



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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 6:38 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 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: Michelle Brenhaug, Cathie Chavez-Morris, Eric Chen, Viki Goto, Jorge Herrera, Chasity Jennings-Nuñez and Riaz (Rick) Khan

Commissioners Absent: None

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.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

A motion was made by Vice Chair Goto and seconded by Commissioner Chen to remove agenda item 4D.

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

Ayes: Brenhaug, Chavez-Morris, Chen, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew, longtime resident, commented on a Facebook post that was posted by Interim Chief Nakamura offering condolences to the family of Tyre Nichols. He stated that a member of the HEAR Commission left a reply that he believed to be disrespectful to the Chief and police officers.

Jackie Borja requested that all the commissions be included in the Recreation Guide calendar page. Additionally, she noted that one of the QR codes for public comment did not work. She wanted to commend Chair Jennings-Nuñez for organizing a fun-filled art exhibit in honor and memory of her father, and in celebration of Black History Month at Blossom Market Hall.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 5-0-2 as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Chavez-Morris, Chen

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Chair Jennings-Nuñez presented the item.

The Commission discussed the Youth Ambassador program's timeline, requirements, and deadlines. The deadline for submissions would be April 1st, however, there will be an extension if the minimum of 4 applicants is not met. A special meeting will be held before the April commission meeting for interviews.

Public Comment: None

B. 2023 MENTAL WELLNESS EXPO PLANNING

Commissioner Brenhaug presented the item.

The Commission would like to allocate funds for translation equipment to use at the workshops. They are requesting a budget of \$2,000 for the event and hope to receive additional sponsorships.

The Commission will divvy up responsibilities as follows:

- Marketing & Elected Officials Lead (Commissioner Chavez-Morris)
- Raffle Lead (Commissioner Herrera)
- Outreach Lead (Commissioner Chen)
- Activity Lead (Commissioner Brenhaug)
- Workshop Lead (Vice Chair Goto)
- Exhibitor Lead (Commission Khan)
- Volunteer Lead (Chair Jennings-Nuñez)

Public Comment: None

C. 2023 FINALIZE AND APPROVE 2023 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Chair Jennings-Nuñez presented the item.

The Commission would like to organize a Safe Space campaign during PRIDE month (June) this year instead of a job fair.

Commissioners discussed offering translations for meetings so that more members of the community can be informed.

Data collection from the police department will be added under internal partnerships on the workplan.

The Commission discussed adding a workshop for seniors regarding fraud prevention.

The Commission is interested in inviting speakers regarding environmental health, climate change and LGBTQIA+.

City Manager Lazzaretto provided information regarding the recruitment process for Chief of Police. The Commission asked if the public would have the opportunity to ask questions. Commissioners also inquired if there would be language in the job description regarding experience working with a diverse community.

Commission would like to push the accessible playground item to the Community Services Commission.

The Commission will have to put a hold on organizing an event for United Against the Hate to focus on other items.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice Chair Goto announced there will be a joint meeting on March 2nd with City Council and Planning Commission regarding affordable housing. She also congratulated Chair Jennings-Nuñez on her art exhibit. She wanted to recommend a PBS documentary series, *Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World*. Vice Chair Goto shared information regarding the Michelson Spark Grants for Digital Equity.

Commissioner Khan attended a health fair in Pomona, he would like to add something similar in the future.

Commissioner Herrera attended Chair Jennings-Nuñez's art exhibit and the San Gabriel Lunar New Year Celebration. He also participated in a speech and debate competition in Montebello in support of Gabrielino High School students. Commissioner Herrera shared that he held his 2nd community clean up in south San Gabriel, he thanked Manager Morales-Stevens for the use of equipment.

Commissioner Chavez-Morris announced that March is Women's History Month. She invited residents to attend an event, Women's Career & Wellness Expo hosted by her employer, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, on March 11.

Commissioner Chen is thankful to be a part of the commission.

Commissioner Brenhaug welcomed new commissioners Chen and Chavez-Morris.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez thanks everyone who made it to her event and announced that she received the Proclamation from the City for Black History Month.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

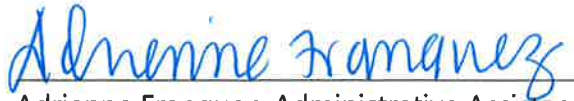
Manager Morales-Stevens stated that the commission reorganization will be held at the next commission meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 28 day of March 2023:



Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair