

# CITY OF SAN GABRIEL

## HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS, AND RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021- 6:30 P.M.**

**City Hall Council Chamber  
425 South Mission Drive  
San Gabriel, California 91776**

**Due to Executive Order N-25-20 Members of the Commission may  
Teleconference into the meeting.**

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez  
Chair

Jorge Herrera  
Vice-Chair

Jacqueline Borja  
Commissioner

Michelle Brenhaug  
Commissioner

Susan Fitzsimmons  
Commissioner

Viki Goto  
Commissioner

Riaz (Rick) Khan  
Commissioner

Mark Lazzaretto  
City Manager

Keith Lemieux  
City Attorney

Julie Nguyen  
City Clerk

Kevin B. Sawkins  
City Treasurer



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# HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS AND RELATIONS COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

**Purpose of the Commission:** The purpose of the HEAR Commission is to advance and advocate for equity, access, diversity, social justice, safety, mutual appreciation, increased cultural competency, positive inter-group relations and respect for all members of the San Gabriel community (the "Purpose").

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:** Commissioner Khan
- **ROLL CALL:** Chair Jennings-Nuñez, Vice-Chair Herrera, Commissioner Borja, Commissioner Brenhaug, Commissioner Fitzsimmons, Commissioner Goto, and Commissioner Khan

## 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 3. ACTION ITEMS

### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the HEAR Commission meeting.

1. Minutes of the HEAR Commission Special Meeting of August 26, 2021.

Recommended Action: Approval.

## 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. GUEST SPEAKER- BERT NEWTON- MAKING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY HAPPEN

Mr. Newton currently serves at the Liaison and Outreach Coordinator for Making Housing and Community Happen. During his presentation Mr. Newton will speak on rezoning religious land for affordable housing and related local and state initiatives.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission receive and file this discussion item.

## **B. DISCUSSION OF THE ANNUAL WORKPLAN AND ACTION PLAN**

The Annual Workplan was approved with amendments at the June 15 City Council meeting. Commissioners will discuss progress made on each item. Primary items for discussion include items 2, 3, 5, and 7: Community Engagement, Youth Engagement, Accessibility, and Data Collection.

### Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission receive and file this discussion item.

## **C. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT**

Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee members to provide an update on progress made toward the development of a citywide Land Acknowledgement Statement.

### Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission receive and file this discussion item.

## **D. AGENDA TRANSLATION UPDATE**

City Manager, Mark Lazzaretto, to provide an update to the commission on the translation of City Council and HEAR Commission meeting agendas from English to Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.

### Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission receive and file this discussion item.

## **5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

Each Commissioner may address the HEAR Commission and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Commissioners to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended.

## 6. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff members have the opportunity to address the Commission and public on matters of general information and/or concern.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular HEAR Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. Information regarding matters to be considered at each meeting will be available on the Friday before the HEAR Commission Meeting on the City's website at [www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com).

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**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS, AND RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez called the special meeting of the HEAR Commission to order at 6:34 p.m. on Thursday August 26, 2021 with all Commissioners and staff participating by teleconference.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Borja.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Jacqueline Borja, Michelle Brenhaug, Susan Fitzsimmons, Viki Goto, Jorge Herrera, Riaz (Rick) Khan and Chasity Jennings-Nuñez  
**Commissioners Absent:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Recreation Supervisor Matthew Morales-Stevens provided information for the public on how to submit comments, and how to request meeting agendas. If you wish to address the HEAR Commission, e-mail all public comments to [mmoralesstevens@sgch.org](mailto:mmoralesstevens@sgch.org).

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

Hearing no objection, Chair Jennings-Nuñez announced the agenda order was approved.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Brenhaug, seconded by Commissioner Borja to approve the minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for July 27, 2021.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 7-0-0 as follows:

Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Khan, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez

Nays: None

Abstain: None

#### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. GUEST SPEAKER- DANI ANDERSON**

Ms. Anderson provided a community education presentation surrounding disability pride and culture, the Independent Living Movement, and improving communication between individuals with and without disabilities including attitudinal barriers and language use.

Public Comment: None

##### **B. DISCUSSION OF THE ANNUAL WORKPLAN AND ACTION PLAN**

The Annual Workplan was approved with amendments at the June 15 City Council meeting. Commissioners discussed progress made on each item. Primary items discussed at this meeting included Community Engagement, Youth Engagement and Partnerships.

Commissioner Borja provided an update on the research she has done related to the addition of a Youth Liaison to the Commission, resources that are available for youth in the City and the development of a survey.

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on the creation of a celebration for the Native American Heritage Month, including conversations with local tribal leaders.

Staff were directed to provide samples of surveys that the Community Services department has used in the past and provide an outline for the selection of a youth liaison.

Commissioner Borja volunteered to assist Commissioner Goto to develop questions for the youth survey.

Commissioners to send staff speaker recommendations for future meetings.

Public Comment: San Gabriel Community Services Commissioner, Bronwyn Stuart-Velazquez commented about looking forward to working with the H.E.A.R. Commission on future community events.

### **C. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT**

Staff discussed updates on the development of the Land Acknowledgment Statement, including the decision from City Council regarding the development of a Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee with the addition of two Council Liaisons.

Public Comment: None

Staff recommended that the HEAR Commission appoint two commissioners to serve on the Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Borja nominated Chair Jennings-Nuñez and Commissioner Brenhaug nominated herself. Hearing no other nominations Chair Jennings-Nuñez closed the floor to nominations and declared both herself, Chair Jennings-Nuñez and Commissioner Brenhaug Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee Members.

### **5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

Vice-Chair Herrera shared a quote by Steve Krug, "The one argument for accessibility that doesn't get made nearly often enough is how extraordinarily better it makes some people's lives. How many opportunities do we have to dramatically improve people's lives just by doing our job a little better?" Vice-Chair Herrera shared the importance of the HEAR Commission and the impact that it is making on the community.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons shared information she had related to the fiscal state of the City and urged the Commission to keep this in mind as they plan programs or events in the workplan.

Chair Jennings reminded Commissioners and community members to be active in their local government. She also provided a reminder of the upcoming election.

### **6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Mark Lazzaretto, City Manager, stated that at the September 7 City Council meeting the Council will be considering an item for translation of agendas from English into Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. The item will include costs associated to the translation of the Council and HEAR Commission agendas.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Next regular meeting held on September 28, 2021 via teleconference at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Danielle Adriano, Recreation Specialist

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2021:

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Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair