

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

Thursday, February 25, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held virtually and via teleconference on Thursday, February 25, 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 (2:53 P.M.)
Ms. Janice Hahn (3:17 P.M.; left at 3.21 P.M.)
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr
Ms. Suzy Shuster
Ms. Anita L. DeFrantz

Four (4) and a quorum

ABSENT: Ms. Holly Mitchell
Mr. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (Non-voting)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Al Naipo, CAO and Secretary
Ms. Sonia Chan, Co-Counsel
Mr. Parjack Ghaderi, Co-Counsel
Mr. Robert P. Moore, Co-Counsel

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. David Galaviz Mr. David Wright
Mr. Courtland Jindra Mr. Matt Johnson
Mr. Joe Furin
Mr. Dan Stimmler
Ms. Ana Lasso
Mr. Bryce Brown
Ms. Claudia Gutierrez
Ms. Melisa Salazar
Mr. Benny Tran
Ms. Linda Leung
Ms. Jung Son

3. President **PLA** recapped on his meetings with USC. He thanked Dan Stimmler for providing a tour of the Coliseum and for extending an invitation for the Commission to hold events and meetings there, in an appropriate capacity.

President **PLA** noted that he is excited at the prospect of holding high school playoff games at the Coliseum. He acknowledged that the cost to host these events could be an issue; but that he's spoken with community members that would be interested in sponsoring games.

President **PLA** mentioned that a meeting is set with USC for March 9, 2021 where they will discuss a variety of topics. He also acknowledged USC for assisting the Commission several years ago at a time when that assistance was critical.

President **PLA** thanked LAFC Executive Vice-President Benny Tran for giving him, Commissioner **DeFRANTZ**, and CAO **NAIPO** a tour of Banc of California stadium. President **PLA** noted that he was not only impressed with the structure, but also with the local hire policy and diverse employment base. President **PLA** was also impressed with LACF's approach in using best practices from LA sports teams and large companies like Disneyland to enhance the fan experience. President **PLA** noted that the Commission is prepared to assist LAFC in any capacity that it can in working with Sacramento legislators to allow fans to return as soon as possible and with any community events.

President **PLA** noted that he and CAO **NAIPO** met with the California Science Center to get ideas on events that the Coliseum Foundation could host, both community events and fundraising events. In the meeting, President **PLA** was reminded by Science Center Foundation President and CEO Jeff Rudolph that the success of any foundation lies in the board members it recruits because those board members are often the ones who have access and resources.

President **PLA** noted that he and CAO **NAIPO** had a successful meet and greet meeting with Office of Exposition Park General Manager Ana Lasso. President **PLA** also met with Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** about the 2028 Olympics and looks forward to learning more about the event and possible Commission involvement.

4. No Public Comment.
5. **APPROVED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** to accept the Minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on January 28, 2021.
6. **RECEIVED** and **FILED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission CAO's Report.

CAO **NAIPO** reported that the Commission-approved donation to Make-A-Wish Greater Los Angeles has been processed and will be received by the organization in the coming week.

President **PLA** asked that the Commission be represented at the Memorial for DPS Officer Jesus Castillo. Commissioner **PRICE** suggested that the Commission do something in the way of sending a floral arrangement on behalf of the Commission. CAO **NAIPO** mentioned that USC provided the use of the Peristyle for the service, free of charge.

7. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission Financial Report.

CAO **NAIPO** mentioned that they are in talks with USC regarding the budget and are making good progress ahead of the March 9, 2021 meeting.

Melisa Salazar from the Auditor-Controller's office mentioned that, moving forward, the financial reports will be separated into individual reports for the Coliseum Commission, Coliseum Foundation, and Coliseum Association.

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 and University Relations.

David Galaviz acknowledged President **PLA's** comments and noted that he and USC look forward to working with the Commission.

Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** thanked USC for establishing their vaccine site and helping the underserved community around South LA and USC.

9. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, an update from the Los Angeles Football Club.

10. **APPROVED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, a motion, by Commissioner **SHUSTER**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, to approve the nomination of and to secure Court of Honor plaques for Tom LaBonge and Rosalind Wyman.

Commissioner **HAHN** strongly expressed her opinion that Tom LaBonge and Rosalind Wyman need to be in the Coliseum Court of Honor. Commissioner **HAHN** commented on how Tom LaBonge loved the Coliseum, helped raise funds for Court of Honor plaques, and was helpful in the fight to retain the Coliseum name, among other contributions. Commissioner **HAHN** also commented that Rosalind Wyman served two terms on the Coliseum Commission, from 1958-1961 and again from 2018-2020. Commissioner **HAHN** also mentioned that Rosalind Wyman, along with former County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, led the effort to bring the Dodgers to Los Angeles, where they won their first World Series as the Los Angeles Dodgers playing their first season in the Coliseum.

Commissioner **HAHN** noted the she would personally raise the funding for Tom LaBonge's plaque. President **HAHN** suggested that the Commission may want to send a letter to the Dodgers requesting financial assistance for Rosalind Wyman's plaque.

Commissioner **PRICE** asked about the total cost of the plaques. CAO **NAIPO** responded that the total cost is about \$25,000.

11. RECEIVED AND FILED, there being no objection, the Coliseum Foundation update.

President **PLA** reiterated that work on the Foundation needs to get started now and urged the Commissioners to send in nominations.

Commissioner **DeFRANTZ** noted that the Foundation needs to move quickly to raise funds.

12. ACTION TAKEN, by President **PLA** to appoint himself to the Ad Hoc Lease Review Committee following a suggestion by Commissioner **HAHN** at a previous meeting that he become a member. President **PLA** then appointed himself as chair of the committee. Commissioner **PRICE** asked to serve on the committee.

CAO **NAIPO** noted that the current committee consists of President **PLA**, Commissioner **HAHN**, and Commissioner **SHUSTER**. CAO **NAIPO** noted that Commissioner **PRICE's** addition to the committee should be considered at a future meeting given that his addition would require a change in how the committee meetings are conducted.

Commission Counsel **SONIA CHAN** noted that adding another commissioner to the committee could have Brown Act implications.

13. ADJOURNED at 3:22 P. M.


Secretary