

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION**

March 26, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission was convened in the Commission Board Room on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, and called to order at 2:40 p.m. by Ms. Kathy Markarian, Acting Executive Director.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Mark Ridley-Thomas, President
Commissioner William Chadwick, Vice President
Commissioner Curren D. Price, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Thomas Faughnan
Attorney Noreen Vincent
Ms. Kathy Markarian, Acting Executive Director
Mr. Greg Hellmold, Interim Chief Financial Officer

ABSENT: Alternate Don Knabe
Alternate Tom LaBonge
Ex-officio member Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Ex-officio member Senator Ricardo Lara

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Markarian called for nominations for election of President. Commissioner Price nominated Commissioner Ridley-Thomas for President.

ACTION: On motion of Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Chadwick, Commissioner Ridley-Thomas was elected as President.

President Ridley-Thomas nominated Commissioner Chadwick for Vice President.

ACTION: On motion of President Ridley-Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Price, Commissioner Chadwick was elected as Vice President.

The Commission appointed Ms. Markarian, as Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary.

ACTION: On motion of President Ridley-Thomas and by Common Consent,

there being no objection, Ms. Markarian was appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary for the Commission.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Ridley-Thomas invited Public Comment, to which three individuals responded. Members of the public, Susy Coracero, Bernard Parks, Jr. and Bernard Parks, Sr. addressed the Commission.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Ridley-Thomas requested a motion to approve the draft minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2013. There were no requests for revisions to the draft minutes.

ACTION: On motion of Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Chadwick the minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting were approved.

6. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Ridley-Thomas stated that the Commission is in a new era and is expected to work efficiently and collaboratively. In many respects, the L.A. Coliseum venue is the historic center piece of the Exposition Park complex and the Commission celebrates the opportunity take it to the next level.

Commissioner Chadwick asked Commission counsel to confirm his understanding that between quarterly meetings Commissioners may not communicate with each other in accordance with the Brown Act. Attorney Faughnan indicated that is correct as it relates to Commission business; however, in between quarterly meetings there is the opportunity for the Commission to schedule special meetings. President Ridley-Thomas commented that those special meetings will be properly noticed in compliance with the Brown Act.

7. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION'S 2014 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. Markarian proposed the following quarterly regular meeting dates for calendar year 2014 for resolution by the Commission. The JPA requires the Commission to hold at least one regular meeting each quarter; the date upon which, and the hour and place at which each such regular meeting shall be held shall be fixed by resolution of the Commission.

- May 29th (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m.
- July 31st (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m.
- October 30th (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m.

All regular meetings will be held at the Coliseum Commission Board Room or at a public designated location.

ACTION: On motion of Commissioner Chadwick and seconded by Commissioner Price the Commission's 2014 Regular Meeting schedule was approved and Resolution No. 2014-03-26 was adopted.

8. ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Markarian provided a report on the following items:

- a. Amended and Restated Management Agreement (JPA) – Fully Executed on February 26, 2014
- b. Commission-State Agreements Completed (Property Transfer and Coliseum/Sports Arena Lease Amendments)
- c. Update on Trademark Applications
- d. Status of CalPERS Audit
- e. Coliseum Sports/Arena Management Change
- f. New Commission Website – lamcc.lacounty.gov
- g. Statement of Economic Interests Forms (Form 700) are due April 1, 2014

ACTION: The Acting Executive Director's Report was received and filed.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Markarian and Greg Hellmold, Interim Chief Financial Officer, provided a report on the following:

- a. Status of transfer of Controller function to the County Auditor-Controller
- b. Presentation of November 2013 financial report
- c. Status of Commission's Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget
- d. Estimated future CalPERS pension liability
- e. Update on Coliseum Association's IRS Form 990 due date is May 15, 2014

ACTION: The Commission requested the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a cash flow projection by April 15, 2014.

10. PRESENTATION BY USC

Ms. Markarian stated that the initial semi-annual report is due from USC by March 31, 2014, as required by the USC-Commission Lease.

Mr. Joe Furin, USC (General Manager of the Coliseum & Sports Arena) presented the Commission with general information regarding:

- a. Completed and planned events and
- b. Capital repair or improvement projects underway or proposed

Mr. Furin stated that most of the facility improvements have been related to aesthetic improvements.

For Information Only

11. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE POLICY ON SELECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST EVENTS

Ms. Markarian presented a draft policy on the selection of public interest events to the Commission for consideration.

President Ridley-Thomas suggested that the draft policy be approved on a preliminary basis to allow the Commission to weigh in again at the next meeting and consider additional refinements to the policy.

ACTION: On motion of President Ridley-Thomas and by Common Consent, there being no objection, the Commission adopted the proposed policy and procedure on a preliminary basis and for the policy and procedure to be finalized at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

12. CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR PUBLIC INTEREST EVENTS

Ms. Markarian presented the Commission with the following requests for a waiver of rent:

a. Revlon Run/Walk for Women – May 10, 2014

For the past two years, the Commission has chosen to support this event by waiving the rent. The EIF has again requested that the rent be waived for this year's event due to lower registration and fundraising dollars compared to past years. EIF has requested that the rent be waived for the day of the event and for set-up the day prior to the event.

ACTION: On motion of Commissioner Chadwick and seconded by Commissioner Price, the Commission approved the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Revlon Run/Walk for Women on May 10, 2014, as one Commission Event. As a designated Commission Event, the rent for the May 10, 2014 event will be waived. This means that no rent will be charged for set-up activities that begin after 4:00 p.m. on the day before the event or tear-down activities that do not extend beyond 12:00 p.m. the day after the event.

- b. **Fireworks Extravaganza – July 4, 2014 (Request from City Councilmember Bernard Parks)**
- c. **Community Fair and Fireworks – July 4, 2014 (Request from City Councilmember Curren Price)**

Two requests were received from the City of Los Angeles for a Fourth of July event; one from Councilmember Parks of the Eighth District, and one from Councilmember Price of the Ninth District. An annual Fourth of July celebration has been staged at the Coliseum since 2003 by the City of Los Angeles.

President Ridley-Thomas suggested the Fourth of July event should be a co-sponsored event and would like to know the specific commitments being made by each District. Because of its importance and benefits to the community, President Ridley-Thomas indicated the Commission's desire to designate the Fourth of July celebration as a Commission designated event and instructed the Commission staff to request each District to provide specific plans/commitments and identify opportunities for collaboration.

ACTION: On motion of President Ridley-Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Price, instructed the Commission staff to request each District to provide specific plans/commitments and identify opportunities for collaboration and that the Commission convene in a special meeting prior to the next Commission meeting to determine who will be the principal sponsor or sponsors of the event.

- d. **Care Harbor Free Clinic – September 11-15, 2014**

The next Care Harbor event is scheduled at the Sport Arena in September 2014. For the past three years, the Coliseum Commission has waived the rent in support of the Care Harbor free clinic event at the Sports Arena. This event has helped thousands of uninsured, underinsured and in-need individuals and families in Los Angeles County. The clinics provide both comprehensive on-site care and prevention resources and follow-up care that can significantly benefit the community.

Ms. Markarian presented this request to the Commission for information only, since according to the USC-Commission lease, the eight events for which the Commission may waive rent are for events at the Coliseum, not the Sports Arena. Therefore, the decision of whether to waive the rent is USC's decision. Ms. Markarian stated that she has notified the requestor of this restriction and forwarded the request to USC for consideration.

For Information Only

13. STATUS OF NELSON MANDELA PLAQUE – PRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION

Ms. Markarian provided the Commission with an update regarding the production and installation of the Nelson Mandela plaque that was previously approved by the Commission for inclusion in the Coliseum Memorial Court of Honor at its meeting of February 6, 2013, as requested by Commissioner Ridley-Thomas to commemorate the "Tribute to Nelson Mandela" event that was held at the Coliseum on June 29, 1990. The plaque is currently in production and is expected to be completed and installed no later than April 21, 2014.

The Commission (through Commissioner Ridley-Thomas's office and the Acting Executive Director) is coordinating an induction event with David Galaviz, USC Executive Director of Local Governmental Relations. The tentative date for the event is May 14th, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Faughnan announced that the Commission would meet in Closed Session regarding the matters listed on the printed agenda. Closed Session commenced at 4:00 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION


Following the conclusion of Closed Session, the Commission returned to Open Session at 4:20 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Faughnan announced that that there were no reportable actions taken by the Commission during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcing the completion of the business set forth on the printed agenda, President Ridley-Thomas declared the meeting of the Coliseum Commission to be adjourned at 4:25 p.m.


Secretary