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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rodriguez led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Perez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cornejo, Larios, Perez, Rodriguez

ABSENT: Stinnett

STAFF

PRESENT: Library Director Sarmiento and Library Assistant Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rodriguez moved and Commissioner Perez seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of September 11, 2017, as amended. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Rodriguez, Larios, Perez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Cornejo

ABSENT: Stinnett

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES REPORT

Evelyn Diaz reported on this item:

Library staff has been working with United Farm Workers Foundation, the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation office, and other organizations to get resources and information to our community.

Each library has a binder with information and resources pertaining to immigration rights. The library has hosted a "Know Your Rights" workshop for the community.

Discussion followed, Commissioner Rodriguez inquired about what the Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) is doing to protect parents and students. Ms. Sarmiento informed the Commission that there was no information available on the MUSD website.

COLLEGE FAIR RECAP

Beatriz Sarmiento reported on this item:

The library's annual college fair is usually hosted at Veterans Park, in the gym, and baseball field. This year the college fair took place at a new venue, at Rosewood Park.

This year's set up was different from past years because of the new venue. This

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year we did not have a key note speaker, instead we had a welcome message from the Mayor and from dignitaries that attended the fair. There were raffles throughout the day and a grand prize raffle at the end of the event.

The library had 30 colleges and organizations confirm their attendance, but had about 40 schools and organizations show up to the college fair. We hosted six workshops; the workshops were hosted at the Council Chambers, the Senior Center, and the Rosewood Park meeting rooms.

As we've done in past years, the library provided bags for everyone in attendance. Lunch was also provided to all that attended the event. Ms. Sarmiento thanked the Commissioners for their continual support of the college fair and acknowledged the great work Parks and Recreation staff did at the college fair.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

- At the next Commission meeting we will share the library's 2018 goals.
- Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
- Health & Wellness Programs.
- Hecho a Mano
- October Calendar
- Computer Classes
- Job Fair @ Citadel, the Library will be assisting with resume preparations.

COMMISSION REPORTS

COMMISSIONER CORNEJO

Inquired about the Special Needs Commission. She also announced the 2nd annual disabilities fair, which is free.

COMMISSIONER PEREZ

Has been visiting all the libraries. She attended the MUSD college fair, she liked that they awarded scholarships to students from K-12th grade. There was discussion regarding the use of laptops for patrons.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ

Thoughts and prayers by all effected by natural disasters. The Boyle Heights museum opened on October 1st. Ms. Rodriguez shared that 23% of DACA students chose not to renew for their permit.

COMMISSIONER LARIOS

On Wednesday there will be a PSAT test for 8th-11th graders. Ferias Legales is interested in collaborating with the library.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was passed to have the Commission adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., to Monday, November 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.