



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022  
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, February 22, 2022 with all Commissioners and staff participating by teleconference.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Herrera.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Chair Jennings-Nuñez hearing no objections, the Agenda Order was approved.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Goto and seconded by Commissioner Borja to approve the minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for January 25, 2022.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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

##### **A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, CLARA TSANG**

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor introduced Clara Tsang. The Commissioners asked questions about her role within the City and how she will be able to reach all areas of the community.

Public Comment: None

##### **B. GUEST SPEAKER – HOP HOPKINS**

Commissioner Goto introduced Hop Hopkins, Director of Organizational Transformation with the Sierra Club. Mr. Hopkins provided a presentation about the connection between racial justice and the climate crisis.

The Commission asked clarifying questions and commended Mr. Hopkins and the Sierra Club on their work.

Public Comment: None

##### **C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN**

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor, presented this item. After the Commission discussed the item the following amendments were made:

The Commission proposed the following amendments to the workplan:

- Spell out acronyms for organizations and groups
- Develop a Social Services Fair with a concentration on Mental Health
- Develop a job fair
- Promote and/ or develop youth internships opportunities, including but not limited to a Social Media internship
- Make point under 2D more generic regarding recycling efforts
- Gather information on number of people clicking on translated agendas for HEAR Commission and City Council meetings

A motion was made by Commissioner Borja and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimmons to approve the amended 2022 Annual Workplan with amendments.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

#### **D. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT**

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor, provided the update.

He shared that a meeting will be scheduled before the next HEAR Commission meeting.

Public Comment: None

#### **5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Brenhaug and Commissioner Goto listened to a webinar hosted by the Los Angeles County Youth Commission centered around youth voice and mental health.

Commissioner Goto wanted to acknowledge that February 19 was the National Day of Remembrance marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Executive Order 9066. This order authorized the incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese descent in American detention camps during WWII. She recommended National Day of Remembrance, 80 years of Reckoning, a collaborative event hosted by National Park Service, the Smithsonian Institute, National Museum of American History and the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation along with 30 organizations around the country. This can be found on the National Park Service YouTube channel. In honor of Black History Month, she recommended a Netflix docuseries, *High on the Hog* which explores the history and influence of African American food.

Commissioner Khan travelled to Montgomery and attended presentations and reenactments of the Civil Rights Movement.

Vice Chair Herrera thanked Commissioner Goto for inviting speakers to the meetings.

Commissioner Borja mentioned the passing of Dr. Paul Farmer, he was the pioneer for healthcare as a human right. He introduced the concept of health community workers.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez suggested following the Sierra Club, and supporting them as they do so much work in climate and racial justice. She also encourages everyone to continue learning about Black History. She attended the Kinsey Collection at the Weisman Art Museum located at Pepperdine University. The Kinsley Family is a prominent African American family in Los Angeles who have an art collection full of African American art, relics from slave trade and slavery. You can also see their art at an exhibit held at So-Fi Stadium.

Public Comment: None

#### **6. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager, Mark Lazaretto discussed the possibility of in-person meetings.

Public Comment: None

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled in person for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 22 day of March, 2022:

  
Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair