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Special Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission President Jackie Filla called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. along with Commission Vice President Vicki Curry and Commissioners Erma Bernard-Gibson, Marla Messing and Myesha Ward in attendance.

Commissioners Jessica Postigo and Dora Quach were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Capri Maddox, Executive Director and General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, 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. There were no speakers to address the Commission, therefore public comment was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes for the Special Meeting of January 14, 2022 was continued to the March 18, 2022 Regular Meeting by the consent of the Commission.

4. Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

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

Commissioner Bernard-Gibson made a motion to continue holding Commission meetings via teleconference. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Bernard-Gibson
Seconded: Curry
Ayes: Filla, Messing, Ward
Absent: Postigo, Quach

Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – Capri Maddox gave an update on the activities of the Civil and Human Rights + Equity Department which included the following:

- In response to the Tioni Theus incident, the Department has been asked to do a study on how Black Women and Girls are being treated by the media when missing and/or murdered;
- The Strategic Plan processing timeline has been accelerated. Star Insights, LLC will begin conducting an anonymous survey. Commissioners are encouraged to participate in the survey starting on February 14, 2022 at 11:00 am;
- Upcoming events include How I Made It: Lessons from African-American Entrepreneurs, which is airing on Channel 35 on February 10, 2022. Standing Up to Anti-Black Hate will air on Channel 35 and Facebook Live on February 17, 2022. Along with Capri Maddox, the guests will be Council Member Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD-8), Robert Salcedo from Community Build, Dominique DiPrima, Radio Host KBLA, and Human Relations Commission President Anthony Mack;
- In honor of Women's History Month, the screening of "LFG" a movie about the US Women's Soccer Team's fight for pay equity will be held on March 14, 2022; and
- On April 9, 2022 the Department will host "Law Day" (a virtual event) to encourage members of under-represented communities to consider attending law school.

6. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

- Ad Hoc Committee Update. Commissioner Curry gave a brief update on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Pioneer Women Awards. The committee members are Commissioners Curry, Quach and Ward. The theme will be "Disruptors". The tentative date for the event will be Friday, May 13, 2022; and
- Support Letters for the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls' Recovery Response Grant. Commissioner Filla commented on the grant challenge that offers applicants up to 150,000 dollars in support to be able to enhance or expand their work regarding women's recovery from COVID related challenges. Commission sponsored applicants have greater consideration. Three organizations requested the Commission's support and the leadership issued a letter of support in response to each request. The applicants were Public Council, Alliance for Girls, and Forgotten Children Inc.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements from the Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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