



City of Arts & Innovation

COMMISSION OF THE DEAF MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: The following Commissioners were present during roll call: Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Gomez, Commissioner Stufkosky, Commissioner Wadler, Commissioner Rasmus, Commissioner Sacchetti, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Moore-Reins & Youth Ex Officio Olague.

ABSENT: Commissioner Friend, Youth Ex Officio Visco.

STAFF PRESENT: Lee Withers, Daisy Gastelum, Monique Morrison-Cook.

Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:33p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No e-comments were received prior to the start of the meeting and there was four in person comments, Jaclyn Vincent who spoke regarding non-profit organization regarding housing for senior citizens in the deaf community, Jory Pederson spoke regarding not enough interpreting services offered by the City of Riverside for events offered by the city, Moon Feris spoke regarding bad wireless service providers in the community, Pepe Cervantes spoke regarding American Sign Language becoming an official language of the City of Riverside and also spoke about the non-diversity regarding the Commission of the Deaf.

CONSENT CALENDAR MINUTES

The minutes of August 9, 2023 were approved.

ATTENDANCE

The Commission of the Deaf determined the absence of Commissioner Moore-Reins, Commissioner Reynolds from the August 9, 2023 regular meeting and Commissioner Rasmus, Youth Ex Officio Visco and Youth Ex Officio Olague from the July 12, 2023 regular meeting as excused.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation given by Phillip Nitollama regarding Public Works Department Traffic Engineering on Transportation and Traffic-Related Topics That May Affect Members of the Deaf Community.



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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

The Commission of the Deaf determined the absence of Youth Ex Officio Visco from the August 9, 2023 regular meeting as unexcused.

Ms. Withers explained the workplan to all commissioners regarding items listed for review. Commission Reynolds spoke regarding adding another item to the workplan worksheet. Youth Ex Officio spoke regarding students who are interested and want to be involved in ASL work. Commissioner Wadler spoke regarding official locations where events can be hosted for the Deaf Community. Commissioner Moore-Reins spoke regarding Deaf needs counseling services with counselors who use ASL. Commissioner Sachetti spoke regarding the need of hospital services for ASL community. Ms. Withers clarified regarding these items and identify them into the work plan as needs for Human Services.

COMMUNICATION

UPDATES FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Sachetti shared an announcement for an event that will happen October 3rd and asked for all to join the National Night Out as well as another event for East Side on September 27th. Commissioner Sachetti also wanted to remind everyone; Oasis is still accepting applications for Senior Citizens for ward 2 and the deadline is September 14th. Commissioner Wadler wanted to address the War Memorial Dog Park and its necessities. Commissioner Wadler attended the Hedwig Homeless Committee event and would like to provide the information to the commissioner in a timely manner before deadlines. Commissioner Moore-Reins and Vice Chair Gomez invited the staff to the Deaf Festival. Youth Ex Officio shared regarding a film project for King High school "Education vs. Discrimination" which she has started and would like to get input from the community and set up interview and obtain their opinions. Vice Chair Anderson clarified the Deaf Festival is a one-day event. Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Gomez and Commissioner Sachetti will meet with the Director of Homeless Solutions on September 25th and on October 24th on Tuesday there will be recognitions for our previous Model Deaf Committee members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,

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