



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS, AND RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Goto called the regular meeting of the HEAR Commission to order at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 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 Khan.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Chasity Jennings-Nuñez

**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).

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

Vice Chair Goto hearing no objections, the Agenda Order was approved.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ann Kinney-Ettinger, would like to see climate change on a future agenda. She is a climate activist and believes San Gabriel's response to this crisis needs to improve such as declaring a climate emergency.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fitzsimmons and seconded by Commissioner Brenhaug to approve the minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for August 23, 2022.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:

Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Herrera, Khan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jennings-Nuñez

### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. DISCUSSION REGARDING STREET NAME CHANGE GUIDELINES**

Community Development Director Cervantes presented the item.

The Commission asked for clarification on the application and fees. They asked if the fee could be waived if the street name change is designated as one that fosters inclusion. They also asked what role the Historical Preservation Commission has in this process and requested to also be involved. The Commission wants to ensure that the process is fair. The Commission expressed concern over businesses using street names as a marketing strategy and believes the community will not be happy.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Khan for a short health break.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:

Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Herrera, Khan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jennings-Nuñez

**B. LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

Presented by LA County Department of Mental Health Supervising Community Health Worker, Amparo Ostojic

The Commission thanked Ms. Ostojic for participating at the Mental Wellness Expo. They had questions about their promoters and engagement. The Commission requested the results of the survey that was distributed at the event.

Public Comment: None

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

Vice Chair Goto presented this item.

The Commission provided a summary along with a video of the Mental Wellness Expo. The Commission received a lot of positive feedback from attendees and said the event was a success. They had suggestions for future events, including holding special meetings for events, shortening the event, choosing a different date so it does not conflict with Mexican Independence Day, and having real-time translation available for workshops. They also discussed ways to market the event next year.

The Commission discussed Native American Heritage Month. They agreed that a video is a great idea to bring awareness. Commissioners asked if there will be a guest speaker in the November meeting so that social science students can listen and learn about the history of San Gabriel. The Commission wants to see more engagement with the youth.

The Commission asked if a survey can be sent to employees via Human Resources to collect demographic data.

The Commission asked for an update on the Engagement Survey.

**5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Khan shared that ICNA Relief had a fundraiser and they collected \$1.2 million.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons announced she will be hosting a neighborhood watch event at her home.

Vice Chair Goto shared there will be lots of activities throughout LA County for Hispanic Heritage Month. She recommended the Tiny Desk Concert series which is featuring Latinx artists for those who do not want to be in crowds. She provided information regarding Day Without Us, a collective action and National teach in around reproductive justice that is organized by black women and supported by

Women's March Foundation. Vice Chair Goto also shared that California Clean Air Day will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.

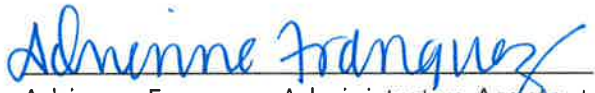
**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Goto adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled in person for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 25 day of October 2022:

  
Viki Goto, Commission Vice Chair