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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Perez led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Rodriguez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Larios, Perez, Stinnett, Rodriguez

ABSENT: Cornejo

STAFF

PRESENT: Library Director Sarmiento and Library Assistant Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Larios for chairperson, Commissioner Stinnett seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Larios, Rodriguez, Stinnett, Perez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cornejo

Chairperson Larios opened the nomination for vice-chairperson. Commissioner Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Stinnett for vice-chairperson and Commissioner Larios seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Larios, Rodriguez, Stinnett, Perez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cornejo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

AYES: Rodriguez, Larios, Perez, Stinnett
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cornejo

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING EDUCATION

The Commission recognized Josie Betancourt for her service and dedication to the Education Commission. Ms. Betancourt was presented with a certificate of appreciation. She thanked the Commission and assured them she will always be

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COMMISSIONERS

an advocate for education in the City.

TECHNICAL SERVICES PRESENTATION OF VIRTUAL REALITY GRANT

Library Technical Services Supervisor Edward Hernandez reported:

Mr. Hernandez gave the Commission an overview of the responsibilities of Technical Services.

Mr. Hernandez informed the Commission about the virtual reality grant the library received and had a presentation of the equipment the library received with the grant.

The Commission had the opportunity to test the virtual reality equipment.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Ms. Sarmiento reported on this item:

This year the library worked with the graphics department to create brochure that includes all the programs and events the City will have for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Some of the events included in the brochure are:

- Fiesta Pratiás
- Concert in the Park
- “Cry Now” movie screening

REPORT FROM LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

- Hecho a Mano
- STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
- September is National Library Card Sign-up Month
- 2017 Commerce to College Fair – Quick overview
- Official Commission Photo on October 9, 2017

COMMISSION REPORTS

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ

Reported that at USC the students are leading the conversation about what they need regarding the resending of DACA.

Ms. Rodriguez also inquired what MUSD’s plan is for DACA students

Ms. Sarmiento informed the Commission that at the College Fair, Evelyn Diaz gave students and parents information and resources regarding DACA.

COMMISSIONER STINNETT

Reported that her organization offers scholarships to AB540 students. They have information on their website where students can connect to resources.

Ms. Stinnett thanked the library for including her organization in the College Fair.

COMMISSIONER PEREZ

Attended the College Fair, thought it was a great event. Ms. Perez would like to be part of the planning process for next year’s College Fair.

COMMISSIONER LARIOS

Reported that MUSD has announced that students and parents are safe at all the schools. They have provided workshops for parents and students that encourages parents to have a plan in place in case they are separated from their children.

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Ms. Larios mentioned and organization, Ferias Legales led by an attorney that offers workshops for DACA students. She will try to connect the library with this organization.

Ms. Larios mentioned the banners that Garfield High School has around East Los Angeles promoting the students that are college bound, and asked if this is something the City could do with the scholarship recipients.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was passed to have the Commission adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., to Monday, October 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.