



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 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 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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, Eric Chen, Viki Goto, Jorge Herrera, Chasity Jennings-Nuñez and Riaz (Rick) Khan

Commissioners Absent: Cathie Chavez-Morris

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

The agenda order was approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission had edits for the minutes, a missing word and word substitution.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Goto and seconded by Commissioner Herrera to approve the amended minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for February 28, 2023.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Chavez-Morris

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. RECOGNITION OF WOMAN OF IMPACT AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DR. CHASITY JENNINGS-NUNEZ.

Vice Chair Goto presented the item.

Denise Menchaca, President of the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club and the executive board congratulated Chair Jennings-Nuñez.

Public Comment: None

B. GUEST SPEAKER – LA COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Chair Jennings-Nuñez introduced the guest speaker, Salvador Avila, Senior Human Relations Consultant with the LA County Commission on Human Relations.

Mr. Avila provided a presentation regarding hate crimes in LA County.

The Commission asked the presenter about data collection, Trumpism, crimes towards white population, and recommendations for reporting hate crimes.

Public Comment: None

C. COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

Manager Morales-Stevens presented the item.

Vice Chair Goto nominated Chasity Jennings-Nuñez for Chair and the nomination was accepted.

Commissioner Herrera nominated Viki Goto for Chair, she respectfully declined.

Jennings-Nuñez was appointed Chair by acclamation.

Commissioner Khan nominated Viki Goto for Vice-Chair and the nomination was accepted.

Commissioner Herrera nominated Eric Chen for Vice Chair, he respectfully declined.

Goto was appointed Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Please note: Commissioner Khan left meeting after this item at 7:33pm.

D. DISCUSSION OF EQUITY VS EQUALITY

Vice Chair Goto provided the presentation.

Public Comment: None

E. FINALIZE AND APPROVE 2023 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Manager Morales-Stevens presented the item.

The Commission discussed the Youth Ambassador Program and provided edits to the workplan such as including information regarding the LGBTQ+ Safe Zone campaign. Additionally, they would like to increase engagement for groups of whom English is not their primary language. Commissioners proposed a seminar to show the community how the city works.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brenhaug and seconded by Vice Chair Goto to approve the amended workplan.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Chavez-Morris, Khan

F. 2023 MENTAL WELLNESS EXPO PLANNING

Manager Morales-Stevens presented the item.

The Commission recommended not including life insurance vendors at the event, they agreed that the exhibitors should be in line with mental health services.

Commissioners discussed the budget, shortening the event by one hour, guidelines for sponsorships, and live interpretation for workshops. The Commission suggested visiting other cities' meetings to discuss the event.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice Chair Goto wanted to note the passing of Judy Huemann, disability rights trailblazer. To learn more about Judy Huemann, she shared that Facing History and Ourselves will be hosting a full day reflection and action on their social media channels. Also, she attended a virtual suicide prevention training held by Changing Tides and QPR Institute.

Commissioner Herrera participated in an event with KCET & PBS So Cal helping people uncover their roots. Additionally, he toured LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, attended the 3rd Annual Kashubian Unity Day, 13th Annual Native Voices Short Play Festival at the Autry Museum, and San Gabriel's All City Pentathlon. He commends city staff for everything they do for the community.

Commissioner Chen assisted with relief efforts for Monterey Park victims. He attended a fundraiser by Elks Lodge for retired San Gabriel Police Lieutenant Jim Goodman who was injured in the Monterey Park shooting. He also shared information regarding a future guest speaker.

Commissioner Brenhaug attended the joint council meeting. She mentioned the recent mass shooting and expressed her sadness over the tragic event.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez attended an Abilities Expo Los Angeles at the LA Convention Center with Vice Chair Goto. She wanted to share that Ramadan was currently being observed and Cesar Chavez Day was approaching. She attended LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes as well and encouraged the public to visit the museum. She shared information regarding a 30-day DEI anti-racism challenge organized by her OBGYN Society and DEI Group.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Manager Morales-Stevens shared that the department hosted a part time LGBTQ+ 101 DEI training by Equality California.

7. ADJOURNMENT


Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled in person for Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this ²⁵~~28~~ day of ^{April}~~March~~ 2023:


Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair