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Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission President Anthony Mack called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. along with and Commissioners Courtney Morgan-Greene, Ysabel Jurado, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Herpsima Khatchadorian, Rosa Russell, Irene Tovar, Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, in attendance. Commission Vice President Stacy Twilley joined the meeting at 12:10 p.m. 2nd Vice President Angelica Solis-Montero joined at an unspecified time. Commissioner Brooke Wirtschafter was absent.

Those also in attendance include Capri Maddox, Executive Director and General Manager, Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (CHRED); Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Christy Numano-Hiur, Assistant 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 16, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Morgan-Greene made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 26, 2022 Special Meeting. Commissioner Khatchadorian seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 9 - 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 Tovar made a motion to adopt the findings of AB-361 and continue holding Commission meetings via teleconference. Commissioner Singh Khalsa seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 9 - 0

The motion passed.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Capri Maddox, Executive Officer and General Manager gave an update on the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department's activities.

6. AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Drake Dillard, AIA, NOMAC, Senior Project Manager at Perkins & Will presented "Destination Crenshaw" an inspiring new project that celebrates Black LA. Michael Lawson PhD, President and CEO of the LA Urban League gave supporting comments and spoke on the impact the project would have on the Black community of Los Angeles.

7. AD Hoc Committee Updates:

Commissioner Morgan-Greene provided an update on the Forward Together Committee, then Commissioner Jurado apprised the Commission on the progress of the LA for All Committee.

8. TAC REPORT:

Karina Samala, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Council gave an update on the Council's latest efforts. She also introduced two of her colleagues. Mallery Jenna Robinson and Carla Ibarra are the newest members of the TAC.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Russell announced that Thursday, Feb. 24 is closing day of the celebration of Black History Month per the flyer she previously shared. Commissioner Mack reminded the Commissioners to complete the Strategic Plan survey.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

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