

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
MULTI-SERVICE CENTER FOR THE
HOMELESS
1301 W. 12TH STREET
LONG BEACH, CA 90813, 5:30 PM**

Miles McNeeley, Chair
Elaine Bernal, Vice Chair
Elisa Buchanan, Commissioner
Nikole Cababa, Commissioner
Shane Devins, Commissioner



Desmond Fletcher, Commissioner
Otis Hogan, Commissioner
Rohida Khan, Commissioner
Veronica Quincy, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Commissioners Elisa Buchanan, Nikole Cababa, Shane Devins, Otis Hogan,

Present: Rohida Khan, Veronica Quincy, Elaine Bernal and Miles
McNeeley

Commissioners Desmond Fletcher

Absent:

STAFF PRESENT

Tracy Colunga, Neighborhood Relations Officer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-005HR RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2016
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

**A motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by
Vice Chair Bernal, to approve recommendation. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 8 - Elisa Buchanan, Nikole Cababa, Shane Devins, Otis Hogan, Rohida Khan, Veronica Quincy, Elaine Bernal and Miles McNeeley

Absent: 1 - Desmond Fletcher

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jayleen Westfall, Resident Service Supervisor at Century Housing/Century Villages at Cabrillo provided an overview of the the services Century Villages at Cabrillo provides.

Bobbie Scott, Lead Supportive Service Coordinator, provided an overview of the services Alliance for Housing and Healing provides.

Amy Davis-Pacheco, Director Housing Programs and Services, Mental Health America of Los Angeles provided an overview of the services Mental Health America of Los Angeles provides

Ben Espitia, Director of Workforce Development, Goodwill, provided an overview of the job training/placement services provide by Workforce Development.

Josh Butler, Executive Director, Housing Long Beach, spoke about renter rights and affordable housing.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of New Human Relations Commission Chair and Vice Chair - Pablo Rubio, City Clerk Specialist

Motion: To nominate Vice Chair McNeeley as Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Quincy, no second required.

Vote: To nominate Vice Chair McNeeley as Chair of the Human Relations Commission. (Carried 8-0)

Yes: 8 - Elisa Buchanan, Nikole Cababa, Shane Devins, Otis Hogan, Rohida Khan, Veronica Quincy, Elaine Bernal and Miles McNeeley

Absent: 1 - Desmond Fletcher

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Bernal as the Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

Moved by Chair McNeeley, no second required.

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Cababa as the Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Buchanan, no second required.

Vote: To nominate Commissioner Bernal as the Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission. (Carried 5-2)

Yes: 5 - Nikole Cababa, Shane Devins, Otis Hogan, Rohida Khan, and Elaine Bernal

No: 2 - Elisa Buchanan, and Veronica Quincy

Abstained: 1 - Miles McNeeley

Absent: 1 - Desmond Fletcher

B. Chair Remarks – Newly Elected Chair

Chair McNeeley thanked the Commissioners for the nomination. He also spoke about the issues the Human Relations Commission would like to address.

C. New Commissioner Appointment Process - Pablo Rubio, City Clerk Specialist

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk Specialist, provided a brief overview of the Commissioner Appointment Process.

D. Discussion of Community Forums on Homelessness - Miles McNeeley, Human Relations Commissioner

Commissioner McNeeley spoke.

Tonya Burns, Executive Director, Children Today, provided an overview of the services provided by Children Today.

The Associate Director of People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), spoke regarding the service provided to homeless families.

Discussion ensued.

Joe Ganem spoke about Just Cause eviction and affordable housing.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cababa spoke about the lack of sufficient funds for emergency housing for domestic violence victims.

Amy Davis-Pacheco, Director Housing Programs and Services, Mental Health America of Los Angeles, responded.

Commissioner Khan inquired about services for human trafficking victims.

Dale Neal, Long Beach Rescue Mission, responded.

Commissioner Buchanan inquired about domestic violence victims.

Discussion ensued.

Joe Ganem spoke about the Homeless Summit he is planning.

Dale Neal spoke about homeless college students.

- E. Update on Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations State Grant - Tracy Colunga, Neighborhood Relations Officer

Tracy Colunga, Neighborhood Relations Officer, provided an update on Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations State Grant.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update and Overview on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) - Tracy Colunga, Neighborhood Relations Officer

Tracy Colunga, Neighborhood Relations Officer, provided an update and overview on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Discussion ensued.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Commissioner District Updates and Announcements

Commissioner Cababa announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Filipino Awareness Month.

Discussion ensued regarding the commemoration of Larry Itliong by the City Council. A letter will be prepared and forwarded to City Council on behalf of the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Hogan announced that September 10, 2016 is the grand opening of the Michel Obama Neighborhood Library.

Tracy Colunga, Neighborhood Relations Officer, announced that Men Standing Against Trafficking (MSAT) is hosting an event on October 18, 2016; and that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Commissioner Bernal announced two events being held at Cal State Long Beach. On September 11, there will be a 9/11 Remembrance in the Student Union, and on September 16 at the Vietnam Sculpture, there will be a POW/MIA flag pole ceremony.

Chair McNeeley announced that he will agenzize the housing issue that Josh Butler talked about during Public Comment.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chair McNeeley, seconded by Commissioner Bernal, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.