



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2015
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room 2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego
MEETING: Number 276

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:37 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance

Monica Bauer	Shana Hazan	Susan Thompson Tschirn, Vice Chair
Dion Brown	Godwin Higa	Joel Trambley, Chair
Mark Dillion	Gagandeep Kaur	
Tiffany Harrison	Jessica Nare	

Excused Commissioners

Charles Gillig
Lorena Slomanson
Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner

Staff Present

Danell Scarborough, Exec. Director
Denise Sandoval, Exec. Assistant
Mike Giorgino, Deputy City Attorney
Don Giaquinto, Director of Protocol, Office of the Mayor

Approval of Minutes from the March 15th, 2015 – tabled

Non-Agenda Public Comment - none

ACTION AGENDA – New Business

- Debrief March Commission meeting – consider any further actions
 - Panel placement should be without backs to the audience
- 2015 Commission Priority Issues, Committees, and Action Items
 - *Assembly Bill (AB) 66 by Assemblywoman Shirley Weber:* This Bill would provide guidelines about when body worn cameras are to be operated, require notification of those being recorded, and prohibit law-enforcement officers involved in serious use-of-force incidents that result in serious bodily injury or death from viewing the video until they have filed an initial report.

- Deputy City Attorney offered that the HRC would be precluded from reviewing specific citizen complaints against San Diego Police officers, because that is not part of HRC's mission under the Municipal Code and is clearly the responsibility of the Citizen's Review Board for Police Practices (which Executive Director Danell Scarborough also administered until recently) under the San Diego City Charter.
- Request made that the item be continued in a committee forum.
- Committee Chairs and Action Plans
 - Commissioners identified the committees on which they would serve and chair
- Developing Standing Rules for Commission Business Meetings
 - Discussion regarding the ways to make the Commission meetings effective while respecting the requirements of the Brown Act.
- Gender-neutral restrooms in the City of San Diego (*handout*)
 - At the February 18th meeting the Commission was asked to research and take action or make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council on the issue.
 - Discussed HRC Intern's research on the background of the issue

Motion made by Commissioner Dion Brown: to have the Commission draft a letter to the Mayor and City Council and present it at the May agenda for discussion and voting on a recommendation. 2nd by Commissioner Monica Bauer

Commissioner Shana Hazan offered an amendment to: have the motion include training around the issue. Amendment accepted by Commissioner Dion Brown

Vote: Motion Passes

- Social Media Strategy and Implementation Guide (*handout*)- tabled
- Restorative Justice Summit (*handout*)
 - Human Relations Commission representatives for the Summit: Commissioner Godwin Higa, Commissioner Jessica Nare, and 1st Vice Chair Susan Thompson-Tschirn.
 - Pending Selection of 3 Commissioners from the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention and community representatives.
- Religious Freedom Restoration Act legislation and response –

Motion made by Commissioner Hazan: to draft a statement of the Commission's position communicating the requirement that the RFRA laws do not protect discrimination. 2nd: by Godwin Higa

Vote: Motion Passes

- Considering Commission support for SB10 Governor's Office of New Americans- tabled

INFORMATION AGENDA

Chair's Report

City Attorney's guidance on supporting HAN Minimum Wage Statement

Deputy City Attorney addressed Chair Joel Trambley's concerns about whether HRC's support for the Hunger Action Network's (HAN) minimum wage statement would constitute taking a position on the City's referenda minimum wage ordinance, which is set for a vote in June 2016. The Deputy City Attorney's response was as follows:

- HAN’s statement does not appear to endorse any particular proposal, because it states: “As specific minimum wage proposals are developed, [HAN] urges policymakers to evaluate whether these minimum wage increases are of maximum benefit to members of our community living in poverty and stand behind policies that supports our society as a whole.”
- Based on the Deputy City Attorney’s research the Commission (HRC) could take a position on a ballot measure in a properly noticed open and public meeting where all perspectives may be heard.

Executive Director’s Report:

- Update on legislation the Commission has supported (*handouts*) - tabled
- Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast table – the Commission will host a table, all are welcome to attend.

Commissioners’ Announcements

ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting will be May 20, 2015

Upcoming Events:

- Inter Religious Council Storytelling Event – The Golden Rule, April 26, 2015, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Central Library Auditorium
- Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, May 21, 2015, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Bayfront Hilton
- Day of Compassion, May 30, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Cherokee Point Elementary School
- CAHRO Southern California Convening, June 19, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. San Diego Central Library