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Regular Meeting Minutes
201 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 3A
John Lewis Conference Center
February 28, 2024
12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Brittany McKinley called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. along with Commissioners Candice Cho, Enrique De la Cruz, Courtney Morgan-Greene, Michele Reed, and Brooke Wirtschafter in attendance.

Commissioners Pierre Arreola, Melissa Grant, Rosa Russell, Angelica Solis-Montero, and Maria Roman-Taylorson were absent.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Heather Aubry, Assistant City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Tyna Blackman, Commission Executive Assistant; Kenny Racs, Management Assistant; and Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate.

A guorum 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 reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

Moved: Morgan-Greene

Seconded: Reed

Ayes: Cho, De la Cruz, McKinley, Wirstchafter

Absent: Arreola, Grant, Russell, Solis-Montero, Roman-Taylorson

Vote: 6-0

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 the Human Relations Commission Deck for February 2024. GM Maddox informed Commissioners that the Peace & Healing Centers are tentatively set as a budget item. GM Maddox provided updates on upcoming LA Civil Rights events including the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Event on February 28th and *The Space Race* screening on March 2nd. *This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov*.

5. PRESENTATION

- a. California State Reparations Task Force Presentation The speaker canceled this presentation due to an emergency.
- b. City of Los Angeles Reparations Advisory Commission (RAC) Presentation Commissioner Mandla Kayise provided a presentation on the status of the City of Los Angeles Reparations Advisory Commission (RAC). The Commission extended The Black Experience Survey until February 29, 2024. The RAC is receiving support from their research partner, the California State University, Northridge (CSUN) and from a consultant who will provide guidance on how reparations may be funded. The RAC also shared some of the challenges they've had to overcome. This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov.

6. LGBTQIA+ LIAISON UPDATE

a. This item was continued to the following meeting.

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Commissioner McKinley provided a brief update on the Strategic Priorities Ad Hoc. She informed Commissioners they should be receiving a survey to rank the strategic priorities. Commissioner McKinley reminded the board that any questions regarding the survey should be directed to LA Civil Rights Staff.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Wirtschafter proposed the creation of an ad hoc committee that would study naming practices for civic spaces within the City of Los Angeles. Commissioner Morgan-Greene made a motion and Commissioner Brittany McKinley seconded the motion. The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Morgan-Greene

Seconded: McKinley

Ayes: Cho, De la Cruz, Reed, Wirstchafter

Absent: Arreola, Grant, Russell, Solis-Montero, Roman-Taylorson

Vote: 6-0

The ad hoc committee will include Commissioners De la Cruz, McKinley, Reed, Solis-Montero, and Wirtschafter.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements by Commissioners or LA Civil Rights Staff.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.