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MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.
- Commissioners in Attendance: Stacy Twilley, Jay Sanderson, Rosa Russell, Herpsima Khatchadorian, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Melany de la Cruz-Viesca, Courtney Morgan-Greene, Anthony Mack, and Irene Tovar.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD: No public comments were made.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 2021 Special Meeting Minutes were approved after correction of Commissioner Jay Sanderson's attendance.

IV. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- General Manager Capri Maddox provided department updates including the onboarding of a FUSE Fellow who will be tasked to help with the "Equity and Empowerment (E²)" program. Additionally, Ms. Maddox shared that the Public Rights Fellow Request is moving forward. Ms. Maddox informed the Commission that the Discrimination Enforcement Ordinance was passed and approved by City Council.
- Ms. Maddox informed the Commission that more department staff positions were requested in the 2021-2022 budget response, which will be heard by Budget and Finance Committee on Monday, May 3, 2021. She also shared that the construction of the LA Civil Right Department office space under construction is 73% complete.
- Ms. Maddox announced a series of completed and pending events including the partnership with Council District 7 for Digital Safety and Security Event, called "REAL TALK" and an upcoming cross-cultural round table discussion with the African American and Asian American community called "FORWARD TOGETHER," on April 29th. Lastly, she discussed budgets of new grants for community-based organizations and "Healing Centers" program that were detailed in the State of the City Address by Mayor Garcetti.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

- Barak Vaughn, Office of the City Attorney, presented the new Brown Act Social Media Provision AB-992, which took effect on January 1, 2021. The provision

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amended the Brown Act stating that a public official may communicate on social media platforms to answer questions, provide information to the public or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter within the legislative body's subject matter jurisdiction.

- Transgender Advisory Council Chair, Karina Samala, invited the commission to volunteer for the Midnight Stroll Event on April 30th from 4 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. where they will be handing out goodie bags and informing unhoused individuals about HIV testing, COVID testing and vaccines. Ms. Samala spoke about her upcoming meeting with LAPD Chief Bea Girmala regarding safety for the Transgender community. She is working to have additional park lighting and new security cameras installed to improve public safety for Trans and gender non-binary individuals at McArthur Park in the Pico Union area. Ms. Samala also updated the commission about the completed St. Johns Vaccination Event where over 100 people were vaccinated.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- Department Communications Director Mark Pampanin read two drafted statements that were being considered by the HRC regarding the officer involved shooting of Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota and a second statement condemning the shooting death of Adam Toledo at the hands of the Chicago Police Department.
- The Commission approved with one "abstain" and one "no" vote the statement related to the shooting death of Daunte Wright pending review by the Mayor's Office.
- The statement related to Adam Toledo was discussed and the Commission voted to allow further review and consideration.
- Commissioner De La Cruz-Viesca invited everyone to multiple AAPI Heritage Month events including Community Day of Service, a neighborhood cleanup on Sunday, May 2nd in El Pueblo at from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The APAHM Opening Ceremony will be led by Mayor Garcetti, Councilman John Lee and Councilwoman Nithya Raman, and our Executive Director Capri Maddox, will take place on May 6th at 4 p.m. Lastly, she shared that the AAPI PSA Art Campaign will be moving forward, the City Council approved a motion to formally make the campaign official, and it will be rolling out towards the end of May.
- Commissioner Courtney Morgan-Greene updated the Commission on the Dinner Dialogue report which will be completed and discussed at the May 2021 meeting.

VII. ANOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Irma Beserra-Nunez was officially sworn in to the El Pueblo Commission and has officially vacated her seat on the HRC Board.
- Board elections will be held in July 2021.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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