

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION**

Thursday, December 9, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held at the USC Hotel on Thursday, December 9, 2021, and was called to order at 2:41 p.m. by President **PLA**.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. George L. Pla, President
Mr. Solomon Rivera, Vice President
Ms. Janice Hahn
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr
Mr. Michael Fleming

Five (5) and a quorum

ABSENT: Ms. Anita DeFrantz (Alternate)
Mr. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (Non-voting)
Ms. Sydney Kamlager (Non-voting)
Ms. Holly J. Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Al Naipo, CAO, and Secretary
Ms. Sonia Chan, Co-Counsel
Mr. Michael Custodio, Co-Counsel
Ms. Parjack Ghaderi, Co-Counsel

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. David Galaviz
Mr. Mike Castillo
Mr. Matt Johnson
Mr. Benny Tran

3. President **PLA** stated that the Ye and Drake concert was taking place at the Coliseum and that was the reason the meeting was moved to the USC Hotel.

President **PLA** introduced the newest member of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, Commissioner **MICHAEL F. FLEMING**. Commissioner **FLEMING** then introduced himself briefly.

President **PLA** noted that an application was filed for the formation of a new nonprofit organization. He thanked the lawyers who provided their services pro bono in filing the application. The new nonprofit will be named Friends of the Coliseum Foundation. President **PLA** asked commission members to submit suggestions for board members.

President **PLA** reported that there have been two meetings regarding plans for a Coliseum welcome center. The first meeting was with **JANET MARIE SMITH**, Senior Vice President, Planning and Development for the Los Angeles Dodgers. The second meeting was with **DR. MARGARET SALAZAR-PORZIO**, curator for the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. President **PLA** noted that Dr. **SALAZAR-PORZIO** mentioned that she is committed to being personally involved in the project. President **PLA** additionally noted that he looks forward to the expertise, approach, and process that Dr. **SALAZAR-PROZIO** will bring.

President **PLA** briefly mentioned the upcoming Coliseum Centennial and noted that it's not too early to get started preparing.

President **PLA** noted that Commissioner **DEFRANTZ** was going to report on her experience at the Tokyo Olympics and provide her thoughts on the current diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Olympics, but she was unable to attend the meeting. President **PLA** mentioned that he expects the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and USC to provide updates on efforts surrounding the Games in Los Angeles. President **PLA** stated that he reached out to the CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority because it too would be involved in the Olympics.

4. There was no public comment.
5. **APPROVED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, to accept the Minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on September 30, 2021.

Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA

Absent: MITCHELL

Abstain:

6. **RECEIVED** and **FILED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission CAO's Report.

President **PLA** noted that the intent is for a single nonprofit to be directly associated with the Commission and Coliseum.

7. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission Financial Report.
8. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum General Manager's Report from David Galaviz, USC Associate Vice President for Community and Local Government Partnerships.

President **PLA** expressed that he is excited that the Coliseum resumed hosting high school football games. He also mentioned that he is trying to get the Garfield-Roosevelt rivalry game to be played there. Commissioner **PRICE** mentioned that it's a great experience that Jefferson and Manual Arts high schools were able to play given their proximity to the Coliseum.

President **PLA** commented that the Centennial project is as much a priority as the Welcome Center project.

Commissioner **PRICE** mentioned that his office has received calls about potential noise issues from a NASCAR event at the Coliseum and asked if USC has mitigation plans. Mr. **DAVID GALAVIZ** said USC is working with NASCAR to identify and address any public concerns.

President **PLA** noted that the goal of opening the Coliseum to the community is being achieved through various upcoming events.

Mr. **DAVID GALAVIZ** noted that the Ye and Drake concert is a benefit concert. The proceeds are going towards the legal fees for Larry Hoover and criminal justice reform. He mentioned that the estimated concert attendance was 60,000 attendees.

9. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, an update from the Los Angeles Football Club.
10. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the update on the 2028 Olympic Games

President **PLA** noted that Commissioner **DEFRANTZ** is expected to report on her experience at the Tokyo Olympics during the Commission meeting in January.

President **PLA** also noted that he would like to ask her what the current diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Olympics means and if it might have any effect on Los Angeles in 2028.

President **PLA** asked Commissioner **PRICE** if he would like to report on the City of Los Angeles's recently approved contract with the Olympic organizers. Commissioner **PRICE** noted that they did reach an agreement and the City Council is excited to move forward and develop the contract. He also noted that working

groups would be formed and there will be ample opportunity for public input.

11. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to approve the 2022 Commission Meeting Calendar

Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA

Absent: MITCHELL

Abstain:

12. **ADJOURNED**, at 3:19 P.M.


Secretary