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COMMISSION MINUTES **Thursday, February 27, 2025** **2:00 p.m.**

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*The meeting was called to order at: 2:05 PM by **President Perez**. **Commissioners present:** Manriquez, Quon, Ramirez, and Wirfs. **Also present:** Interim General Manager Edgar Garcia, El Pueblo Staff Emily Wooten and Monica Colmenares, and Deputy City Attorney Joshua Templet. Commissioners Cardenas, Chu, Matricardi and Romero were absent.*

Commissioner Perez welcomed those in attendance.

A quorum was established.

Edward Flores provided General Public Comment.

Estefany Garcia, Senior Policy Analyst with the Mayor's Office, provided an update on work source centers and the merchant meeting. Ms. Garcia mentioned a link for LA Wild Fire resources for businesses. [Bit.ly/lawildfireresourcesforbusinesses](https://bit.ly/lawildfireresourcesforbusinesses)

Commissioner Chu arrived at 2:10 PM.

Jacqueline Hamilton, Deputy Mayor, shared that Arturo Chavez has retired and Edgar Chavez will be the interim General Manager of El Pueblo.

Commissioner Matricardi arrived at 2:14 PM

Dominique Sanchez, Deputy District Director of Council District 14 (CD14) introduced herself.

Valerie Hanley provided an update on the Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council (HCNNC) and shared a Community Impact Statement related to the Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project.

Item 1: General Manager's Report

Mr. Garcia presented the General Manager's Report.

He shared that the final payment has been processing for the Olvera Street awning project.

Mr. Garcia shared that there were recent demonstrations which resulted in large amounts of graffiti around the park.

He provided a summary of Arturo Chavez's send off at City Hall.

Mr. Garcia also mentioned upcoming filming and events that will be at El Pueblo.

Enriqueta Olmos, El Pueblo's Real Estate Officer, shared an update on RFPs.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 1.

Item 2: Commission Committee Reports

Commissioner Wirfs noted there is an update on the 1871 Memorial Ad Hoc Committee in the Board Report 25-001.

No update was provided on the Mexican-American/Latino Historical Monuments Ad Hoc Committee.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 2.

Item 3.1: Approval of the El Pueblo Commission Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2025.

MOTION: Commissioner Chu moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Manriquez.

Vote on Item 3.1: Chu, Y; Manriquez, Y; Matricardi, Y; Perez, Y; Quon, Y; Ramirez, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.1.

Item 3.2: Board Report 25-0001: Final Approval of Memorial to the 1871 Chinese Massacre at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument

Mr. Garcia provided an update on the memorial status.

Felicia Filer, Director of Public Art Division, Sze Tsung Nicolas Leong and Judy Chu, both artists of the memorial, presented the history, representation, and reasons for the design of the 1871 Memorial.

Commissioners asked questions concerning cameras, maintenance and materials being used.

MOTION: Commissioner Wirfs moved to approve Board Report 25-0001. Seconded by Commissioner Quon.

Vote on Item 3.2: Chu, Y; Manriquez, Y; Matricardi, Y; Perez, Y; Quon, Y; Ramirez, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Valerie Hanley provided public comment for Item 3.2.

Item 3.3: Approval of Letter from El Pueblo Board to General Services Department Concerning Issues at Offsite Storage Facility

Mr. Edgar Garcia presented the proposed letter.

Jacqueline Hamilton described facility, including recent damage of the space and theft within the space.

Commissioner Wirfs requested that the letter be clear about the desired outcomes.

Commissioner Matricardi requested that the letter specifically include the term “breach”.

MOTION: Commissioner Wirfs moved to authorize Commission President to work with Department to draft a letter explicitly outlining the Department expectations for the offsite storage facility. Seconded by Commissioner Chu.

Vote on Item 3.1: Chu, Y; Manriquez, Y; Matricardi, Y; Perez, Y; Quon, Y; Ramirez, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Valerie Hanley provided public comment for Item 3.3.

Item 3.4: Discussion: Recommendations for Cultural Programming with Partner Organizations

Commissioner Perez invited Olvera Street Merchants to speak first.

Pablo Sanchez suggested multicultural festivals.

Edward Flores suggested evening concerts, pride events, and night cinema.

Valerie Hanley mentioned the 5 cultural events hosted by OSMAF and possible flower/camera day in the future.

Celia Quezada suggested Latina-owned businesses at El Pueblo.

Commissioner Perez requested the additional partners in attendance return to a later meeting to present their programming ideas.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.4.

Commissioner Wirfs mentioned the Service Day LA event convened by the Mayor and requested to add the dissolution of the 1871 ad hoc committee. Commissioner Ramirez requested inventory of items from offsite facility. Commissioner Matricardi requested information on the 10 year maintenance of the monument policy.

Commissioner Perez adjourned the meeting at 4:31 PM.