



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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 6:37 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 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 Chavez-Morris.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Michelle Brenhaug, Cathie Chavez-Morris, Eric Chen, Viki Goto, Chasity Jennings-Nuñez and Riaz (Rick) Khan
Jorge Herrera joined the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Youth Ambassadors: Kelly Muñoz-Rios and Aaron Situ

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

Andrew wanted to welcome the Youth Ambassadors and had questions about the Safe Space program.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Goto and seconded by Commissioner Khan to approve the amended minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for April 25, 2023.

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. VIEWING OF TEDX TALK AND TREVOR PROJECT DISCUSSION

Presented by Chair Jennings-Nuñez.

The Commission thanked Chair Jennings-Nuñez for the presentation.

The Youth Ambassadors discussed concerns regarding using stickers for the Safe Space campaign, they suggested using posters instead. The youth ambassadors also believe that it's important to provide educational resources to everyone.

Public Comment: None

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE APPROVED 2023 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Presented by Chair Jennings-Nuñez & Vice Chair Goto.

The Commission shared photos from the Multicultural Art Pop-up at Play Day, they all participated in the event. Commissioners thanked Chair Jennings-Nuñez and Vice Chair Goto for providing the items that were offered at their booth.

Public Comment: None

C. DISCUSSION OF PRIDE MONTH AND SAFE SPACE CAMPAIGN

Presented by Chair Jennings-Nuñez and Manager Morales-Stevens.

The Commission explained the purpose of the campaign and shared they will rename the program to "All are Welcome". Commissioners discussed how businesses could participate, it would be an opt-in program. Information will be presented to the public at the HEAR Commission community booth at Surf's Up. The Commission asked if an LGBTQIA+ flag could be displayed in the City Chamber during Pride Month.

The Youth Ambassadors asked about safety for businesses against potential vandalism and suggested using universal symbols such as a rainbow for non-English speakers. They also recommended reaching out to the Gay Straight Alliance club at Gabrielino High School.

Public Comment: None

D. 2023 MENTAL WELLNESS EXPO PLANNING

Presented by Vice Chair Goto.

The Commission received a grant of \$5,000 from City of Hope for translation services for this event. The Commission provided updates on their respective areas of the event.

The Youth Ambassadors believe that Instagram would be helpful in engaging youth for the expo.

Public Comment: None

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Khan attended San Gabriel Play Day.

Commissioner Herrera welcomed the Youth Ambassadors. He also wanted to wish his mentor Helena Romero Shaw a happy birthday and congratulated her on receiving the Congressional Woman of the Year Recognition by Congresswoman Judy Chu.

Vice Chair Goto shared information regarding LA vs Hate: Summer of Solidarity, a celebration of LA County's cultural diversity. One of the first events will be held by the Asian Youth Center at Blossom Market on May 25. She also shared that if you would like to join in on festivities and show support to the LGBTQIA+ community, you can attend LA Pride on June 11.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez announced that AYC will be recognizing the HEAR Commission as participants for their pop-up events. She will be attending their event on May 25. Chair Jennings-Nuñez encourages the public to participate in the budget survey on the city's website, there will be a meeting on June 3 regarding the proposed 2023-24 budget held by City Manager Lazaretto and Finance

Director Kaholokula at the library. She announced that the next meeting will include a presentation on digital equity by Jorge Rivera, a founder of the Healing and Justice Center.

Commissioner Chen attended the community dance celebration at Lai Lai Dance Studio. He was able to speak with NBCLA about mental health in the Asian American community.

Commissioner Chavez-Morris wanted to acknowledge the achievements and celebrations of the AANHPI and Jewish American communities. May is AANHPI (Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander) Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month.

Commissioner Brenhaug attended San Gabriel Play Day and the SGUSD Arts Fest. She would like to see more collaborations amongst organizations in the city for events.

Youth Ambassador Munoz attended a showcase for the Gabrielino High School Speech & Debate Team.

Youth Ambassador Situ also attended the showcase and wanted to thank the Jefferson Middle School Speech & Debate Team for their help.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Manager Morales-Stevens shared that Commission Clerk, Adrienne Franquez was recently promoted to Management Assistant.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.


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

Respectfully submitted:



Adrienne Franquez, Commission Clerk

Approved this 27 day of June 2023:



Chasity Jennings-Nunez, Commission Chair