

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

Thursday, September 30, 2021

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held in the Lou Galen Club of the Coliseum on Thursday, September 30, 2021, and was called to order at 2:52 p.m. by President **PLA**.

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. George L. Pla, President  
Mr. Solomon Rivera, Vice President (Arrived at 2:55 P.M.)  
Ms. Janice Hahn  
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr  
Ms. Holly J. Mitchell

Four (4) and a quorum

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. David Galaviz  
Mr. Joe Furin  
Ms. Frances Mojica  
Ms. Claudia Gutierrez  
Mr. Benny Tran  
Mr. Mike Castillo  
Mr. David Galaviz  
Ms. Melisa Salazar  
Mr. Dan Stimmler

3. President **PLA** noted that he is ready to move onto future projects with USC.

President **PLA** mentioned that work is underway to create a nonprofit organization that is a private entity which should give that organization more freedom to operate.

President **PLA** reported that the Articles of Incorporation of the yet to be named nonprofit is almost complete and that Coliseum Commissioner and Foundation President **RIVERA** and Commission CAO **AL NAIPO** have been working on that in their individual capacities. President **PLA** also noted a search is underway for a potential fundraiser. President **PLA** said that the current goals for the new nonprofit are to prepare for the Olympics, assist with the creation of a Coliseum Welcome Center, and prepare for the Coliseum's Centennial.

Vice President **RIVERA** reported that there have been several individuals who have stepped up and helped create an infrastructure for the new nonprofit. He noted that many visitors come to the Coliseum every day and that a new nonprofit can take advantage of that by creating something like a Welcome Center. Vice President **RIVERA** also mentioned that the future vision should also include the 2028 Olympics.

Commissioner **HAHN** and Commissioner **PRICE** also thanked and congratulated President **PLA** for his leadership and for the progress he's made in moving items forward.

President **PLA** noted that his vision of the future Welcome Center involves using the whole perimeter of the Coliseum to tell the history of the Coliseum. President **PLA** also mentioned that he and staff visited the Holocaust Museum LA to get ideas of how they might want to incorporate certain exhibits in a Welcome Center. He also mentioned that he has been told that the Boston Red Sox venue would also be a good model.

Commissioner **MITCHELL** noted that the state capital in Sacramento is undergoing somewhat of a remodel and they are building a welcome center as part of that project. Commissioner **MITCHELL** also noted that the architectural renderings for that welcome center are complete and it might be a good idea to obtain those and review them.

President **PLA** presented the Commissioners with Commissioner ID cards.

CAO **NAIPO** explained that the ID cards will provide Commissioners with access to the Coliseum and that he can be of assistance to inquire about any additional Coliseum access that may be needed.

President **PLA** thanked Dan Stimmler, Joe Furin, and David Galaviz from USC for their hospitality in hosting the Commission meeting at the Lou Galen Club.

4. **RECEIVED** public comment made by Mr. **MIKE PARKER**. He asked about when the black perimeter fence around the Coliseum will be removed.

CAO **NAIPO** noted that the Commission has yet to address the future of the perimeter fencing, suggesting that the Commission should discuss possible options and determine if any action is necessary at a future meeting.

5. **APPROVED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **MITCHELL**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, to accept the Minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on June 24, 2021.

**Aye: PRICE, MITCHELL, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

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

President **PLA** agreed with CAO **NAIPO's** recommendation to move forward and establish a committee to review Court of Honor nominations.

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.
9. **RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, an update from the Los Angeles Football Club.
10. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Vice President **RIVERA**, seconded by Commissioner **HAHN**, to allow the American Lung Association's 2022 Fight for Air Climb fundraiser to be held at the Coliseum, designating it as a public interest, and as such, waiving the facility rental fee.

**Aye: PRICE, MITCHELL, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

11. **APPROVED**, there being no objection, a motion by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by Commissioner **MITCHELL**, to approve the 2021-2022 Budget

**Aye: PRICE, MITCHELL, HAHN, RIVERA, PLA**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

The Commission entered closed session at 3:23 P.M.

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS RE  
POTENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH USC (GOVERNMENT SECTION 54956.8)**

There was no reportable action.

The Commission entered open session at 4:15 P.M.

**12. ADJOURNED**, at 4:16 P.M.

  
Secretary