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## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Larios called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Betancourt led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Marquez Cooper 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 Marquez Cooper moved and Commissioner Betancourt seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 13, 2017. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

#### **COLLEGE FAIR 2017**

Ms. Beatriz Sarmiento reported on this item:

The Commission received a report on this year's College Fair preparations. Ms. Bautista reported that this College Fair will be held at Rosewood Park. Library staff will make use of the Rosewood meeting rooms, library program room, and the old EOC conference room. This year's college fair will be scaled down from past years. It will still be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., but there will be no formal key note speaker. It is limited to 25 colleges.

Discussion followed, the Commission expressed concerns about the limited number of colleges that will be able to attend and suggested not making it available to for-profit colleges/organizations this year.

#### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Ms. Beatriz Sarmiento reported on this item:

This week is National Library Week, the Commission was handed a flyer with National Library week programs. Some of the week's highlights include:

- April 11- stop in Craft at all libraries at 4 p.m.
- April 13- Donuts with the Director at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Jelly Day – Children's Program

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- Movie and Dinner<sup>4</sup> at Rosewood Library
- All week staff will be doing outreach in the community.
- On Tuesday, April 11 is National Library Worker Day and staff will have a lunch.

### **REPORT FROM LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION**

#### **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

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

- Earth Day Art Show
- Loteria Night at Bristow Library
- Database Fair – Book flix and ABCmouse.com
- April Calendar of events
- Children’s Spring Break Activities
- Scholarship Applications are due April 20 at 5 p.m.
- Bookmark and Essay Contest Judging
- Staff is working on a “Know your Rights” workshop
- Volunteer Breakfast is on April 22, 2017

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **COMMISSIONER CORNEJO**

Attended the Council meeting where they recognized Commerce resident Susie, and her son who has down syndrome. It was a very nice event. Ms. Cornejo expressed the need for more programs for special needs children in the City.

#### **COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ**

Reported concerns regarding the 2007 Loan Forgiveness Act, individuals are getting denied their annual certification and there is no appeal process.

#### **COMMISSIONER BETANCOURT**

Nothing to report.

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

Attended the book festival, and thought it was very organized and was a great event. Ms. Marquez Cooper shared that her granddaughter attended a free event, the Disability Athletics Fair at Mt. Sac and she got to play water polo, they also had golf, and kayaking. She attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting and they reported that undocumented people are being targeted.

#### **COMMISSIONER LARIOS**

Reported that Montebello, Bell Gardens, Schurr, and ATC had students attend Cerritos for their Senior Day. Bell Gardens took the most students with 34 attending. The current immigration climate is hitting close to home with students in our community. Kids are scared and feel untrusting.

On May 1 is National signing day for students deciding on schools they will attend. There will be AP testing on May 1.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was passed to have the Commission adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m., to Monday, May 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.