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**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

- The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. The Human Relations Commission (HRC) President, Angelica Solis-Montero, welcomed and introduced new members Ysabel Jurado and Brooke Wirtschafter.
- Commissioners in Attendance: Angelica Solis-Montero, Anthony Mack, Courtney Morgan-Green, Ysabel Jurado, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Herpsima Khatchadorian, Irene Tovar, Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, Brooke Wirtschafter.

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 23, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Executive Director Capri Maddox provided an overview of some of the projects the department has worked on as they mark their one-year anniversary. A summary of those projects and victories was shared with the Mayor's Office. The LA Civil Rights Department will officially open to the public in early September.
- Ms. Maddox shared that the Department has secured 29 positions to fill. Claudia Luna was selected as the Assistant General Manager to work on the Admin side; Joey Garcia is the new Director of Innovation; and a Public Rights Project Fellow will join the Department in September.
- Ms. Maddox highlighted some of the department's community events: Youth Jam, Know Your Rights Bystander training, Valley Pride, LA for All, and Kedren.
- Ms. Maddox noted that the HRC Dinner Dialogue Report that has been submitted to the Mayor and the Report on Immigration Issues are both available on the department's website.

- Ms. Maddox added that the department will do a presentation at the upcoming City Council Immigration Affairs meeting to share some of the programming and services they think the City should support.
- Ms. Maddox shared that the department has been getting a lot of external support, including support from the Pepperdine School of Law Mediation Program that will provide mediation services at no cost to the department for a 2-year period.
- In preparation for the implementation of the Repair Program, Ms. Maddox would like a generic overview of the program to be presented at the next meeting.
- Ms. Maddox added that a Save the Date email will be sent to Commissioners to tour the new facility before it's opened to the public. Mayor Garcetti may do a Facebook live presentation in early September to dedicate the new office space.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS:**

Transgender Advisory Council (TAC), Chair Karina Samala

- Karina Samala announced that the next Midnight Stroll will take place on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
- Ms. Samala expressed her concerns with Wi Spa violent demonstrations. She attempted to attend the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Wi Spa demonstration, but upon her arrival she noticed that those in attendance were mainly Antifa, Right Wingers, and Proud Boys. She decided not to participate due to the ongoing feud between the groups. The July 17<sup>th</sup> demonstration turned very violent leading to the arrest of 40 people.
- Ms. Samala noted that a community engagement meeting with LAPD will take place to address responses to the Wi Spa incident.
- Ms. Samala shared a letter written to address the issues surrounding the Wi Spa incident and violent demonstrations. It was forwarded to TAC members for review.
- James Wen briefly spoke about a community request to revisit the housing waitlist status and homeless services in a care first equity approach. The Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department and the Human Relations Commission are assisting the TAC with this effort.

## **VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- City Attorney Christy Numano-Hiura provided a brief explanation of the election process. She noted that newly elected officers will begin their official duties immediately after the entire election process ends.
- The Human Relations Commission (HRC) held its Executive Board election. The following members were elected: Anthony Mack, President; Stacy Twilley, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; and Angelica Solis-Montero, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Mandatory Brown Act Training for new commissioners will take place in mid-August. A Doodle poll will be sent to commissioners.

- Commissioner Khalsa recommended that Diversity Training be resurrected and build a library of diversity training videos and information.
- The next HRC meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2021.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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