

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019, 5 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Huerta and Members Tucker, House, Macias, and Thompson

ABSENT: Members Foley, Ford, Nelson, and Stahovich

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Nicol and Brandon Mercer

Chair Huerta convened the meeting at 5 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one present wishing to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member House and seconded by Member Macias to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2019, as presented. Motion carried with Member Tucker abstaining.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENCES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member House and seconded by Member Macias to approve the absence of Wendel Tucker from the May 2, 2019, meeting. Motion carried with Member Tucker abstaining.

AD HOC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Committee Member Macias requested this matter be continued to allow Committee Members Foley and Nelson to participate in the discussion. Following discussion and without formal motion, the matter was continued.

CHARTER REVIEW

Chair Huerta requested comments on potential Charter amendments to be forwarded to the Charter Review Committee. She supports the current provisions for removal of board/ commission members for cause. Section 804 requires boards and commission to meet monthly. Chair Huerta noted that in some months there was no need for the Board of Ethics to convene and meetings have been canceled. Member House supports the current monthly meeting requirement at this time, as the Board of Ethics is relatively new. Member Tucker supports quarterly meetings with the option to meet more frequently if a need arises to meet complaint process deadlines. Member Macias noted that the provision applies to all boards and commissions and the Transportation Board has also canceled meetings due to a lack of agenda items. Chair Huerta suggested retaining the monthly meeting requirement along with the ability to cancel, if the need arose.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member House and seconded by Member Thompson to recommend that the Charter Review Committee consider adding a provision that monthly board/commission meetings may be cancelled by the Chair based upon a lack of agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Thompson to add a new Charter section for the Board of Ethics to provide for meetings every other month unless a need to meet more frequently is necessary to fulfill complaint deadlines. Motion carried with Member House voting no.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Chair Huerta called for any recommendations on potential changes to the Code of Ethics and Conduct in connection with the annual review as required by the Code. No action was taken.

REPORTS ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

There was nothing to report on Governmental Affairs Committee and City Council actions.

REPORT OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES BY BOARD MEMBERS

There was nothing to report on recent meetings and activities by Board Members.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT AND CHAPTER 2.80 BOARD OF ETHICS

There were no comments on RMC Chapters 2.78 Code of Ethics and Conduct and 2.80 Board of Ethics at this time.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION

There were no items requested for future Board consideration requested by Board of Ethics Members.

ADJOURN

Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk