

**MINUTES
OF REGULAR MEETING OF
LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION**

Thursday, January 28, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held in the Coliseum Commission Room on Thursday, January 28, 2016, and was called to order at 2:41 p.m. by President **RIDLEY-THOMAS**.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Mark Ridley-Thomas, President
Mr. William Chadwick, Vice President (arrived at 2:43 p.m.)
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr.
Mr. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (Non-voting)

ABSENT: Mr. Ricardo Lara (Non-voting)
Mr. Don Knabe (Alternate)
Mr. Marqueece Harris-Dawson (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Robert E. Osborne, Secretary and CAO
Mr. Thomas J. Faughnan, Co-Counsel
Ms. Claudia Gutierrez, Co-Counsel
Ms. Rene Gilbertson, Co-Counsel
Mr. Miguel Dager, Co-Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Joe Furin	Mr. Shane Parker
Mr. Dan Stimmler	Mr. Fernando Ramirez
Ms. Ana Lasso	Ms. Leslie Wall
Mr. Aksel Palacios	Ms. Stephanie Wells
Mr. Michael J. Parker	

3. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

There were no comments from the President.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2015

There were no requests to correct the Minutes as presented.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by President **RIDLEY-THOMAS**, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 29, 2015, be approved as presented.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael J. **PARKER**, with the Los Angeles Unified School District, commented that the local community is being locked out of parking lots at certain times when people wish to use the park to attend dog support classes, exercise, bike, and attend after school classes. He doesn't want the community to be shut out of parking lots.

President **RIDLEY-THOMAS** requested that the chief administrative officer (the "CAO") and Memorial Coliseum general manager follow-up with Mr. **PARKER**.

6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Robert E. **OSBORNE** reported on the following items:

- A. The Los Angeles Rams announcing their return to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
- B. The Los Angeles City Planning Commission meeting regarding the Memorial Sports Arena redevelopment project
- C. The quarterly letter submitted from the Commission to USC
- D. The World Stage Legacy mural status
- E. The Commission's strategic planning for the period 2016-2025
- F. The Commission's quarterly financial position, results of operations, and cash flow forecast

The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the CAO was instructed to:

- place the strategic plan on the April 28, 2016, agenda;
- obtain directly from Commission members written feedback on the Commission's strategic plan;
- table the World Stage Legacy mural matter until the Commission's July 28, 2016, Regular Meeting; and
- receive and file the CAO's report.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. **OSBORNE** presented his quarterly Commission financial report including the following topics:

- A. Commission's financial net position
- B. Commission's revenues and expenses
- C. Commission's cash flow forecast
- D. Status of Commission's June 30, 2015, financial statement audit

The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by Vice President **CHADWICK** and unanimously carried, that the report be received and filed.

8. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S REPORT

Mr. Joe **FURIN** presented the University of Southern California's report for the three (3) months ended December 31, 2015, covering the following topics:

- A. Event operations
- B. Semi-annual report
- C. Capital improvements
- D. Other items

The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the CAO was instructed to:

- work with the Memorial Coliseum's general manager to create a profile of the individuals who participate in Memorial Coliseum tours;
- present the profile to the Commission at the April 28, 2016, Regular Meeting; and
- receive and file USC's report.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR COURT OF HONOR PLAQUE HONORING BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

Mr. **FURIN** presented USC's nomination of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band for induction into the Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor and USC's request to sponsor the creation and installation of the bronze plaque.

The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the nomination of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band for induction into the Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor and the request for a Court of Honor plaque were approved, contingent upon:

- the induction of an entertainer being in compliance with the previously approved standards for induction;
- the Commission's approval of the artistic depiction of the inductee; and
- the Commission's approval of the final sculpting of the plaque.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the Commission delegated authority to the president of the Commission to make the final determination and approval of the artistic depiction and final sculpting of the Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor plaque.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the CAO was instructed to:

- confer with Mr. Thomas **LABONGE** to determine the current status of the four (4) Los Angeles Raiders plaques that were conditionally approved by the Coliseum Commission on July 31, 2014, for induction;
- determine whether Coliseum Commission rules permit an entertainer to be inducted into the Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor;
- confer with a representative from USC to determine if the University is receptive to financing the four (4) conditionally approved Los Angeles Raiders plaques;

- report the CAO's findings on the above matters to the Commission at its April 28, 2016, Regular Meeting.

10. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT OF 2013

Mr. **OSBORNE** presented the status of the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission Management Agreement of 2013 including the State's rejection of the proposed Amendment.

The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the CAO was instructed to request that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council take action on the proposed First Amendment before the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting, if possible, so that the Commission would have all member agencies' responses.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RETENTION OF SAFE SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Ms. Claudia **GUTIERREZ** presented the retention of SAFE Sports Management Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jerome **STANLEY**, to the Commission for its consideration.

The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: Moved by President **RIDLEY-THOMAS**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, and carried by a roll call vote, 2 votes to 1, that the Commission delegate authority to the chief administrative officer to retain sports/NFL consultant, Mr. Jerome **STANLEY**, Chief Executive Officer of SAFE Sports Management, to review and advise on issues relating to any National Football League team that could potentially utilize the Coliseum on a temporary basis.

AYES: President **RIDLEY-THOMAS**, Commissioner **PRICE**.

NOES: Vice President **CHADWICK**.

12. CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST EVENTS

- A. Ms. Stephanie **WELLS**, Executive Director of The Friends of EXPO Center, presented a request for a Youth Soccer Festival event, scheduled for April 23, 2016, to be designated as a Commission Event. The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the Youth Soccer Festival event was approved as a Commission Event, subject to the CAO reporting back to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting with an acceptable program budget and sources of funds.

- B. Mr. **OSBORNE** presented a request for the Memorial Day at the Coliseum event, scheduled for May 30, 2016, to be designated as a Commission Event. The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, the Memorial Day at the Coliseum event was approved as a Commission Event, subject to the CAO reporting back to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting with an acceptable program budget and sources of funds.

13. CONSIDERATION OF LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL SPORTS ARENA CLOSING CEREMONY

Mr. **OSBORNE** presented a proposal for the Commission to hold a closing ceremony for the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena which was scheduled to be demolished in 2016.

The Commission members asked questions and a general discussion was held.

ACTION: By unanimous consent, there being no objection, a ceremony to officially close the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena, to be held on May 12, 2016, was approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. **GUTIERREZ** clarified what was to be considered by the Commission in Closed Session.

Mr. **FAUGHNAN** announced that the Commission would meet in Closed Session for the matters listed on the agenda.

The Commission entered Closed Session at 4:07 pm.

CS-1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Case: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, et al. v. Lynch, et al., BC 472814

CS-2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

- A. Property: 3911 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037
- Agency Negotiators: Ms. Claudia Gutierrez and Mr. Robert Osborne
- Negotiating Parties: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission and the University of Southern California
- Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms of Payment

OPEN SESSION

Closed Session adjourned and Open Session reconvened at 4:50 pm with all voting members present.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mr. **FAUGHNAN** reported that there were no reportable actions taken during the Closed Session.

Vice President **CHADWICK** requested that the election of Commission officers and a discussion of the Commission adopting by-laws be agendized for the Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 2:30 p.m.

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