



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023  
MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS, AND RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez called the regular meeting of the HEAR Commission to order at 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brenhaug.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Jacqueline Borja, Michelle Brenhaug, Viki Goto Jorge Herrera, Chasity Jennings-Nuñez and Riaz (Rick) Khan

**Commissioners Absent:** Susan Fitzsimmons

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Community Services Manager, 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 [HEARCommission@sgch.org](mailto:HEARCommission@sgch.org).

The Commission had a moment of silence to remember the victims, families and communities affected by the recent gun violence, particularly those lost in Monterey Park on January 21.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

A motion was made by Chair Jennings-Nuñez and seconded by Commissioner Khan to table agenda item 4D until the next meeting.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:  
Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Borja

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Borja and seconded by Commissioner Herrera to approve the updated minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for January 24, 2023.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:  
Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Fitzsimmons

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez announced that two commissioners will not be returning for another term.

The Commission thanked Commissioner Fitzsimmons and Commissioner Borja for all their work in the HEAR Commission.

**B. DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN**

Manager Morales-Stevens provided the update on this item.

The Commission requested that the results from the Youth Engagement Survey and information regarding the Land Acknowledgment Statement be posted and/or linked to the HEAR Commission web page. They would like to consolidate the event pages and add photos. The Commission also requested guidelines for website content.

Public Comment: None

### **C. 2023 MENTAL WELLNESS EXPO PLANNING**

Manager Morales-Stevens provided the update.

The Commission asked if October 1<sup>st</sup> would conflict with Dumplings & Beer in regards to staffing. They commented that October would be better for students since they start school in September. The Commission discussed signage, the budget, length of event, souvenirs, and sponsorships. Instead of having a subcommittee to plan the event, they decided to set time aside during each meeting until October so that everyone can contribute.

Public Comment: None

### **5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Herrera offers support and prayers to community. He commends gentleman from Alhambra for his bravery.

Vice-Chair Goto offers her condolences to victims. She provided information for the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Hotline and the GoFundMe for Monterey Park victims. She recently attended the City of Hope Community Benefit Advisory Committee meeting. She offered information regarding the 2023 Healthy Living Grant. Vice-Chair Goto wanted to acknowledge that February is African-American Heritage Month and recommended a PBS American Experience program, *Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space*. She also shared that she applied for *StoryCorps: One Small Step*.

Commissioner Borja shares everyone's sentiments regarding the Monterey Park tragedy.

Commissioner Brenhaug voiced her feelings regarding the Monterey Park tragedy, the importance of mental health and community care.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez encouraged the community to utilize the resources. Also, she is volunteering for Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's homeless count in San Gabriel. She hopes the local library will have a book exhibit for Black History month. Chair Jennings-Nuñez will be sponsoring an art exhibit at Blossom Market which will be displayed there for the next two months.

### **6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Manager Morales-Stevens announced that two new commissioners will begin at the next meeting. There will be a commission re-organization. He also mentioned that the

participants of the after school program are working on crafts that coincide with the upcoming cultural celebrations.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled in person for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 28 day of February 2023:

  
Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair