

CITY OF SAN GABRIEL
HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS, AND RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 28, 2023- 6:30 P.M.

City Hall Council Chamber
425 South Mission Drive
San Gabriel, California 91776

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez
Chair

Viki Goto
Vice Chair

Michelle Brenhaug
Commissioner

Cathie Chavez-Morris
Commissioner

Eric Chen
Commissioner

Jorge Herrera
Commissioner

Riaz (Rick) Khan
Commissioner

Mark Lazzaretto
City Manager

Keith Lemieux
City Attorney

Julie Nguyen
City Clerk

Kevin B. Sawkins
City Treasurer



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Purpose of the Commission: The purpose of the HEAR Commission is to advance and advocate for equity, access, diversity, social justice, safety, mutual appreciation, increased cultural competency, positive inter-group relations and respect for all members of the San Gabriel community (the "Purpose").

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY:** Commissioner Khan
- **ROLL CALL:** Chair Jennings-Nuñez, Vice Chair Goto, Commissioner Borja, Commissioner Brenhaug, Commissioner Fitzsimmons, Commissioner Herrera and Commissioner Khan

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the HEAR Commission meeting.

1. Minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting on January 24, 2023.

Recommended Action: Approval.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Commission members to continue working on the approved 2022 Annual Workplan.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission continue working on the 2022 Annual Workplan.

B. 2023 MENTAL WELLNESS EXPO PLANNING

Commission members to begin planning the 2023 Mental Wellness Expo, scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission begin working on the 2023 Mental Wellness Expo.

C. FINALIZE AND APPROVE 2023 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Commission members to develop a 2023 Annual Workplan to guide the commission's work throughout 2023.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission finalize and approve the 2023 annual workplan.

D. REVIEW THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT AND PROPOSED USES

Commission will review the updated land acknowledgement statement and proposed uses as submitted by the Land Acknowledgement Statement Advisory Committee.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the HEAR Commission approve the updated land acknowledgement statement and proposed uses for submission to council for approval.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Each Commissioner may address the HEAR Commission and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Commissioners to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff members have the opportunity to address the Commission and public on matters of general information and/or concern.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular HEAR Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Information regarding matters to be considered at each meeting will be available on the Friday before the HEAR Commission Meeting on the City's website at www.sangabrielcity.com.

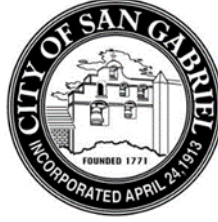
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**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL
HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS, AND RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jennings-Núñez called the regular meeting of the HEAR Commission to order at 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 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: Jacqueline Borja, Michelle Brenhaug, Viki Goto Jorge Herrera, Chasity Jennings-Núñez and Riaz (Rick) Khan

Commissioners Absent: Susan Fitzsimmons

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.

The Commission had a moment of silence to remember the victims, families and communities affected by the recent gun violence, particularly those lost in Monterey Park on January 21.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

A motion was made by Chair Jennings-Núñez and seconded by Commissioner Khan to table agenda item 4D until the next meeting.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:
Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Borja

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:
Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Fitzsimmons

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS

Chair Jennings-Nuñez announced that two commissioners will not be returning for another term.

The Commission thanked Commissioner Fitzsimmons and Commissioner Borja for all their work in the HEAR Commission.

B. DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Manager Morales-Stevens provided the update on this item.

The Commission requested that the results from the Youth Engagement Survey and information regarding the Land Acknowledgment Statement be posted and/or linked to the HEAR Commission web page. They would like to consolidate the event pages and add photos. The Commission also requested guidelines for website content.

Public Comment: None

C. 2023 MENTAL WELLNESS EXPO PLANNING

Manager Morales-Stevens provided the update.

The Commission asked if October 1st would conflict with Dumplings & Beer in regards to staffing. They commented that October would be better for students since they start school in September. The Commission discussed signage, the budget, length of event, souvenirs, and sponsorships. Instead of having a subcommittee to plan the event, they decided to set time aside during each meeting until October so that everyone can contribute.

Public Comment: None

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Herrera offers support and prayers to community. He commends gentleman from Alhambra for his bravery.

Vice-Chair Goto offers her condolences to victims. She provided information for the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Hotline and the GoFundMe for Monterey Park victims. She recently attended the City of Hope Community Benefit Advisory Committee meeting. She offered information regarding the 2023 Healthy Living Grant. Vice-Chair Goto wanted to acknowledge that February is African-American Heritage Month and recommended a PBS American Experience program, *Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space*. She also shared that she applied for *StoryCorps: One Small Step*.

Commissioner Borja shares everyone's sentiments regarding the Monterey Park tragedy.

Commissioner Brenhaug voiced her feelings regarding the Monterey Park tragedy, the importance of mental health and community care.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez encouraged the community to utilize the resources. Also, she is volunteering for Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's homeless count in San Gabriel. She hopes the local library will have a book exhibit for Black History month. Chair Jennings-Nuñez will be sponsoring an art exhibit at Blossom Market which will be displayed there for the next two months.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Manager Morales-Stevens announced that two new commissioners will begin at the next meeting. There will be a commission re-organization. He also mentioned that the

participants of the after school program are working on crafts that coincide with the upcoming cultural celebrations.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

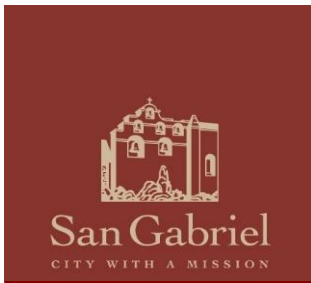
Next regular meeting is scheduled in person for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 28 day of February 2023:

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair



City of San Gabriel
MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 24, 2022

TO: HEAR Commission

FROM: Matthew Morales-Stevens, Recreation Supervisor

SUBJECT: **HEAR Commission Action Plan 2022**

SUMMARY

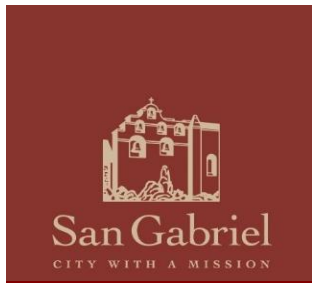
Below is the updated Workplan Action Plan for the HEAR Commission to review and discuss. This will continue to help guide the commission as they work to complete the tasks on the Annual Workplan.

TASKS	COMMISSIONER(S)
<p>1. <u>Equity Training and Inequities in City Policies</u> <i>(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Equity)</i></p> <p>a. Recommend that all city staff members be required to participate in implicit bias training.</p> <p>i. The HEAR Commission is available to assist with the development of this training requirement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead: Chair Jennings-Nuñez • Commissioner Brenhaug • Commissioner Khan
<p>2. <u>Community Engagement</u> <i>(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Diversity, Mutual Appreciation and Increased Cultural Competency)</i></p> <p>a. Develop and implement programs and events, possibly in partnership with the Community Services Commission and Department, that engage and educate the community to promote the goals of the HEAR Commission</p> <p>i. Examples include: a culturally-diverse movie night, an event to celebrate Native American Heritage Month, a mental health forum/ panel discussion including the San Gabriel Mental Evaluation Team, and development of a social services fair with a concentration on mental health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Commissioners will play a role in developing this item • Lead for Mental Health Forum: Brenhaug; additional commissioners to assist: Khan and Borja

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Ensure the City continues to recognize Native American Heritage Month and Black History Month, at minimum by proclamation with the hopes of expansion c. Guest speaker(s)/ educational program(s) - during the regular Commission meetings (one per month)- which relate to the scope of the Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Examples include: Bystander Training, anti-bias training, cultural diversity, mental health awareness, low income housing, homelessness and other relevant topics d. Develop and implement programs and activities that make sustainable practices accessible to everyone to reduce impacts of climate change on low and moderate income communities e. Develop a job fair 	
<p>3. Youth Engagement <i>(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Diversity and Access)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Collect data about the needs of youth in the community utilizing existing City platforms b. Add two youth liaisons to the current HEAR Commission to enable the youth voice to be heard within the community. Each representative would be chosen through an application process and selected by the Commission c. Promote and/ or develop youth internships opportunities, including but not limited to a Social Media internship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead: Commissioner Borja
<p>4. Community Information <i>(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Access)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Events page on website- to include events outside of those organized by the City, but which have a community benefit and are consistent with the purpose of the HEAR Commission b. Identify ways in which the City can provide additional social services to the community and determine/ specify what those services would be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead: Commissioner Goto • All Commissioners will play a role in developing this item

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Connect people with resources on a more local level- care coordination ii. Make resources available to economically disadvantaged youth c. Implement a resource page on the City website on various topics relating to the scope of the Commission 	
<p>5. Accessibility <i>(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Access)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recommend to City Council that two grants are developed utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist businesses in making their business more accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead: Commissioner Herrera
<p>6. Partnerships <i>(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Increased cultural competence and positive inter-group relations)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Seek partnerships with various agencies to address the purpose of the Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Examples include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partner with local museums and historical sites to develop an exhibit celebrating the cultural diversity located within the community, past and present 2. Partner with local agencies to facilitate the Commission’s programs including the Community Services and Historic Preservation & Cultural Resource Commissions, San Gabriel Police Department and the San Gabriel Unified School District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead: Commissioner Fitzsimmons • Commissioner Khan

<p>7. Data Collection (<i>Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Equity and Diversity</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Survey the community through various City marketing channels to determine what barriers to engagement exist. Possible questions include the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Are there cultural events you want to see implemented? Is what the City is currently offering meeting your cultural standards?ii. Are the activities and services that the City offers meeting the needs of the community?iii. Are there other services that the community feels the City should be offering?iv. How are you discovering information about what events, programs and services the City is offering?v. Do you feel informed about cultural events within the City?b. Gather information and analysis for traffic stops made by the San Gabriel Police Department and calls for suspicious people and vehicles made within the first six months of 2022 and receive the information from the Police Department by August 31, 2022c. Gather information on the demographics of the City employees and Commissions compared to the demographics of the City residentsd. Gather information on the number of people clicking on the translated agendas for the HEAR Commission and the City Council meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead: Commissioner Brenhaug• Commissioner Goto
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City of San Gabriel

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 24, 2023

TO: HEAR Commission

FROM: Matthew Morales-Stevens, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: **HEAR Commission 2023 Draft Annual Workplan**

SUMMARY

This is the draft Annual Workplan developed by the Human Equity, Access and Relations Commission and is intended for the 2023 calendar year.

Purpose of the Commission

The purpose of the HEAR Commission is to advance and advocate for equity, access, diversity, social justice, safety, mutual appreciation, increased cultural competency, positive inter-group relations and respect for all members of the San Gabriel community.

Scope of the Commission

The HEAR Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and reports directly to the City Council to assess and recommend policies, procedures and activities in the City government to advance the Commission's purpose. It is not intended for the HEAR Commission to be a quasi-judicial body, an oversight board, nor a body whose primary function is to receive or investigate individual incidents or complaints. The HEAR Commission may request and obtain information with respect to individual incidents or complaints, but only to the extent necessary to make policy, procedure or activity recommendations to the City Council.

Purpose of the Annual Workplan

The Annual Workplan is intended to guide the work of the HEAR Commission and outline the areas of focus for the remainder of 2023. It includes proposed programs and projects that will be implemented and completed throughout the year, some of which may extend beyond 2023. Some of the items have carried over from the 2022 workplan.

DRAFT 2023 WORKPLAN

The 2023 Workplan sets forth seven priority areas that the HEAR Commission has identified as key areas of interest in furtherance of its purpose. The following list of ideas,

programs and activities are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the action items the Commission can explore.

1. Equity Training and Inequities in City Policies *(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Equity)*
 - a. Recommend that all city staff members be required to participate in implicit bias training
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2. Community Engagement *(Meets the Goals and Purpose of the Commission for Diversity, Mutual Appreciation and Increased Cultural Competency)*
 - a. Develop and implement programs and events, possibly in partnership with the Community Services Commission and Department, that engage and educate the community to promote the goals of the HEAR Commission
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 - c. Gather information on the demographics of the City employees and Commissions compared to the demographics of the City residents
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Recommendations/ Notes from the November 2022 Meeting for Consideration:

1. Areas of convergence from the Community Engagement Survey:
 - a. Recognition of the indigenous population
 - b. LGBTQ+ community support
 - c. Consider developing a multicultural celebration
 - d. Disability awareness/ accessibility
2. United Against Hate week- potentially partner with another organization to mark the occasion
3. Development of a community service project
4. Further work to support the indigenous population in San Gabriel
5. Make recommendation to the City Council that the Implicit Bias training takes place for City employees every year or every other year.
6. Make recommendation to the City Council that the City develops and budgets for a multicultural event- perhaps in conjunction with the City's birthday celebration?
7. Make recommendation that the City develop a cybersecurity seminar/ resource
8. Update website with additional information on guest speakers and other items the commission is working on
9. Accessibility- Recommendation to City Council to make playgrounds more accessible- The commission may want to include specifics.
10. Youth Ambassador program- Provide deadline to staff for rollout of program
11. PD provide presentation with information on the process for traffic stops including information collected at the time of the stop and pulling the data collected.