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**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Hall Room 1050  
March 22, 2023

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Courtney Morgan-Greene called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. along with, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, and Commissioners Nirinjin Singh Khalsa, Herpsima Khatchadorian, Maria Roman-Taylorson and Stacy Twilley in attendance.

Commissioner Rosa Russell arrived at 12:11 p.m.

Commission President Angelica Solis-Montero, Commissioner Irene Tovar and Commissioner Brooke Wirtschafter were absent.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate, 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. James Steinberg, the son of former Human Relations Commission President, Dr. Warren Steinberg (1978-1983) addressed the Commission. He spoke about his Father's legacy and offered to donate the bulk of Dr. Steinberg's research, on the Human Relations Commission, to the City Archive. Following this speaker the public comment was closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Commission discussed the minutes of the February 22, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Khalsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Khalsa  
Seconded: Russell  
Ayes: Morgan-Greene, Khatchadorian, Twilley, De La Cruz-Viesca  
Abstain: Roman-Taylorson  
Absent: Solis-Montero, Tovar, Wirtschaftfer

Vote: 7 - 0

The motion was passed on consent.

#### **4. DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Capri Maddox, General Manager, Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, gave an update on the Department's activities and goals. Director Maddox shared the LA Civil Rights Overview Deck for March 2023. This presentation can be viewed at [civilandhumanrights.lacity.org](http://civilandhumanrights.lacity.org). She welcomed Commissioner Roman-Taylorson to her first meeting as a Human Relations Commissioner. She then shared updates on LA Repair and the Peace and Healing centers. She encouraged everyone to listen to the LA Together podcasts on Apple and Spotify.

#### **5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator, opened the discussion of the Creation of Ad hoc Committees for the Commission's Goals in 2023.
- b. Tristen Marler, Program Manager introduced the Peace and Healing Centers. She described the program, its locations and the benefits to each community.

#### **6. TAC REPORT**

Karina Samala, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Council spoke on the Transgender Day of Disability and the stamp issuance request campaign for Activist Marsha P. Johnson.

#### **7. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. Commissioner Courtney Morgan-Greene spoke about the progress of the Young Adult Dinner Dialogues which completed two sessions. The first in San Pedro and the second at USC. Scheduled for five events (1 per month), the dialogues allow five officers to meet with ten community members. Entrance and exit surveys were collected at these successful events.
- b. Commissioner Stacy Twilley gave an update on the LA Together Podcasts. Three podcasts were completed and are available and being broadcast on Apple and Spotify.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Save the dates were announced for the Inter-Faith Passover on April 3, 2023, Birthing Justice Maternal Health Week, April 12, 2023 at LA Live and Best Practices for Serving the Transgender Community on May 3, 2023.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.