

Kerry A. Gerot, Chair
James Morgan, Vice Chair
Raul A. Añorve, Commissioner
Byron Bolton, Commissioner



Dean Chow, Commissioner
Sandy Horwitz, Commissioner
Zachary Tinker, Commissioner
Claudette Powers, Commissioner
Alyxandria Mancini, Commissioner

AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Gerot called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Commissioners Raul Añorve, Byron Bolton, Dean Chow, Kerry Gerot, Sandra

Present: Horwitz, Alyxandria Mancini and James Willis Morgan

Commissioners Claudette Powers

Excused:

Commissioners Zachary Tinker

Absent:

STAFF PRESENT

Angela Reynolds, Deputy Director of Development Services; Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Coordinator; and Beverly Langdon, Clerk Typist.

OTHERS PRESENT

Porter Gilberg, Administrative Director of The Center Long Beach; Herlinda Chico, Executive Board Member of the Long Beach Lambda Democratic Club

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER
12, 2013 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**A motion was made by Commissioner Horwitz, seconded by
Commissioner Añorve, to approve recommendation. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 5 - Raul Añorve, Byron Bolton, Dean Chow, Kerry Gerot and
Sandra Horwitz

Abstain: 2 - Alyxandria Mancini and James Willis Morgan

Excused: 1 - Claudette Powers

Absent: 1 - Zachary Tinker

Commissioner Powers arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Commissioner Tinker arrived at 6:04 p.m.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chair remarks - Kerry A. Gerot, Chair

Chair Gerot stated the commission is trying to move forward with the pilot program on anti-bullying with the Parks department. The commission will invite Rob Howard with CCEJ to the next meeting to present his program.

b. Discussion on Municipal Code 9.30.020 - Porter Gilberg, The Center Long Beach and Torry Carrick, Human Rights Campaign

Torry Carrick was not in attendance.

Porter Gilberg gave out handouts and presented The Center's recommendations* for

changes to the existing language in Long Beach Municipal Code 9.30.020.

Currently

the code criminalizes transgender people when they use restrooms that do not correspond to their sex as it is listed on their I.D.'s.

*Policy Recommendations by The Center Long Beach:

1) Repeal MC 9.030.020 -

“Appropriate sex” is vague and criminalizes both transgender people and parents taking small children over the age of 5 into restrooms with them.

2) Recommend City Attorney draft the following ordinance -

Anti-discrimination ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity

in employment, housing and public accommodations.

3) HRC Study Session reviewing existing policies in other cities related to anti-discrimination policies, police detainment and incarceration procedures, and gender-neutral public restroom policies as they relate to transgender

Discussion ensued.

5. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Raul Añorve, Byron Bolton, Dean Chow, Kerry Gerot, Sandra

Present: Horwitz, Claudette Powers, Alyxandria Mancini, James Willis Morgan and Zachary Tinker

6. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
CENTER LONG BEACH

A motion was made by Commissioner Mancini, seconded by Commissioner Horwitz, to support The Center's recommendations 1 and 2, specifically about the use of the public restroom; to be in line with the what of State of California currently has on record; to bring to the City Council to consider changes in the code and to support all of the citizens of Long Beach. No vote was taken.

A Substitute Motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Anove, to add to the motion the following: to include no discriminatory language and that members of law enforcement be trained and educated as it pertains to the new ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Raul Añorve, Byron Bolton, Dean Chow, Kerry Gerot, Sandra Horwitz, Claudette Powers, Alyxandria Mancini, James Willis Morgan and Zachary Tinker

Commissioner Horwitz excused herself from the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anorve, seconded by Commissioner Mancini, to send a letter in support of the recommendations to Vice Mayor Garcia. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**c. Discussion on discriminatory laws against the LGBT community in Russia
- Cory Allen, President and Herlinda Chico, Secretary Lamda Democratic Club**

Cory Allen was not in attendance.

Herlinda Chico presented information on the LB Lambda Democratic Club's history and their response to Russia's LGBT discrimination laws and the Sister City organization. They support the public display of Long Beach's resolution at the Socchi Friendship Tree at Recreation Park. They are discussing sending a delegation to Socchi, Russia and including a representative from the LGBT community.

Discussion ensued.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner District Updates and Announcements

Commissioner Anorve announced the Center and CCEJ are hosting a free event at the Center for the 2012 LA County Hate Crimes Report on November 6, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In attendance will be Long Beach Police Chief McDonnell, members of the Muslim, African-American and LGBT communities.

Commissioner Tinker reminded the commission of the CCEJ Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at The Grand. Teresa Gomez added that Commissioner Tinker is being honored as Volunteer of the Year.

Herlinda Chico invited the commission to the Lamda Democratic Club's meetings held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Center.

Teresa Gomez announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. October 16, 2013 is Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear purple to show support to end violence against women. A Candlelight Vigil Walk in honor of survivors will be held on Friday, October 18th, 2013.

Commissioner Morgan announced that today, October 10th, is National Coming Out Day. Teresa Gomez added that teachers were wearing buttons to show their support and to make the students feel safe.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Anorve, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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