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

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*The meeting was called to order at: 2:04 PM by **President Perez**. **Commissioners present:** Cardenas, Chu, Manriquez, Ramirez, and Wirfs. **Also present:** Interim General Manager Edgar Garcia, El Pueblo Staff Jasmin Palomera, and Deputy City Attorney Joshua Temple. Commissioners Matricardi, Quon, 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, gave an update on the partnership between the Mayor's Office and the Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation (OSMAF) for Blessing of the Animals with Animal Services.

A representative from Council District 14 (CD14) was not present.

No updates were provided by the Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council (HCNNC).

Commissioners Matricardi and Romero arrived at 2:12 PM.

Item 1: General Manager's Report

Mr. Garcia presented the General Manager's Report with visuals for references.

He shared the current requests for proposals and status of applications. He also mentioned the possibility of 3-year leases to bring in more applicants.

Mr. Garcia, with the assistance of El Pueblo Staff Summer Ibarra, the updated building plaques.

He summarized Councilmember Ysabel Jurado's visit to El Pueblo that included a gathering with merchants at Luz del Día, touring the Museums and a meeting with President Perez and Vice President Chu.

Mr. Garcia also shared with all recent happy news of El Pueblo Staff Summer Ibarra's acceptance into UCLA's grad program.

Marinna Gatto, executive director of Italian American Museum of Los Angeles, provided information on current exhibition, partnerships, and upcoming events.

Jim Jang, from Friends of the Chinese American Museum, shared updates on the expansion projects at CAM and upcoming events including the Spring Festival in April.

Edward Flores, Valerie Hanley, and Ginette Rondeau provided public comment on Item 1.

Item 2: Commission Committee Reports

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 March 13, 2025.

MOTION: Commissioner Chu moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2025 with amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Romero.

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

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.1.

Commissioner Chu left at 2:47 PM.

Item 3.2: Discussion: Recommendations for Cultural Programming with Partner Organizations

To be continued at next Commission Meeting.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.2.

Item 3.3: Discussion: Substation Building Background and History

To be continued at next Commission Meeting.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.3.

Commissioner Perez adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM.