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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission President Anthony Mack called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. along with Vice President Stacy Twilley, 2nd Vice President Angelica Solis-Montero, and Commissioners Courtney Morgan-Greene, Rosa Russell, Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, and Brooke Wirtschafter in attendance. Commissioner Ysabel Jurado joined the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Herpsima Khatchadorian and Irene Tovar were absent.

Also in attendance were Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Christy Numano-Hiur, Deputy City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator, Sheldon Cruz, Director of Youth Engagement and James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II.

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public comment period was opened but there were no speakers to address the Commission, therefore public comment was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The review and approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Special Meeting.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Special Meeting. Commissioner Twilley seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Russell
Seconded: Twilley
Ayes: Mack, Solis-Montero, De La Cruz-Viesca, Wirtschafter
Abstained: Morgan-Greene
Absent: Jurado, Khalsa, Khatchadorian, Tovar

Vote: 7 - 0

The motion passed.

4. FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB-361

The continuation of teleconference meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB-361) was discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Wirtschafter made a motion to adopt the findings of AB-361 and continue holding Commission meetings via teleconference. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Wirtschafter
Seconded: Russell
Ayes: Morgan-Greene, Jurado, Mack, Solis-Montero, De La Cruz-Viesca, Twilley
Absent: Khalsa, Khatchadorian, Tovar

Vote: 8 - 0

The motion passed.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager gave the GM Report on behalf of Capri Maddox, General Manager and Executive Officer. She noted several highlights from the 2021 LA Civil Rights year end in review. CHRED accomplished the following: Along with the Mayor's Office and Council Members launched the Reparations Advisory Council; Launched the largest anti-hate PSA campaign in City Government history; Created the L.A. Repair Innovation Fund, LA's first Participatory Budget Pilot program which will bring 8.5 million dollars to 9 underserved LA communities; Held events to vaccinate hundreds of Angelenos against COVID-19; Published the Department's report calling for equity in disaster response; Trained hundreds of Angelenos on hate prevention; Led two days of service for the Tom LaBonge Day of Service; The Human Relations Commission published its report on policing in South LA; Created multi-lingual programming on standing up to workplace discrimination; In partnership with NFL Media and LA Partners in Homeownership held workshops to aid first time home buyers; Launched the LA for All partnership with Cal State LA students; and opened the CHRED offices and the John Lewis Conference Center. She also noted that the Department hired a consultant for the Department's Strategic Plan.

6. TAC REPORT:

Karina Samala, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Council spoke in memoriam of two close colleagues who passed in December of 2021. Ms. Zamora and Ms. Monroy were held in remembrance.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to commemorate the 1992 Civil Unrest. Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator opened the discussion

Commissioner Morgan-Greene made a motion to establish the 4-29 Ad Hoc Committee to create and implement programming on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the 1992 Civil Unrest. Commissioner Twilley seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Morgan-Greene
Seconded: Twilley
Ayes: Jurado, Mack, Solis-Montero, Russell
Absent: Khalsa, Khatchadorian, Tovar, De La Cruz-Viesca, Wirtschafter

Vote: 6 - 0

The motion passed.

The Commissioners who volunteered for the 4-29 Ad Hoc Committee are Morgan-Greene, Solis-Montero, Russell, De La Cruz-Viesca, Twilley and Wirtschafter.

The Commission then discussed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the “LA for All” Art Exhibit. Mark Pampanin, Communications Director opened the discussion.

Commissioner Solis-Montero made a motion to form the “LA for All” Art Exhibit Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Solis-Montero
Seconded: Russell
Ayes: Morgan-Greene, Jurado, Mack, Twilley
Absent: Khalsa, Khatchadorian, Tovar, De La Cruz-Viesca, Wirtschafter

Vote: 6 - 0

The motion passed.

The Commissioners who volunteered for the “LA for All” Art Exhibit Ad Hoc Committee are Solis-Montero and Jurado.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Russell announced that for the AAHM celebration, the City Council will honor Thelma Houston, The Whispers, Dr. Shirley N. Webber, Dr. John Griffin, Kedren Health Center and Judge Eric. C. Taylor at its opening ceremony on Friday, Feb. 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Mack, asked the Commission for suggestions on the Human Relations Commission's celebration of Black History Month. His suggestion was to invite Mr. Michael Lawson and Mr. Drake Dillard to discuss the Destination Crenshaw Project.

Mark Pampanin announced two events on Channel 35 for African-American Heritage Month. "How I Made It" and "Standing up to Anti-Black Hate" featuring Commissioner Anthony Mack. Commissioner Mack also appeared on the TV show "LA Currents" also on Channel 35.

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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