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MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.
- Commissioners in Attendance: Angelica Solis-Montero, Anthony Mack, Courtney Morgan-Green, Melany de la Cruz-Viesca, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Rosa Russell, Irene Tovar, and Stacy Twilley.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 28, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director Capri Maddox shared that the City Council approved the final budget allocation which allows for 6 additional staff positions to assist with the discrimination enforcement division, including an Assistant General Manager to handle legal operations.
- Ms. Maddox introduced Ronnell Hampton, FUSE Fellow, and Joey Garcia, Human Relations Advocate, who both recently joined the Department.
- Ms. Maddox shared that Ms. Kande Lewis was recently appointed as a new commissioner to the Commission on Civil Rights. She noted that the new Reparations Commission may also be joining the Department.
- Ms. Maddox provided an update for the on-going construction of the new LA Civil Rights office space, currently at 93% completion.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

Transgender Advisory Council (TAC), Chair Karina Samala

- Karina Samala reported that the Midnight Stroll program, managed by the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), hosted by the TAC at multiple locations throughout Los Angeles city, distributed 72 bags (which included water, sandwiches, snacks, and resource pamphlets) to unhoused individuals. APAIT also provided on-site HIV testing at some of these events.
- Commissioner Khalsa praised the efforts and offered to personally donate cost for 100 bags to be provided.
- Ms. Samala noted the challenges related to a survey to capture data to indicate needs and gaps of resources.

- She announced free self-defense classes being offered for the LGBT+ community via the Transgender Advisory Council in partnership with LAPD.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- Commissioner Morgan-Greene presented the final Dinner Dialogue report recommendations and highlighted key finding from the report. Overall, Commissioner Morgan-Greene stressed the importance of implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion as the primary cornerstone in several of the recommendations. She further expanded on the fundamentals of implementing community sourced recommendations as well as continued dialogues between LAPD and communities. Several of the recommendations focused on shifting internal culture of LAPD, learned best practices, and the strategic transfer to non-law enforcement services such as mental health interventions. The full [report](#) and recommendations can be found on the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department's [website](#).
- Commission President Solis-Montero noted that the Human Relations Commission is due to hold its executive board elections during the July 28, 2021 meeting. Additional instructions will be provided to commissioners.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT

- Follow the City of LA social media platforms for more information on LGBTQ+/PRIDE Heritage Month and Immigrant Heritage Month.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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