



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, June 22, 2021
REGULAR 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 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 with all Commissioners and staff participating by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Community Services Manager, Lucy Hakobian.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Jorge Herrera and Viki Goto

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Commission approved the Minutes of the HEAR Commission Special Meeting on May 27, 2021.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE BROWN ACT PRESENTATION

Norma Tabares, with the City Attorney's office joined the meeting to present information regarding social media and the Brown Act. It included information on the Brown Act, Public Records Act and the First Amendment as it pertains to the use of social media by commission members.

Clarification was provided on the following:

- When speaking at a public forum it is important to differentiate between when it is appropriate to speak as a representative of the commission versus as a resident.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2021 ANNUAL WORKPLAN AND ACTION PLAN

The Commission discussed the amendments made to the 2021 Annual Workplan when it was approved during the June 15 City Council Meeting. The amendments were as follows:

- The addition of the Vietnamese language within item 5.a.ii- Accessibility
- The change from require to consider within item 1.a.ii- Equity training and Inequities in City Policies.

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor, noted that item 2, Community Engagement, was accidentally omitted from the action plan and the number sequencing was listed incorrectly.

After the commission discussed the action plan it was determined that each commissioner will be working toward accomplishing the following:

- Item 1: Equity Training and Inequities in City Policies
 - Lead: Chair Jennings-Nuñez
 - Commissioner Brenhaug
 - Commissioner Khan
- Item 2: Community Engagement
 - Lead: Commissioner Khan
 - Commissioner Brenhaug
 - Chair Jennings-Nuñez
- Item 3: Youth Engagement
 - Lead: Commissioner Borja
- Item 4: Community Information
 - All commissioners will play a role in developing this item
- Item 5: Accessibility
 - Staff are tasked with updating the Commission as translations of City Council meeting agenda is implemented
- Item 6: Partnerships
 - Lead: Commissioner Fitzsimmons
 - Commissioner Khan

- Item 7: Data Collection
 - Lead: Commissioner Brenhaug

Commissioners will bring a list of presenters to the next meeting so a schedule of speakers can be developed.

Commissioners will send resources and research on the topic that they are working on for discussion at the next meeting. Matthew Morales-Stevens will provide all of the combined information and send it to the commission in preparation for the next meeting.

It was noted, Chief Harris stated at the June 15 Council meeting that in January 2022 demographics for traffic stops will be required to be collected by police departments. This information is not currently available. This is pertaining to Data Collection, item 6.a.b within the Annual Workplan.

Matthew Morales-Stevens will reach out to Vice-Chair Herrera and Commissioner Goto to determine what items on the workplan they would like to take on.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Matthew Morales-Stevens provided background on what the Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Commission (HPCRC) has provided on this topic thus far.

The commission discussed how the HEAR Commission can work alongside the HPCRC to develop a cohesive statement.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/ MEETING REPORTS

Commissioner Borja stated that she listened to Father Greg Boyle speak on the topic of dis-compassion. Some of her key takeaways included:

- The level of compassion is seeing ourselves in kinship with others
- Being changed from the heart
- When we are helping others we are also changed
- Receive others and your heart will be altered

Chair Jennings-Nuñez provided some additional background information on Father Boyle.

Commissioner Brenhaug acknowledged Juneteenth and its new designation as a national holiday. She also mentioned a celebration/ freedom march that took place at Charles White Park in Altadena. She also mentioned that the Pasadena Foursquare Church is having a film screening of the film "Thorns on the Rose" on June 27.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez stated that the City Council read proclamations for Pride Month and Juneteenth. She also stated that she worked with the library to develop a Juneteenth display.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez stated that 211 LA County now has a reporting system for hate crimes. She has asked staff to determine if we can gather information from them specific to the San Gabriel community.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons stated that there are currently 6 persons who are homeless within the City of San Gabriel. She provided additional information on what the San Gabriel MET team has done to assist them. She also stated that there are 10 gangs and 150 gang members that are active within the City bounds.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Matthew Morales-Stevens provided an update on the availability to host the next commission meeting in person. Matthew will be reaching out to the commissioners that were not present to determine their comfortability level with hosting the meeting in person.

7. MEETING SCHEDULE

The HEAR Commission shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

8. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

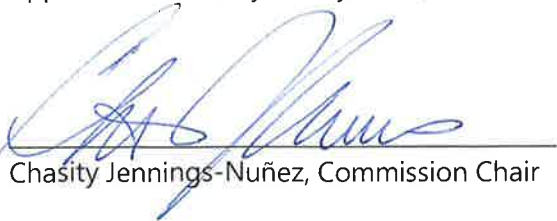
Next regular meeting on Tuesday, July 27 via teleconference at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Danielle Adriano, Recreation Specialist

Approved this __ day of July, 2021:



Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair