

Minutes for Model Deaf Community Committee

DATE: 01/23/2020

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
Carlos Andrade	Cindi Safford	Lisa Price	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

AJ Reynoso	Helen Johnson-Peterson	Tina Leonard	Stephanie Martinez
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GUESTS PRESENT:

Josh Toreski	Barbara Fleitman	Gerald Winkel	Edna Diaz
Brissa Diaz	Octavio Chavez	Vanessa Bruce	Tony Wysinger
Lindsey Price	Derrian Tabilin		

CALLED TO ORDER: 4:35 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Gerald Winkel (Disaster Program Manager) with the American Red Cross provided a PowerPoint presentation on the smoke alarm solution campaign. Handout of presentation were provided to all members and meeting attendees.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS:

- State of the City is next week. \$50 charge and an interpreter are scheduled. We will also have a booth. Sign up through Chamber of Commerce website.
- Tinka advised we need to go to roundtable Climate Equity event coming up next Tuesday afternoon. Contact Tinka. CSDR should go as well. It is regarding City of Riverside.
- Leadership Retreat needs to be rescheduled for next January. An agenda is required and needs to be published 12-day prior.
- The MDC has a Gmail account and a drive. (manderson.mdc@gmail.com).
- This will allow anyone to view and share documents. After this meeting, email address will be used.
- New meeting books distributed to each MDC member.
- Festival of Lights update – they had interpreters. It was too dark.

- After this meeting, Mike and Darrell need to set up an Ad-Hoc. Should be a Commission of the Deaf. The Clerk's Office provided some literature regarding the City Charter that needs to be reviewed and followed. Most of the committee members are from Ward 3. City Charter states you should have two members representing each Ward, but at least a minimum of one from each Ward. Where do most of the deaf community live, which Ward? Need to take a step back and create an Ad-Hoc Committee. Encouraged to go to additional Commissions meetings to see if there is a deaf person present. If we start attending these meetings, the Commissions have never experienced having an interpreter present. We want to educate other Commissions.
- New Councilmember for Ward 3, Ronald Fierro, was supposed to attend this meeting as he is responsible for the MDCC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 25, 2019: Not approved due to errors. Table to approve at February 23rd meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Riverside TV - First episode went well. Still need to work out logistics. Video is edited next door and is captioned. This is a trial and error period. Cheryl Wills stated you can view agenda and video on Engage Riverside web site. Video will also be posted on our MDC website.
- ADA Courthouse Systems – we've met with representatives and now focus is on Family Court. Lisa is willing to join committee. The reason for replacement is Mike Anderson received two letters. Stephanie Martinez has resigned and plans to focus on family. She will volunteer when she can. The second one, AJ Reynoso has resigned because of the commute and to focus on school.
- By-Laws review – if we are reducing our membership from 21 to 11, the By-Laws wording needs to be changed. That would be another Ad-Hoc Meeting.
- DeaFestival – Slide missing. Festival is scheduled for September 19, 2020. Need more sponsors. Have two Co-Chairs, Alice Reynolds and Cindi Safford. Stephanie Martinez will write a note to previous sponsors to see if they will sponsor again this year.
- Deaf Community Center – Darrell recaps that the task force has been established on a request from LA Club for the Deaf regarding a deaf community center. This center is for young people to senior citizens. Member of the community have been identified to participate, including the Riverside deaf seniors, California Home for the Adult Deaf, a representative from Codie and CSDR. The first meeting was in November, only a preliminary discussion to get a picture of what is needed and where it's needed. Need more surveys to determine, do we need a big/small building, who we are serving, etc. Next meeting will be in February. We are also presenting at Riverside Deaf Seniors event in March, the fourth Wednesday. Please reach out if you are interested in participating. David Reynolds advises that there is a lot of potential properties in Riverside. There is a large deaf community that continues to grow. Barbie Gomez states that sponsors are needed as this is an active fundraiser.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Research Riverside TV
- Discuss with City Clerk on next steps to become a commission
- ADA Courthouse systems
- Retreat for December 2020
- By-Laws discussion
- DCR – Deaf Community Riverside
- Deaf Center
- City Charter – Ad Hoc Committee

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM