

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES BUREAU
100 W. BROADWAY, SUITE 550, 5:30 PM**

Jeannine Pearce, Chair
Miles McNeeley, Vice Chair
Sandy Horwitz, Commissioner
Byron Bolton, Commissioner
Stephen Gallagher, Commissioner
Rohida Khan, Commissioner



Elisa Buchanan, Commissioner
Nikole Cababa, Commissioner
Otis Hogan, Commissioner
Desmond Fletcher, Commissioner
Elaine Bernal, Commissioner
Veronica Quincy, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair McNeeley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Miles McNeeley, Elaine Bernal, Byron Bolton, Stephen Gallagher, Otis Hogan, Rohida Khan

Commissioners Excused: Jeannine Pearce, Nikole Cababa, Desmond Fletcher, Sandy Horwitz, Elisa Buchanan, Veronica Quincy

Commissioners Absent: None

A quorum was not present.

STAFF PRESENT

Tracy Colunga, Special Projects Officer, Neighborhood Relations
Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator
Dinah Sheriff, Clerk Typist

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING.**

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

The minutes were not approved because a quorum was not present.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chair Remarks - HRC Chair

Vice Chair McNeeley spoke of a possible hate crime that took place recently in Belmont Shore. A member of the community asked Vice Chair McNeeley to bring attention to the fact that there is no LGBT liaison at the Long Beach Police Department. Many cities that have them including New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Gardena, Irvine and Fargo among others. Vice Chair McNeeley proposed a future discussion on giving support to have a liaison at the Long Beach Police Department that specializes in LGBT issues.

Discussion ensued.

Teresa Gomez stated that in the past, the Long Beach Police Department had an LGBT Advisory Group.

Discussion ensued.

B. My Brother's Keeper Long Beach Update - Tracy Colunga, Special Projects Officer

Tracy Colunga gave a brief overview on the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge, put together by President Obama's Administration to provide a focused effort for young men and boys of color across the country. The unveiling of the My Brother's Keeper Action Plan is being planned for late January or early/mid February 2016. The Human Relations Commission will be notified of the date once it is confirmed.

Discussion ensued.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Subcommittee Reports - All Commissioners

Vice Chair McNeeley reported on the Safe Communities Workgroup he attended.

Tracy Colunga provided an overview on the Safe Communities Workgroup.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Commissioner District Updates and Announcements

Vice Chair McNeeley announced the following:

- Gun Violence March on December 11 at 4:00 p.m., starting at First Congregational Church and also at Drake Park, converging at the Courthouse. It will be followed by a rally at 5:00 p.m. to address the issue of gun violence and gun control.
- 2nd Annual Peace on Earth Holiday Event on December 19, from 2-5 p.m. at Peace Park.

Commissioner Cababa announced that on December 16, from 5-8 p.m. at Cabrillo High School, a community event will be held for students to show what they accomplished during the semester.

Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator, announced that the Youth Exploitation Safety Symposium (Y.E.S.S.) is scheduled for February 20, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Long Beach City College, Liberal Arts Campus.

Discussion ensued.

Tracy Colunga asked that the Commissioners consider setting aside time at the January or February meeting to discuss creating an agenda of what the Human Relations Commission would like to focus on in 2016.

Discussion ensued.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Bolton, seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.