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Regular Meeting Minutes
John Lewis Conference Center
June 28, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Angelica Solis-Montero called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. along with Commission Vice President Courtney Morgan-Greene and Commissioners Enrique de la Cruz, Brittany McKinley, Rosa Russell, and Brooke Wirtschafter in attendance.

Commissioner Melissa Grant arrived at 12:13 p.m.; Commissioner Maria Roman-Taylorson arrived at 12:14 p.m.; and Commissioner Michele Reed arrived at 2:16 p.m.

Commissioners, Pierre Arreola and Candice Cho were absent.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Kim Kasreliovich, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate; Carla Ibarra, LGBTQIA+ Liaison; 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 THE MINUTES

The Commission postponed the review and approval of the Minutes of May 24, 2023 until the next meeting.

4. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager, Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, gave an update on the Department's activities and goals. She shared the LA Civil Rights Overview Deck for June 2023. This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov. AGM Luna introduced the Department's new LGBTQIA+ Liaison Carla Ibarra. She finished with a report on the Civil and Human Rights Department budget for 2023-2024.

Kim Kasreliovich, Assistant General Manager introduced the work of the Civil Rights Enforcement unit. The Enforcement unit has the authority to investigate claims of discrimination that occur in the City of Los Angeles, in the private sector employment, housing education and commerce, and fine violators up to 250,000 dollars.

5. PRESENTATION

- a. In honor of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, Filmmaker Gregorio Davila presented L.A.: A Queer History. He shared several clips from classic groundbreaking movies that were created by gay and lesbian actors, producers, designers and visionaries. He answered questions from the Commission and spoke at length on the history of gays in early Hollywood.
- b. Bamby Salcedo, CEO of the Trans Latin@ Coalition, presented her organization's work in helping trans, non-binary, and intersex people. Ms. Salcedo announced the groundbreaking of the Coalition's new location on Sunset and displayed a rendering of the beautiful new facility. Afterward, she answered questions and requested support for the organization and its mission. She hoped for a statement from the City that "Trans issues are an urgent state of emergency".

6. TAC REPORT

Karina Samala, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Council gave an update on the recent activities of the TAC. She spoke about their goals and upcoming events.

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioner Morgan-Greene, spoke about the history and progress of the Young Adult Dinner Dialogues. She stated that the project was a such a success that a report was generated and LAPD adopted the recommendations of the report. Commissioner Morgan-Greene asked everyone to invite 18-24 year-olds to participate in the July 20, 2023 Dinner Dialogues.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Wirtschafter presented a proposal to create an Ad hoc Committee to explore programs or projects to elevate the voices of Angelenos on the subject of housing and homelessness.

Commissioner de la Cruz made a motion to create the Ad hoc Committee. Commissioner Morgan-Greene seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: de la Cruz
Seconded: Morgan-Greene
Ayes: Grant, McKinley, Solis-Montero, Reed, Russell, Roman-Taylorson, Wirtschafter
Absent: Arreola, Cho

Vote: 9 - 0

The motion passed.

The Ad hoc Committee was populated by Commissioners de la Cruz, Grant, Reed, Russell, and Wirtschafter.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.