

Minutes for Model Deaf Community Committee

DATE: 02/27/2020

LOCATION: CITY HALL - MAYOR'S CEREMONIAL ROOM

ATTENDANCE:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Prince	Annamarie Prince	Mike Anderson	Barbie Gomez
David Reynolds	Sharon Sluder	Erica Hossler	Darrell Utley
AJ Reynoso	Cindi Safford	Lisa Kay Price	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carlos Andrade	Tina Leonard	Helen Johnson-Peterson	
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GUESTS PRESENT:

Josh Toreski	Derrian Tabilin	Stephanie Johnston	Tom Henes
Larry Vollman	Roy Lopaty	Nabil Shakee	Brissa Anaya-Diaz
Nicholas Larizza	Frida Villegrain-Diaz	Octavio Chavez-Lopez	Ruth Usher
Tinka Friend	Carlos Lamadrid	Brittney Alvarez	

CALLED TO ORDER: 4:31 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Darian, a student and President of ASL Club at UCR, shared an idea to set up ASL classes. It's a 3-step process. Last quarter we conducted a survey last quarter and received 1000 responses that they want classes. The 2nd step, a petition was set up to get a opportunity for students and teachers to voice their opinions and vote. The visions are to set up a deaf center program to work with RCC and the different colleges in Riverside. The petition is here if you wish to sign it. The next step is a presentation on the Resolution, then proposal to the Dean's and Linguistics Departments. If it passes, we will collaborate to set up classes.
- Nicholas, President of Student Life Committee (SLC), shared that RCC's disabled student department is not providing good service and suggested revisiting and supporting.
- Tom Henes, retired from the City, spoke about meeting several deaf homeless in Riverside and how can they get assistance? Councilman Fierro shared that the City is working on the homeless crisis and will look into resources that are available.
- Larry Vollmar, involved with CHAD, which is the Deaf Senior Citizen Home, shared about affordable living for low income senior citizen deaf community. How can we access and get information? There is a Task Force through LACD being set up.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayoral candidate election next week. There are six candidates running.
- The Riverside Police Department has a new Chief, Larry Gonzalez.
- All members have received a new notebook packet with information for all meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 25, 2019: Approved with minor changes.
- January 23, 2020: Approved with minor changes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Riverside TV settings - review broadcastings, captioning is not off or on different places. Made improvements. How can we function on different devices?
- State of the City – Amazing event! Met many people, will continue networking.
- Climate Equity Roundtable invitation – Tinka Friend attend and advised on the changes taking place. This roundtable is to look at the future and what the plan is. Tinka spoke up on behalf of the deaf community.
- Festival of Lights – Mike met with Margie Haupt (City staff) and suggested meeting in March to discuss ADA. It's not interpreter friendly.
- New Ad-Hoc for-City Charter – Rough draft is ready and should be approved and needs to be submitted to City Council for vote and by fall should be approved.
- Transition of a Commission – Required to cover all 7 wards. Met with Colleen Nicol. All committee members are in favor.
- Deaf Community Riverside – Need to separate Model Deaf Community and Commission of the Deaf. We can set up fundraiser for the Deaf Festival.
- Deaf Center – Set up Task Force to identify roles. Josh and David have a great team that is diverse, need more members. Need a center for the deaf community. Need to look at funds and location. Meeting scheduled for next month. City of Riverside is advocating for the deaf community. Need funding and data.
- ADA in the Courthouse – AJ met with ADA Coordinator, need to reschedule and discuss on how it can be more accessibility. Add ASL options at kiosk machines. Will update next month.
- Fire Alarm Codes – Discussed with RFD about grant funding for fire alarms with strobe lighting for low income families.
- Interpreters for doctor's office and hospitals – VRI (Video Remote Interpreting). When visiting, they bring in a VRI. Deaf should have a live interpreter. Will meet with Kaiser Permanente again to discuss. Table until March meeting. IEHP is the only facility that provides interpreters.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Riverside Police Dept. – on the verge of carrying VRI (Video Remote Interpreting) on all patrol cars.
- Brochures and business cards.
- Riverside City College.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM