INCLUSIVENESS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF ETHICS AD HOC COMMITTEE

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

City of Arts & Innovation

MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

Chair Cervantes, Vice Chair Perry, and Member Conder and Board of

Ethics Members Foley and Huerta

STAFF PRESENT:

City Clerk Donesia Gause and City Attorney Phaedra Norton

Chair Cervantes convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Committee and the Board.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Following discussion, the Committee and Board recommended revision to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78 - Code of Ethics and Conduct as follows: (1) rename "prehearing conference" to "pre-conference" and the pre-conference are not appealable; (2) replace "automatically appealed" to "may be appealed" regarding decision of the hearing panel; (3) add language that the appellant must identify a clear error or abuse of discretion as part of a pre-conference or hearing appeal; (4) add the Chair or designee of the Hearing Panel (excluding the alternate) shall be present during the City Council appeal proceedings; (5) after determining that a violation of the prohibited conduct has occurred and no appeal has been filed, refer a report to impose sanctions to the City Council; (6) replace the term 'If a complaint concerns a City Council member' to 'if the complaint is against a City Council member'; (7) limit complaints to Riverside community members unless the prohibited conduct occurred outside of city boundaries and witnessed first-hand by the complainant; (8) add language that the Board of Ethics may delegate the power to seek outside legal representation to the hearing panel; (9) remove subpoena power; and (10) include language for continuance if necessary once the hearing has commenced.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE INCLUSIVENESS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE Vice Chair Perry requested discussion on (1) the role of attorneys; (2) reducing statute of limitations to 1 year; (3) respondent shall have the "option to respond" instead of "must respond"; and (4) hearing process be expedited.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DONESIA GAUSE

City Clerk