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COMMISSION MINUTES **Thursday, April 10, 2025** **2:00 p.m.**

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*The meeting was called to order at: 2:18 PM by **President Perez**. **Commissioners present:** Manriquez, Quon, Ramirez, and Wirfs. **Also present:** Interim General Manager Edgar Garcia, El Pueblo Staff Jasmin Palomera, and Deputy City Attorney Joshua Templet. Commissioners Cardenas, Chu, Matricardi, and Romero were absent.*

Commissioner Perez welcomed those in attendance.

A quorum was established.

Celia Quezada, Edward Flores, Valerie Hanley, and Felix Munoz 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.

Stephen Rodriguez, representative from Council District 14 (CD14), mentioned Councilmember Ysabel Jurado's visit to El Pueblo in March and that Councilmember Jurado might attend Blessing of the Animals.

Commissioner Cardenas arrived at 2:35 PM.

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

Item 1: General Manager's Report

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



A colorful photograph of El Pueblo was shown on the screen and it was noted that it included Edward Flores's grandmother.

Mr. Garcia shared the requests for proposals for four center puestos and W-4 were posted the previous day.

He informed everyone of possible changes in operating hours for museums at El Pueblo for the next two months.

He mentioned that there were three-hundred twenty-three incidents in March in the security update, primarily acts of vandalism.

Mr. Garcia provided information on Museum visitorship in March totaling approximately 21,400 visitors.

Enriqueta Olmos and Carlos Morales, El Pueblo's Property Management team, presented signs with QR codes for easier access to the RFPs and shared that they are located on the actual puestos that are available.

Mr. Garcia attended the Broad Expansion Project Ground Breaking event at the Broad Museum and mentioned that El Pueblo was mentioned by name by Councilmember Jurado.

Edward Flores, Jim Jang, and Valerie Hanley 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 27, 2025.

Commissioner Wirfs noted a number of corrections to be made.

MOTION: Commissioner Wirfs moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2025 with amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Cardenas.

Vote on Item 3.1: Cardenas, Y; Manriquez, 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 25-0002: Request for Authority to Execute a Transfer of Interest for Olvera Street Space C-9 to Olvera Street Merchant Felix Munoz from Bertha Gomez

MOTION: Commissioner Quon moved to approve Board Report 25-0002. Seconded by Commissioner Manriquez.

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

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.2.

Item 3.3: Discussion: Recommendations for Cultural Programming by Commissioners and Partner Organizations

Commissioner Perez mentioned the programming opportunities and possible future events at El Pueblo.

Mr. Garcia shared that DTLA Proud will be hosted at El Pueblo in August 2025.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.3.

Commissioner Wirfs left at 3:46 PM.

Item 3.4: Discussion: Substation Building Background and History

To be continued at next Commission Meeting.

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.3.

Commissioner Manriquez requested an updated contact list of the current Commissioners. Commissioner Quon mentioned a visit to El Pueblo's Offsite Storage facility had not been scheduled yet.

Commissioner Perez adjourned the meeting at 3:48 PM.