

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

Thursday, March 10, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held virtually and via teleconference on Thursday, March 10, 2022, and was called to order at 2:31 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: Mr. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (Non-voting)
Ms. Sydney Kamlager (Non-voting)
Ms. Holly J. Mitchell
Ms. Anita DeFrantz

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. Peter Villegas
Mr. Joe Furin Dr. Margaret Salazar-Porzio
Mr. Dan Stimmler
Mr. Benny Tran
Ms. Anjeanette Arakawa
Ms. Melisa Salazar
Ms. Jung Son
Mr. Courtland Jindra

- 3. APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to have the Commission meet remotely for the next 30 days, due to the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA

Absent: MITCHELL

Abstain:

- 4.** President **PLA** thanked the Commissioners for attending the special meeting to address and possibly act upon the proposed USC Agreement. President **PLA** noted that he is anxious to begin working on the CalPERS pension issue that faces the Commission. He reported that he and CAO **NAIPO** have had preliminary talks with Commission Counsel on that matter.

President **PLA** reported that the Coliseum will be hosting the Garfield High School vs. Roosevelt High School rivalry football game in October. He expects that there may be up to 30,000 attendees. President **PLA** thanked USC's Mr. **DAN STIMMLER** and Mr. **JOE FURIN** for their assistance. President **PLA** mentioned that if Commissioners had ideas for other rivalry games, he would be happy to discuss. Commissioner **PRICE** congratulated President **PLA** for securing the game and noted that these are the types of events the Commission should be engaging in.

President **PLA** mentioned that later in the agenda, the Commission would discuss a Memorandum of Understanding with the Smithsonian Institution to possibly formalize their relationship regarding a proposed Coliseum welcome center. He added that the Smithsonian assigned a curator to the project, Dr. Margaret Salazar-Porzio. President **PLA** commented that Dr. Salazar-Porzio is a Los Angeles area native and is excited to work on the welcome center.

- 5. RECEIVED** written public comment from Mr. **COURTLAND JINDRA**. Mr. **COURTLAND JINDRA** had served on the California World War One Task Force while it was in operation. His comment read that if the traditional Memorial Day ceremonies resumed at the Coliseum, he was happy to assist in whatever way he could.

Commissioner **HAHN** thanked Mr. **COURTLAND JINDRA** for his comment and noted that the Commission should reach out to him if it moves forward with any ceremony of that type.

- 6. APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to accept the Minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on February 10, 2021.

Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA

Absent: MITCHELL

Abstain:

7. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Chief Administrative Officer's Report.

Commissioner **PRICE** commented that he decided to cancel his annual July 4th Fireworks Show in the interest of safety. He expects to resume the event once we are fully out of the pandemic. Commissioner **HAHN** agreed with Commissioner **PRICE**.

8. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission Financial Report.
9. **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.
10. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to allow the Metro Los Angeles YMCA to use the Coliseum on April 30, 2022, for their annual Health Kids LA Day and designate it as a public interest event providing the YMCA with a facility fee waiver.

Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA
Absent: MITCHELL
Abstain:

11. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **FLEMING**, to direct the CAO and Counsel to review the MOU sent by the Smithsonian, provide any suggested edits or concerns, and present those findings to the Commission for any further discussion and possible action at its next meeting.

Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA
Absent: MITCHELL
Abstain:

12. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by Vice-President **RIVERA**, to approve the terms and conditions of the USC Agreement.

Aye: FLEMING, PRICE, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA
Absent: MITCHELL
Abstain:

Commissioner **HAHN** thanked President **PLA** for his work in reaching an agreement that benefits the Commission.

13. **ADJOURNED** at 3:01 P.M.


Secretary