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## **COMMISSION MINUTES** **Thursday, February 23, 2023** **2:00 p.m.**

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The Meeting called to order at: 2:01 PM by President **Wirfs**. Commissioners present: **Alarcon, Núñez, Quon, Thomas**. Also present: General Manager Arturo Chavez, Assistant General Manager Edgar Garcia, El Pueblo Staff Ashley Mora, and Deputy City Attorney Joshua Templet. Commissioner Cardenas, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Ibarra, and Commissioner Marez were absent.

A quorum was established.

Commissioner Marez joined the meeting at 2:02 PM.

Commissioner Cardenas joined the meeting at 2:05 PM.

Edward Flores and Lisanne Magdaleno Lee provided Multiple Agenda Item and General Public Comment.

Roberto Perez provided an update from City Council District 14.

There was no update from the Neighborhood Council.

Item 1: General Manager's Report

Mr. Chavez presented the General Manager's Report.

Item 2: Commission Committee Reports

There was no update for the Branding and Marketing Committee.

There was no update for the Merchants Committee.

Commissioner Núñez provided an update for the Mexican-American/ Latino Historical Monument Ad Hoc Committee. She announced that she was unable to attend the last Commission meeting due to the passing of a family member. Commissioner Núñez thanked Professor Ken Gonzales-Day for creating a plan of action to move forward with the Monument. She asked for Mr. Garcia and President Wirfs to provide their availability to discuss their recommendations for the plan of action.

President Wirfs thanked Commissioner Thomas for all his hard work on the 2022 Landscape and Tree Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee.

Item 2 a: Commissioner Quon moved to dissolve the 2022 Landscape and Tree Recommendations Ad Hoc Committee.

Vote on Item 2 a: Alarcon, Y; Cardenas, Y; Marez, Y; Núñez, Y; Quon, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Item 3.1: Approval of the Minutes of 02-09-23

Commissioner Núñez moved to approve the Minutes of 02-09-23 as reported.

Vote on Item 3.1: Alarcon, Y; Cardenas, Y; Marez, Y; Núñez, Y; Quon, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Item 3.2: 1871 Memorial Update

Mr. Garcia provided an update for the 1871 Memorial update. He shared images of the six proposals. Commissioner Quon went into further detail on each proposal.

Commissioner Núñez and Commissioner Thomas requested that the 1871 Memorial Panel present to the El Pueblo Commission in order for the Commissioners to provide their feedback.

Item 3.2 a: El Pueblo Staff to draft a letter to the Department of Cultural Affairs requesting a presentation to the Commission of all six 1871 Memorial Submissions.

Commissioner Núñez moved to approve that El Pueblo Staff draft a letter to the Department of Cultural Affairs requesting a presentation to the Commission of all six 1871 Memorial Submissions.

Vote on item 3.2 a: Alarcon, Y; Cardenas, Y; Marez, Y; Núñez, Y; Quon, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Item 3.3: In-Person Meetings starting March 2023

President Wirfs confirmed that the first meeting will be held in the Biscailuz Basement.

Item 3.4: Board Report 23-0001 Authorize Release of Request for Proposals for Olvera Street Spaces C-14, 26, 27

Commissioner Núñez moved to release Board Report 23-0001 Authorize Release of Request for Proposals for Olvera Street Spaces C-14, 26, 27, and 28 as amended.

Vote on item 3.4: Alarcon, Y; Cardenas, Y; Marez, Y; Núñez, Y; Quon, Y; Thomas, Y; Wirfs, Y. The motion carried.

Item 4: Commission Business

Commissioner Núñez requested that the letter to Council District 14 regarding once a month Commission Meetings be expedited.

Commissioner Marez requested that there is an update on the Master Plan.

Commissioner Cardenas wanted to follow up with the security issues at El Pueblo. Mr. Chavez provided the information that the Merchants were given to contact Security directly. He also mentioned that there is an upcoming meeting to address the issues.

Commissioner Núñez made a comment in honor of Doña Guadalupe Gonzalez.

President Wirfs adjourned the meeting at 4:03 PM in honor of Doña Guadalupe Gonzalez.