SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CULVER CITY PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA April 18, 2018 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Rickards called the special meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 6:32 P.M. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present:

Chair William Rickards
Commissioner Paula Amezola
Commissioner Kay Heineman
Commissioner Palvi Mohammed

Absent:

Vice Chair Scott Zeidman

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Lee.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Rickards invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

Community Conversation

The Culver City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Hosts "Everyone Deserves to Feel Safe," a Community Conversation for Teens Led by Peer Educators from The Talk Project. The Talk Project is Sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women | Los Angeles.

Chair Rickards commented on the PRCS Commission's commitment to hosting Community Conversations on topics of interest and importance to the Culver City community and mentioned the subject matter of some of the past Community Conversations. He introduced Commissioner Mohammed as one of the members of the Community Conversation Ad Hoc Subcommittee responsible for organizing the "Everyone Deserves to Feel Safe" Community Conversation.

Commissioner Mohammed gave a brief summary of the process of organizing the Community Conversation and explained its purpose. He then introduced Commissioner Amezola as the second member of the Community Conversation Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Commissioner Amezola read a statement emphasizing the importance of holding public discussions regarding sexual harassment and assault and educating the community on strategies for identifying and preventing such behaviors, including advocating for a culture of consent for youth. She welcomed everyone to the Community Conversation and requested that participants fill out the evaluation forms following the discussion.

Commissioner Mohammed thanked PRCS Department and City Attorney's Office staff for their assistance in developing and implementing the Community Conversation and acknowledged Commissioner Amezola for her work with him on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. He mentioned the facilitators for the evening's discussion, Teen Peer Educators from "The Talk Project."

The Talk Project was created by the National Council of Jewish Women | Los Angeles Teen Advocacy Working Group. It is a peer-to-peer sexual violence awareness program which involves teen peer educators visiting various sites in Los Angeles to discuss consent, sex, and sexual violence with other teens.

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Commissioner Mohammed introduced Ms. Ashley Cooper, Community and School Program Coordinator at the National Council of Jewish Women | Los Angeles. Ms. Cooper then introduced her colleague, Leah Knopf, The Talk Project Coordinator. The Teen Peer Educators came forward and introduced themselves and stated why they were having "The Talk."

<u>Note</u>: Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter, detailed meeting minutes were not transcribed. To protect the identity of Community Conversation participants and to honor their stories, only this brief summary of the event is being entered into the public record.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items from Staff / Items from Commissioners

Brief comments were made regarding upcoming Agenda Items and Community Events.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:14 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to a meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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Patricia A. Mooney

SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

APPROVED September 4, 2018

Scott Zeidman

CHAIR of the PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMISSION

Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.