



City of Arts & Innovation

COMMISSION OF THE DEAF MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024, 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, Commissioners Visco, Sachetti, Rasmus, Reynolds, Wadler, Friend, Stufkosky, Moore-Reins, and Youth Ex Officio Pulos.

ABSENT: Youth Ex Officio Olague.

STAFF PRESENT: Rene Goldman, Daisy Gastelum, Brandon Mercer.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to address the Commission of the Deaf (COTD) and no e-comments were received prior to the start of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR MINUTES

The minutes of January 10, 2024 were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Commission of the Deaf determined the absence of Youth Ex Officio Olague from the January 13, 2024, regular meeting as excused.

PRESENTATION

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

City Attorney's Office Brandon Mercer provided a presentation regarding the Brown Act.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations and Election for Commission of the Deaf Chair and Vice Chair opened. Nomination and seconds were received for current Vice Chair Gomez and Chair Anderson to remain in Vice Chair and Chair positions.



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ATTENDANCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Friend and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to excuse Vice Chair Gomez from the January 10, 2024, regular meeting.

DISCUSSION AGENDA TEMPLATE LANGUAGE

Commissioner Wadler spoke about language change regarding the agenda template. Commissioner Wadler requested a meeting to correct/update the language written on the agenda template. Commissioner Sachetti requested for the agenda template language to be clear for the Deaf Community. Chair Anderson informed the commission of the request that was brought up early in the previous year regarding logistics for the meeting. Commissioner Friend suggested receiving feedback on what the possibilities are and after managing changes for the language to read clearer for the deaf community.

Mrs. Goldman provided clarification regarding the language item which commissioners had concerns about, the item would need to be agendized for a future meeting date before acting on to provide commissioner with feedback.

Chair Anderson requested for three commissioners to meet with tech department and clerk's office to discuss the possibilities of change/update for the language of the agenda templates and changes on for the agenda publication method. Chair Anderson requested to agendize this item to a future Commission of the Deaf meeting. Commissioner Visco requested a change to the agenda template as well.

DISCUSS WORK PLAN PROGRESS AND BI-ANNUAL UPDATES

Commissioner Sachetti requested a meeting with the appropriate individuals to better understand and represent the Deaf Community needs get met and be able to report for future Commission of the Deaf meetings.

Chair Anderson requested to agendize this item to a future Commission of the Deaf meeting. Following discussion, it was moved to agendize item number seven to the next meeting in April 2024.



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DISCUSS OUTREACH POWERPOINT

Commissioner Friend asked regarding connecting the once approved PowerPoint to Legistar or in a platform where it is available to the community. Chair Anderson explained the reason why this PowerPoint was created for outreach. Commissioner Sachetti suggested adding additional information to the PowerPoint. Commissioner Sachetti also mentioned revision of Commission of the Deaf Logo. Chair Anderson also requested additional information to be added to the PowerPoint. Commissioner Sachetti suggested changes/modifications on the Commission of the Deaf Logo and other pages on the PowerPoint. Commissioner Rasmus suggested a brief description of departments to provide to the community. Additional feedback will be provided to the city staff to make corrections to the PowerPoint to bring back to the commissioner in a future agenda for approval. Chair Anderson requested to agendize this item to a future Commission of the Deaf meeting.

COMMUNICATION

UPDATES FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioners Visco, Sachetti, Reynolds, Stufkosky and Waddler attended the Boards and Commission training. Commissioner Sachetti met with the Workplan ad hoc committee. Commissioner Friend reminded all commissioners to meet with the future Council members when they are in office. Vice Chair Gomez spoke about an upcoming event Masquerade Gala which is hosted by Deaf Community of Riverside taking place in April 2024. Commissioner Stufkosky attended the Mayor's State of the City as well as an event hosted by the School of the Deaf. Commissioner Rasmus reminded the commissioners regarding contacting the School of the Deaf regarding utilizing them as a direct connection to do outreach. Commissioner Wadler attended the Riverside Hero Conference. Chair Anderson reminded all commissioners about the Mayor's Ball coming up on March 23, 2024, at the main Library. Chair Anderson also wanted to remind all commissioners that Parks and Recreation is hosting an event that will take place March 14, 2024. The School of the Deaf will have an event "culinary competition" starting on March 14, 2024 also CTE expo will take place in April 2024.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Items for future consideration requested by the commission, continuing the Workplan Ad Hoc committee, Rebranding the Commission of the Deaf COTD name to Deaf Commission DC, Continuing PowerPoint outreach, and continue discussing agenda template language.



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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM
SR. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT