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COMMISSION MINUTES **Thursday, August 25, 2022** **2:00 p.m.**

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The Meeting called to order at: 2:02 PM by President **Wirfs**. Commissioners present: **Cardenas, Louie, Núñez, Thomas**. Also present: General Manager Arturo Chavez, Assistant General Manager Edgar Garcia, El Pueblo Staff Ashley Mora, and Deputy City Attorney Joshua Templet. Commissioner Alarcon, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Ibarra, and Commissioner Marez were absent.

A quorum was established.

Multiple Agenda Item and General Public Comment was taken.

Commissioner Marez joined the meeting at 2:10 PM.

There was no update from City Council District 14.

Valerie Hanley was recognized for and provided an update on a community impact statement filed with the City Clerk. She was asked to limit further comments, which fell outside the scope of a community impact statement or Neighborhood Council written resolution

Commissioner Louie moved that the Board of El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Commissioners determine, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) and Government Code Section 54953, that the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of the Board and the ability of all of the members of the Boards advisory bodies, including but not limited to the Merchants Advisory Committee, as well as the public who might attend these meetings to meet safely in person and that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Commissioner Marez left the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Vote on Item 1: Cardenas, Y; Louie, Y; Núñez, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Commissioner Marez rejoined the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Mr. Chavez presented the General Manager's Report, followed by a brief report from Mr. Garcia.

Commissioner Ibarra left the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Commissioner Cardenas gave an update on the Branding and Marketing Committee in the absence of Commissioner Garcia.

Commissioner Louie moved to add Commissioner Cardenas as a member of the Branding & Marketing Committee.

Vote: Cardenas; Y, Louie, Y; Núñez, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Commissioner Núñez gave an update on the Hispanic Heritage Month Ad Hoc Committee in the absence of Commissioner Marez. She shared Commissioner Marez's plans to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month year round, instead of just one month a year.

There was no update for the Merchant Committee.

There was no update for the Mexican-American/ Latino Historical Monument Ad Hoc Committee. However, Commissioner Núñez mentioned that the meetings will be postponed due to a passing of a family member.

Commissioner Thomas gave an update on the 2022 Landscape and Tree Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee. He mentioned that there was a site visit to El Pueblo to assess the landscape.

Commissioner Núñez moved to approve the Minutes of 08-25-22 as reported.

Vote on Item 4.1: Cardenas; Y, Louie, Y; Núñez, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Commissioner Núñez moved to approve Board Report 22-0006.

Vote on Item 4.2: Cardenas; Y, Louie, Y; Núñez, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

President Wirfs stated that he is in the process of drafting a letter to Council Office requesting an adjustment to the ordinance to provide the flexibility to meet once a month.

Commissioner Núñez requested that President Wirfs draft a letter to LAPD, in regards to more information on security getting additional resources.

Commissioner Thomas requested an update on the tree assessment.

President Wirfs requested an 1871 Memorial update.

Commissioner Louie recommended that President Wirfs reach out to the elected official for further assistance with security concerns.

Commissioner Núñez closed the meeting in honor and memory of Rebecca Gonzalez.

President Wirfs adjourned the meeting at 4:07 PM.