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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2024

12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Brittany McKinley called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. Present at roll call were Commissioners Candice Cho, Melissa Grant, Courtney Morgan-Greene, Angelica Solis-Montero, and Brooke Wirtschafter.

Commissioner Rosa Russell joined the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Vice President Pierre Arreola, Commissioners Enrique de la Cruz, Michele Reed, and Maria Roman-Taylorson were absent.

Also in attendance were Capri Maddox, General Manager, LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate; Chloe Coventry, Management Assistant; and Tyna Hall Blackman, Commission Executive Assistant.

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 reviewed the minutes of the April 24, 2024 Regular meeting.

Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the April 24, 2024 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Morgan-Greene seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Grant
Seconded: Morgan-Greene
Ayes: Cho, McKinley, Solis-Montero, Wirtschafter

Absent: Arreola, de la Cruz, Reed, Roman-Taylorson, Russell

Vote: 6 - 0

The motion passed.

4. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Capri Maddox, General Manager, LA 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 May 2024. *This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov.*

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. In honor of Jewish Heritage Month, Andrea Hodos, Associate Director of NewGround, gave the Commission an overview of Jewish Identity. Hodos shared a personal letter and perspective on being Jewish in Los Angeles as well as what being Jewish means to her. She told the history of Jews in Arab Lands, gave demographic numbers on Jewish Angelenos, and defined anti-semitism vs. anti-zionism.
- b. In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month Dr. Kimani Norrington-Sands, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, is the owner/operator of Lifting as We Climb Consulting reported on Black Youth Suicide. Dr. Norrington-Sands informed the Commission on the effects of neighborhood violence on black youth as well as their daily experiences of discrimination five times per day.

6. DISCUSSIONS

- a. President McKinley postponed Strategic Priorities due to time.
- b. Chloe Coventry, from the LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department updated the Commission on the "Just Say Hello" Campaign rollout, artwork and language. The logo is being designed by Masaki Koiki. CHRED's General Manager, Capri Maddox would like the Commissioners involved in the campaign as ambassadors.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commission President McKinley asked everyone to watch and support "Act Your Age" on Netflix, a show created by Alyson Fouse, a Compton born native.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.