant funding to build a career center in collaboration with the Probation Department within the East Mesa jail.
- E. Commissioner Dr. Rodney Hood –Shared that he is a Medical Doctor, an Internist, and his primary patients are from our Communities. Dr. Hood explained Kaiser is conducting a routine health screening. Over 17,000 patients volunteered to participate in a Study to research how much early trauma impacts a persons’ health. Data resulting from their participation continues to be analyzed; it reveals staggering proof of the health, social, and economic risks that result from childhood trauma. He indicated that the Commission needs to be mindful and aware of trauma and health.

- F. Commissioner Dana Brown reiterated how trauma affects the physiology of the brain. It is recognizing the fact that we need to heal. The Commission must continue to take the opportunity to change and influence systems to help people heal.
- G. Joyce Abrams shared that she is attending the Human Trafficking Advisory Board meetings. She will report back to this Commission the progress that they make and/or any information pertinent to our goals.
- H. Chair Rosa Ana Lozada mentioned that the joint meeting held with the Human Relations Commission will be leading to a Summit Meeting and Commission. Staff will update the Commission on the dates and times of the planning meetings as well as when the Summit will take place.
- I. Commissioner Jenkins has previously shared $\frac{3}{4}$ of Probation staff have received trauma informed care training as well. The Probation Department received grant funding to provide youthful offenders with proper clinical services. Those exposed to trauma will have a better plan on helping the youth with specific trauma intervention.
- J. Chair Rosa Ana Lozada requested that Staff provide a draft of the Strategic Plan Update to the Commissioners prior to presenting at Council to ensure that all is captured.

V. Information Scan

- A. Gang Statistics and Initiative Updates- Todd Bassett, Lieutenant, SDPD, Gang Unit
 - 1) Handout provided as requested by Commission with all statistics.
 - 2) Commissioner Bowser requested that the statistics cover the gang member arrests in the City and County.
 - 3) Commissioner Dr. Rodney Hood requested statistics or a report that shows comparison of crime statistics versus specific programs being implemented or specific Senate Bills being passed that impact the rise and fall of the statistics.
 - 4) Commissioner Gary Lynn requested statistics of community violence due to gang retaliation.
 - 5) Commissioner Lynn also shared that he belongs to the District Attorney's Inter-Faith Advisory Board and they are in the process of creating an application for a smart device that educates and trains officers on cultural sensitivity issues by telling them the way to conduct themselves in homes of other cultures.
- B. Probation Update – Commissioner, Chief of Probation, Mack Jenkins introduced Aaron Rhodes (in Jason Resch's absence)
 - 1) Passport to Life Event - 7th Annual job/educational resource fair

- 2) Probation will track how many youth are connected to jobs or resources
- 3) Commissioner Mack Jenkins explains that event has always had a phenomenal turnout with a lot of resource booths and many opportunities for education.
- 4) A list of workshops and invitations were handed out to the Commission.
- 5) Second Chance also presents a commendable curriculum and the Commission might want to have them present at a future meeting.
- 6) Commissioner Don Johnson requested statistics of gang members on probation this year versus last year's gang members on probation.

VI. Executive Director Report:

- A. Upcoming vacancies on the Commission
 1. Chair Rosa Ana Lozada announced that she will stay on as Chair until another is a replacement Chair.
 2. Commissioner Bishop Bowser requested that a Male and Female former gang member be appointed to the Commission.
 3. Distribution of (*Draft*) Annual Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2016 (will re-distribute, with correct fiscal year)
- B. Trauma Informed Care Resolution going to full City Council on July 28th, 2015 at approximately 10 am. Staff will send out information for those wanting to attend.

VII. Announcements

- A. Community Information Update

VIII. Adjournment: 7:26 pm

Materials Provided:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes for June 18, 2015 Special Meeting
- C. Annual Meeting Schedule
- D. Strategic Plan