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## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Cornejo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Rodriguez gave the invocation.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Cornejo, Betancourt, Rodriguez, Marquez-Cooper, Larios

ABSENT: None.

### **STAFF**

PRESENT: Library Director Sarmiento and Administrative Assistant Garcia

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Rodriguez moved and Commissioner Cornejo seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of February 14, 2017. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Cornejo, Betancourt, Rodriguez, Marquez-Cooper,

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Larios

ABSENT: None.

#### **COLLEGE FAIR 2017**

Ms. Sonia Bautista reported on this item:

The Commission received a report on this year's College Fair preparations. Ms. Bautista reported that due to the closer of the Veterans Park facility, the building will not be available for this year's college fair. The College Fair committee is meeting to discuss potential alternative sites for the event. Due to the availability of potential sites, the College Fair date had to change and is now tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017.

This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> College Fair that the library hosts and staff looks forward to a great event. In the coming weeks staff will be working on securing the speakers for the workshops, purchasing the gifts, sending out "save the date" flyers, and contacting the college representatives.

Discussion followed, and staff informed the Commission that they will continue to update them in the coming months and appreciate their support.

#### **ESSAY AND BOOKMARK CONTEST**

Ms. Beatriz Sarmiento reported on this item:

The essays and bookmarks contest deadline is approaching and as in years past,

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the Commission judges the entries and pick a winner. Ms. Sarmiento asked the Commission the please discuss and decide who will be judging each category. The Commission decided on the following:

K-1	Bookmark:	Commissioner Betancourt
2-3	Bookmark:	Commissioner Cornejo
4-5	Essay:	Commissioner Marquez-Cooper
6-8	Essay:	Commissioner Rodriguez
9-12	Essay	Commissioner Larios

### **REPORT FROM LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION**

#### **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Ms. Sarmiento reported on upcoming programs for the library including:

- Children's Services Schedule for Winter/Spring
- Hecho a Mano for April
- Curso Bancario Workshop
- Database Fair – cloudLibrary
- Movie Night
- Book Festival – March 18, 2017
- Announcement: City Administrator, Mr. Jorge Rifá retired at the end of February. The City appointed Community Services Director Matt Rodriguez as Interim City Administrator.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **COMMISSIONER CORNEJO**

Was busy with the Miss Commerce Pageant, she is part of the Pageant Sterling Committee.

#### **COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ**

Expressed her gratitude to Beatriz and the Commission for starting the conversation about the City being sanctuary city. Shared the importance of current legislative decisions and their effect on education, specifically HB 610 and the repeal of "The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965"

#### **COMMISSIONER BETANCOURT**

Nothing to report.

#### **COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ-COOPER**

Inquired if the library provided information for patrons that have immigration questions.

Participated in the Read Across America event, and shared that Sigrid and Josue did a great job.

#### **COMMISSIONER LARIOS**

Reported that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Five-hundred and sixty seven high school juniors took their SAT writing test.

April 7 will be preview day at Cerritos College. Ms. Larios shared that she has been using the Mango App with her daughter so she can practice and learn better Spanish. She loves the Hoopla app but noticed that the checkout time for movies varies. On March 17, Bell Gardens High School will host a "Know your Rights" workshop. Unfortunately, there is drop in undocumented students applying for financial aid.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was passed to have the Commission adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m., to Tuesday, April 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.