

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

Thursday, January 28, 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, January 28, 2021, and was called to order at 2:41 p.m. by President **HAHN**.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Janice Hahn, President
Mr. Solomon Rivera, Vice President
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr.
Mr. George L. Pla
Ms. Suzy Shuster
Ms. Anita L. DeFrantz
Ms. Holly J. Mitchell (2:48 P.M.)

Six (6) and a quorum

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. David Galaviz Mr. Scott Kuhn
Mr. Courtland Jindra Mr. Skip Miller
Mr. Joe Furin Ms. Jennifer Noriega
Mr. Dan Stimmler Ms. Tracey Chavira
Ms. Rachelle Anema Mr. David Wright
Ms. Ana Lasso Ms. Christine McLeod
Ms. Claudia Gutierrez Ms. Anjeanette Arakawa
Ms. Melisa Salazar Ms. Romi Vega
Mr. Benny Tran Ms. Elaine Vega
Mr. Bryce Brown Ms. Celestina Quebec
Ms. Jung Son

3. President **HAHN** made brief comments on the continuing COVID pandemic and noted that we need to continue to be vigilant in our fight against it.

President **HAHN** acknowledged the death of Tom LaBonge. She discussed his life, his involvement to obtain Court of Honor plaques for the Raiders, and how it was his idea to commemorate the 60th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy accepting the Democratic presidential nomination at the Coliseum. President **HAHN** also commented on his time as an NFL sideline photographer and his talent in finding the right shot or soundbite for the Press.

President **HAHN** noted that Tom LaBonge was a part of the fight to maintain the Coliseum's name.

Commissioner **DeFrantz** commented on Tom LaBonge's love for Los Angeles, his reputation as 'Mr. LA', and that she will miss him.

Commissioner **PRICE** commented that Tom LaBonge had a particular fondness for Expo Park and the Coliseum and that he would attend Commission meetings when he could and always had something to add to the meeting.

Commissioner **PRICE** thanked President **HAHN** for her service as Commission President the last two years.

Commissioner **SHUSTER** thanked President **HAHN** for her service as president. Commissioner **SHUSTER** also commented that she spent the day prior volunteering at the Magic Mountain COVID vaccination site. She felt proud to be a part of the Commission and of how well the volunteers were working together at the site.

President **HAHN** thanked Commissioner **SHUSTER** for her service at the COVID site, noted that her experience at the Downey site was similar, and commended staff and volunteers.

Commissioner **PLA** commented that Tom LaBonge was a sweet man and acknowledged that former Dodgers skipper Tommy Lasorda also died.

President **HAHN** acknowledged that both gentlemen died on the same day. She also noted that although Tommy Lasorda wasn't the manager then, the Dodgers won their first World Series as a Los Angeles team at the Coliseum.

President **HAHN** commented that this Commission holds in trust the Coliseum and its history for past, present, and future generations.

President **HAHN** noted major accomplishments during her tenure as president including retaining the Coliseum name and hosting the inaugural Veterans Day LA event.

4. **APPROVED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, a motion from President **HAHN**, seconded by Vice President **RIVERA**, to nominate and elect Commissioner **PLA** as President of the Commission.

President **PLA** commented that he feels humbled to be on a Commission with such distinguished individuals, looks forward to strengthening the relationship with USC, and with LAFC. President **PLA** noted that he is excited to begin working in earnest on Foundation matters and to start discussions on the Olympics.

Commissioner **HAHN** thanked her staffer, Matt Johnson, for his help during her time as President.

APPROVED, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, a motion from Commissioner **HAHN**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, to nominate and re-elect Vice President **RIVERA** as Vice President of the Commission.

5. No Public Comment.
6. **APPROVED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, to accept the Minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on December 17, 2020.
7. **RECEIVED** and **FILED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, the Coliseum Commission CAO's Report.

Commissioner **HAHN** inquired about the letter the Commission sent to the Raiders organization regarding funding for its Court of Honor nomination. Commissioner **SHUSTER** commented that she also followed up, but the Raiders appeared uninterested. Commissioner **SHUSTER** suggested that the Commission might want to approach individual Raiders nominees to provide the costs for the plaques.

President **PLA** agreed with Commissioner **SHUSTER** and added that Commissioners should reach out to attempt to contact the nominees.

Commissioner **MITCHELL** inquired about the price of the plaques and CAO **NAIPO** answered. Commissioner **MITCHELL** also inquired about having the NFL pay for the plaque. Commissioner **SHUSTER** commented that reaching out to the NFL is a nonstarter. Commissioner **MITCHELL** supported the idea of the nominees paying for their own plaques.

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 and University Relations.

David Galaviz thanked Commissioner **HAHN** for her service as president and noted that he looks forward to working with President **PLA**.

CAO **NAIPO** mentioned he had an informal teleconference with David Galaviz, Coliseum General Manager Joe Furin, and Commissioner **SHUSTER** last Monday.

The brief meeting focused on working together and promoting the Coliseum in various ways.

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

Benny Tran thanked Commissioner **HAHN** for her service as president and said he looks forward to working with President **PLA**.

Commissioner **PRICE** thanked Benny Tran and LAFC for working with his office, the County Federation of Labor, and the food bank on food giveaway events.

- 11. APPROVED**, by unanimous consent, there being no objection, to make a \$2,500 donation to Make A Wish Greater Los Angeles.

- 12. RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection, the Coliseum Foundation update.

President **PLA** commented that work on the Foundation will need to get started in earnest and that he will be reaching out to Commissioners individually.

- 13. RECEIVED AND FILED**, there being no objection and no action taken, the Ad Hoc Lease Review Committee update.

President **PLA** commented that it's crucial to be involved in the ad hoc lease review committee and that he will be reaching out to Commissioners.

As the Chair of the committee, Commissioner **HAHN** suggested it would be beneficial for President **PLA** to sit on the ad hoc committee.

The Commission entered closed session at 3:29 P.M.

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(GOVERNMENT SECTION 54956.9) (Discussion and possible action)**

There was no reportable action.

The Commission entered open session at 4:13 P.M.

- 14. ADJOURNED** at 4:14 P. M.


Secretary