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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes
201 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 3A
John Lewis Conference Center
January 24, 2024
12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Brittany McKinley called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. along with Commissioners Pierre Arreola, Candice Cho, Melissa Grant, Courtney Morgan-Greene, and Maria Roman-Taylorson, in attendance.

Commissioner Brooke Wirtschafter arrived at 12:12 p.m. and Commissioner Enrique de la Cruz arrived at 12:28 p.m.

Commissioners Michele Reed, Rosa Russell, and Angelica Solis-Montero were absent.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Nicole Gougis, Assistant City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Carla Ibarra, LGBTQIA+ Liaison; May Song, LA Civil Rights Policy Fellow; and Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate.

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 discussed the minutes of the December 6, 2023 Special Meeting.

Commissioner Morgan-Greene made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 8 – 0

The motion passed.

4. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Capri Maddox, General Manager, Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, gave an update on the Department's activities and goals. She shared a Human Relations Commission Deck for January 2024. GM Maddox informed Commissioners that the Department's LA REPAIR programming is accepting proposals for grant opportunities in the Arleta-Pacoima and Skid Row areas. She provided updates on upcoming LA Civil Rights events such as the Voices of Los Angeles Awards on February 8th, Medical Day on February 10th, and a push to provide 100 million hours of service, worldwide, over the next five years to commemorate what would have been Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's 100th birthday. *This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov.*

5. PRESENTATION

- a. **Mayor Bass' Community Safety Initiatives** – Karren Lane, Deputy Mayor of Community Safety, presented on Mayor Bass' Office of Community Safety and their initiatives. The mission of the Office of Community Safety is to “prevent crime and violence through community-based strategies that impact the social and economic conditions that drive harm”. This approach allows root causes to be targeted. The office does this through civilian first responders, violence interruptions, reentry services, youth diversion programs, and capacity building programs for non-profit organizations who have contracts with the City of Los Angeles. *This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov.*
- b. **Commission Strategic Priorities (Continued from 11/03/23)** – Francisco Ortega, LA Civil Rights Senior Project Coordinator, continued the conversation regarding the Commission's strategic framework. Francisco provided updates on the Strategic Priorities Ad Hoc, the HR&A Advisors Consultants who will be helping develop the Commission's Strategic Priorities, and will help generate a document that shows past Commission efforts.

6. LGBTQIA+ LIAISON UPDATE

- a. Due to time constraints, Carla Ibarra, LA Civil Rights' LGBTQIA+ Liaison, yielded her time and will provide an update at the next regular Commission Meeting.

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Due to time constraints, Commissioner Morgan-Greene will provide the Young Adult Dinner Dialogues update at the next regular meeting.
- b. Commissioner McKinley provided a brief update on the Strategic Priorities Ad Hoc. She informed Commissioners that the committee is working on developing a survey to gather everyone's thoughts on Commission Strategic Priorities.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Arreola thanked LA Civil Rights staff for attending the County of Los Angeles' Commission on Human Relations 2023 John Anson Ford Awards.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.