

MINUTES

CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION Downtown Anaheim Community Center – 250 Center St., Anaheim, CA 92805

MARCH 21, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Rida Hamida, Chair
William Camargo
Mark Daniels
Karl Squitier
Karen Uyematsu

STAFF PRESENT:

Jane Newell, Heritage Service Manager
Holly Unruh, Community Services Superintendent
Eleanor Granflor, Sr. Secretary

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Julie Brunette

AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Hamida called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Daniels.
3. **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** None.
4. **SCHEDULED COMMUNICATION:** Chair Hamida stated the Native Heritage Presentation will be tabled until the April Commission meeting.

Larry Rosenberg, representing the Anaheim Ballet provided a short video and information about the organization. Questions were answered regarding grant funding, a possible venue for the future programming of the Anaheim Ballet, and the size of the audience for shows performed.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chair Hamida presented the February 21, 2019 minutes to the Commissioners for changes or corrections. Commissioner Daniels requested for the minutes to be amended on the Unscheduled Public Communication section to add a sentence at the end of the paragraph to read: "Chair Hamida recommended to agendaize the item 'Indigenous Peoples Day' on the April Commission meeting agenda for the purpose of creating a proposal to recommend to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day." Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve the February 21, 2019 minutes as amended, seconded by Chair Hamida. There were six votes in favor to approve the correction; Chair Hamida accepted the minutes.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Indigenous Peoples Day:** Chair Hamida stated she attended a meeting held with Holly Unruh and the Tongva tribe leaders to discuss the proposal of changing the City of Anaheim's Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. A draft proposal will be provided at the next Commission meeting, along with a formal presentation given by the tribe to provide background of their heritage. Chair Hamida also requested to agendaize the formal presentation on the April Commission meeting agenda.
 - b) **Vice Chair Election:** Chair Hamida introduced the new Commissioners Camargo, Squitier and Uyematsu. Chair Hamida opened the floor for nominations for the Cultural and Heritage Commission Vice Chair position. Chair Hamida nominated Commissioner Daniels for the position. A vote was taken and Commissioner Daniels was selected by unanimous vote; Commissioner Daniels will be Vice Chair.
7. **SUB-COMMITTEES:**
 - a) **Center Gallery:** Holly Unruh reported the current Center Gallery artist, Lawrence Brunmeier's exhibit "Angel Blessings" is still up and invited the Commission to visit the gallery. The new exhibit, "The California Palette" of artist, Kym Del Los Reyes, will open in mid-April. Holly also reminded the Commission that there are still some open spots for exhibits towards the end of the year and requested for the Commission to invite any artists that they know to apply.

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- b) Public Art Program: Chair Hamida reported the proposal for a murals project will be tabled to a future commission meeting. Chair Hamida also appointed Commissioner Camargo to the Public Art Program Sub-Committee; Commissioner Camargo accepted.
- c) Multi-Cultural Event: Chair Hamida requested for this item to be removed from the agenda until there is action taken for this proposal by the City Council.
- d) Poet Laureate: Chair Hamida introduced Grant Hier, Anaheim Poet Laureate. Grant Hier provided an overview of what a Poet Laureate is and the duties of the position, and of his current involvement with the community. Grant provided information for the upcoming community-sponsored Refugee events, events with local students, Earth Day events, and a book launch of "California Continuum" that will be head at the MUZEO. Chair Hamida also appointed Commissioner Camargo to the Poet Laureate Sub-Committee; Commissioner Camargo accepted.

Heritage: Commissioner Daniels provided a brief overview of the proposed Heritage Plan to install recognition plaques throughout the City at historic sites. Jane Newell provided information on sites that have already been marked and that future recognition plaques will be installed in the sidewalks of the sites. Jane also reported that the program will include a public nomination process for identifying and marking historic sites. A discussion was held by the Commission regarding possible sites to be marked as well as the plaque design and cost.

- 8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**: Commissioner Camargo reported Unity Week was held at Anaheim High School. It was a week of great events where Project S.A.Y., OC Human Relations and other organizations participated.

Chair Hamida reported "Women are Powerful Girls are Powerful Summit" will be held March 30th at Lincoln Elementary. The event will promote misogyny and patriarchy to address systemic abusive power towards women. Workshops will be held to promote wellness, higher education and much more.

- 9. **ADJOURNMENT**: Chair Hamida adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 Center St., Anaheim CA 92805.