



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 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 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 with all Commissioners and staff participating by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fitzsimmons.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Michelle Brenhaug, Jacqueline Borja, Susan Fitzsimmons, Viki Goto, Jorge Herrera, Riaz (Rick) Khan*, and Chasity Jennings-Nuñez.
*Riaz (Rick) Khan joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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.

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 Brenhaug and seconded by Commissioner Khan to approve the minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for February 22, 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. COMMISSION RE-ORGANIZATION

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor, presented this item and provided instructions on this process.

Commissioner Khan nominated Commissioner Chasity Jennings-Nuñez to remain as Chair.

Commissioner Chair Jennings-Nuñez was selected as Chair by acclamation.

Commissioner Khan nominated Commissioner Jorge Herrera to remain as Vice Chair.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez nominated Commissioner Goto to serve as Vice Chair.

Adrienne Franquez, Clerk, took the vote for Commissioner Herrera.

Presented by a vote of 2-5-0 as follows:

Ayes: Herrera, Khan

Nays: Brenhaug, Borja, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Jennings-Nuñez,

Abstain: None

Adrienne Franquez, Clerk, took the vote for Commissioner Goto.

Presented by a vote of 5-2-0 as follows:

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

Nays: Herrera, Khan

Abstain: None

Commissioner Goto was selected as Vice Chair by a vote of 5-2-0.

Public Comment: None

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor, presented this item.

The Commission had the following suggestions:

- Scheduling the social services fair in September to spread out events.
- Proposal of guest speakers, Cheryl Shellhart, StoryCorps organization and inviting someone to come in and discuss residents' rights, citizen rights, immigrant rights and provide information to the public on how to run for local city office.
- Youth can make a video and hashtag celebrating their culture.

A motion was made by Commissioner Herrera and seconded by Chair Jennings-Nuñez to approve the development of a job fair in 2022.

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

Ayes: Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez,

Nays: Brenhaug, Borja, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Khan

Abstain: None

Public Comment: None

C. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on the development of the land acknowledgement statement.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Khan shared that April 2nd marks the 1st day of fasting for Ramadan.

Commissioner Herrera talked about his tour of the city, he visited different departments and interacted with city employees.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons attended the city council meeting held on March 1st. One of the guest speakers was Foothill Unity Center, they house and feed people who are homeless. They also provide educational training for job seekers.

Commissioner Brenhaug shared that it is World Doula week. She also talked about the various types of doulas and what they do.

Vice Chair Goto attended the Southern California Grantmakers panel discussion which addresses the urgency of youth mental health. Some of the takeaways were that there's funding available to address youth mental health, importance of incorporating the student voice, and to reach students "beyond the couch". They encourage healing through the community. She also wanted to honor Women's History Month, the Women's March Foundation is hosting a book read of *Feminism is for Everyone* by Bell Hooks on April 5th.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez shared that she and Vice Chair Goto participated in a discussion with Councilmember Denise Menchaca, Mayor Tony Ding and staff members of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. The LA County Board of Supervisors created a Blue Ribbon Commission on homelessness to evaluate the current governance system of homelessness services administration. They reviewed recommendations that are coming in from the Blue Ribbon commission and provided some input. She mentioned the San Gabriel Health & Wellness Fair and encouraged the commission to attend and meet residents. She also attended a leadership institute held at the Duke campus in North Carolina.

Public Comment: None

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor talked about the After School Program. The staff have planned activities to celebrate and also educate the participants on Lunar New Year and Black History Month.

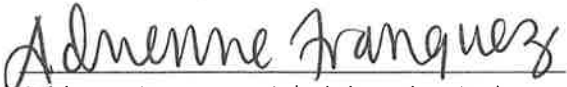
Public Comment: None

7. ADJOURNMENT

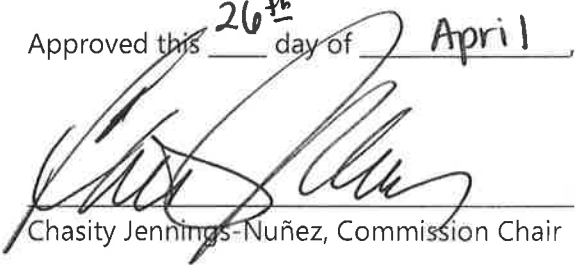
Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled in person for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 26th day of April, 2022:


Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair