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COMMISSION MINUTES **Thursday, February 12, 2026** **2:00 p.m.**

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The meeting was called to order at: 2:00 PM by Vice President Chu.

Commissioners present: Manriquez, Matricardi, Quon, Romero and Wirfs. Also present: General Manager Domenika Lynch, Assistant General Manager Darrell Alatorre, El Pueblo Staff Priscilla Bravo-Hart, and Deputy City Attorney Josh Templet. President Perez was absent.

A quorum was established.

Commissioner Chu welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Cardenas arrived 2:03pm

Edward Flores, Rafael Caballero, Tawny Ling, Charles Soji Thomas, Sylvia Gribbell, Emily Martinez, Juni Wong, and Craig Wong provided general public comment.

President Perez arrived at 2:20pm

Approval of the El Pueblo Commission Meeting Minutes from January 22nd, 2026

MOTION: Commissioner Matricardi moved to approve Minutes from January 22nd, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Romero.

Vote on Approval of Meeting Minutes: Cardenas, Y; Chu, Y; Manriquez, Y; Matricardi, Y; Perez, Y; Quon, Y; Romero, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

No public comment was provided on Approval of Meeting Minutes.

No updates were provided from the Mayor's Office.



Josue Munoz, representative from Council District 14 (CD14), shared that a motion was passed for clarity on rent and GSD and a second motion will be had for the transfer of funds from the master plan. He also provided an update on the CD14 Small Business Grant. Applications will be available opening for receiving applications will be on March 2nd and is exclusively for CD14 businesses.

Dylan Stickland, Field Deputy for CD14, shared information about the lighting initiative, which begun with a 1.07-billion-dollar investment, and is one week out from arriving in Downtown Los Angeles and is an ongoing rotation. He also shared information about the L.O.V.E Team (Leading Outreach with Valued Engagement), a contract through Urban Alchemy, that fills gaps in services for unhoused communities that will be coordinated by CD14 and managed by him. Dylan also mentioned that activations on Olvera Street are a priority and to reach out proactively for support.

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

Item 1: General Manager's Report

Ms. Domenika Lynch presented the General Manager's Report. She highlighted recent progress, including improved coordination with the General Services Department (GSD), interest from a tenant seeking to make a significant investment, and the opportunities presented by upcoming major events in Los Angeles, including the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the City's 250th anniversary.

Ms. Lynch reported on work order progress, noting that 122 work orders were completed in 2025 and 44 have been completed in the first months of 2026. She also provided updates on enhanced security coordination, including Captain Muniz's attendance at every Merchant Meeting, the installation of a large security camera in front of the Biscailuz Building, and ongoing planning for World Cup-related security activations.

Ms. Lynch further shared that she has been working with the CAO's Office, the Mayor's Office, and Councilmember Jurado and her team to facilitate the transfer of funds from the Master Plan to support operational needs.

She announced upcoming activations scheduled for June 25 through June 28, including a Food and Music Festival featuring integrated museum programming, a children's zone, and VIP experiences.

Mr. Darrell Alatorre, Assistant General Manager, provided updates on programming and events at El Pueblo. He noted that during the February 14 weekend, Las Colibri, an all-female mariachi group, will perform at the Kiosko and La Golondrina. He also shared that on February 21, with support from Councilmembers Price and Hutt, El Pueblo will acknowledge the African heritage of the original Pobladores and the history of Olvera Street.

Ms. Lynch also reported on light improvements to Pico House, including fresh paint and new carpeting.

Commissioner Wirfs inquired about the long-term execution of the Master Plan and the status of the contract. Ms. Lynch responded that while a Master Plan framework exists, funds are currently needed to address the budget deficit. She also noted that the Bureau of Engineering canceled the contract.

Commissioner Quon asked whether fundraising efforts would be tied to the June events. Ms. Lynch stated that funds will support World Cup readiness as well as investment in existing cultural programming.

Commissioner Chu expressed appreciation for the responsiveness of Ms. Lynch and Mr. Alatorre, noting positive feedback from merchants. He asked about potential marketing coordination with Union Station or Metro. Ms. Lynch responded that she has been working closely with those partners and that a marketing plan is in development.

Commissioner Manriquez, referencing her experience with the 1984 Olympics, asked about opportunities for corporate sponsorship. Ms. Lynch explained that El Pueblo works through a nonprofit partner and must adhere to established guidelines.

Commissioner Matricardi commended staff for completing a significant number of work orders in a short period of time.

*Commissioner Cardenas inquired about the possibility of establishing an onsite social worker in partnership with CD14, Urban Alchemy's **L.O.V.E. Team (Leading Outreach with Valued Engagement)**, and The People Concern. Ms. Lynch responded that current funding limitations make this difficult at this time.*

President Perez requested clarification regarding responsibility for utilities at The People Concern site, noting that the area was previously a revenue-generating parking lot. She also commended Ms. Lynch and Mr. Alatorre for their progress in a short timeframe.

Partner Updates:

Museum of Social Justice (MOSJ): *Domenica Castillo, Executive Director. The current exhibition, Comrades, Sisters: Women of the Black Panther Party, closes March 1. The next exhibition, Voices of Water (an all-female Colombian art collective), opens March 12, with an opening reception on March 14. MOSJ will also partner with Oscar Magallanes in August.*

Italian American Museum of Los Angeles (IAMLA): *Francesca Guerrini. The current exhibition, Creating Minds: Italian-American Inventors and Innovators, closes May 5. Upcoming concerts include a Sicilian-American singer on February 22 at 6:00 p.m. and a mandolin virtuoso concert on March 14. The next exhibition, Mangia: The Evolution of Italian Food in the United States, opens June 18. Additional programs include an Emilio Pucci book presentation on March 27 and an “unsolved murder” book presentation on April 11.*

Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation (OSMAF): *Valerie Hanley. She Rises: Women of Median Strength, a gallery series for Women’s History Month, will run from February 28 through March. The Blessing of the Animals is scheduled for April 5.*

Chinese American Museum (CAM): *Jim Jang. Chinese New Year and the Golden Dragon Parade will take place February 17. The Firecracker Run in Chinatown is scheduled for February 28 and*

March 1. CAM also shared an upcoming exhibition, Cheongsams, featuring the iconic one-piece dress.

***Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM):** Ianai Molina will follow up with Ms. Lynch to confirm dates for upcoming events.*

***Public Comment:** Edward Flores and Valerie Hanley provided public comment on Item 1.*

Item 2: Commission Committee Reports

- Mexican-American/Latino Historical Monuments Ad Hoc Committee -will be scheduling an online meeting
- El Pueblo Parking Operations and Revenue Ad Hoc Committee -will be scheduling a meeting and attended an OSMAF meeting

Edward Flores provided public comment on Item 2.

Item 3.1 Vote to dissolve El Pueblo Non-profit and Non-commercial Tenants Ad Hoc Committee

MOTION: Commissioner Quon moved to approve item 3.1. Seconded by Commissioner Romero.

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

No Public Comment was provided on Item 3.1.

Item 3.2 Approval of California Migration Museum Plaque Installation

The item was continued to a future meeting due to the California Migrant Museum presentation being rescheduled for next month March 12th.

Commission Business:

***Commissioner Perez:** requested the creation of monthly night events with the possibility of lowering parking costs*

***Commissioner Chu:** requested information on relative impact of security*

***Commissioner Romero:** inquired about the Gondola*

Commissioner Perez adjourned the meeting at 3:57 PM.