

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2018

Meeting location: 260 E. 15th Street, Merced, CA 95341

Commission Members Present:

- Lee Lor Eva de Long Iantha Thompson Shirley Brown Scott Pettygrove
- Dr. David Canton Aaron Lequia Marjorie Terranova Yvonnia Brown

Staff Present: James Fincher, Martha Hermosillo, and Gardenia Bautista.

Guests: Monica Adrian

Call to Order

Chair Lee Lor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Shirley Brown arrived at 5:36 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Commissioner Dr. David Canton.

Attendance results noted above; a quorum was present.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Public Opportunity to Speak on Any Matter within the Commission’s Jurisdiction

Members of the public were invited to come forward to speak. No public comment provided.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Approval of Minutes for the December 12, 2017 Commission Meeting (Action)**
- 2. Approval of Expenditures through December 31, 2017 (Action)**

Commissioner Yvonnia Brown moved to approve Items #1-2 on the consent calendar.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Iantha Thompson. The motion was unanimously passed with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

3. Approval to contract with The Regents of the University of California Merced, School of Natural Sciences, CalTeach Program as fiscal agent for “Merced Children’s Interactive Museum,” recipient of a First 5 Merced County Mini-Grant (Action).

Commissioner Lee Lor recused herself due to conflict of interest.

This item was presented by First 5 Executive Director, Martha Herмосillo, to request the Commission’s approval for CalTeach Program to utilize The Regents of the University of California (UC) Merced, School of Natural Sciences as its fiscal agent rather than directly receive the grant funds.

Commissioner Dr. David Canton made a motion to approve to contract with The Regents of the UC Merced, School of Natural Sciences, CalTeach Program as fiscal agent for “Merced Children’s Interactive Museum,” recipient of a First 5 Merced County Mini-Grant.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Yvonnia Brown. The motion was unanimously passed with 6 in favor, 0 opposed. At this moment Commissioner Lor rejoined the meeting.

4. Approval to cancel the February 12, 2018 Commission meeting due to the holiday (Action).

Commissioner Dr. David Canton made a motion to approve to cancel the February 12, 2018 Commission meeting due to the holiday.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Yvonnia Brown. The motion was unanimously passed with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

5. Update on recruitment for Program manager and Program Specialist (Informational).

This item was presented by First 5 Executive Director, Martha Herмосillo. Herмосillo informed the Commission that 7 applications had been received for Program Manager and 5 for Program Specialist. Due to having two interview panels, she requested the Commission’s assistance in being part of the interview panel. Commissioner Iantha Thompson volunteered to be part of the panel. Herмосillo informed the commission that she plans on closing the application process in a week or two. Public member Monica Adrian, Merced County Office of Education, asked Herмосillo if any applicants were from out of the area. Herмосillo replied that yes, there had been a few applicants from out of the area.

COMMISSION INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Executive Director’s Report

First 5 Merced County Executive Director, Martha Herмосillo gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission on the following:

Radio Merced will be running a Campaign during February through April in both English and Spanish which will direct listeners to text the word “Family” to the number provided. Prizes include a family 4 pack to Monterey Bay Aquarium and dinner at Destinos, a local restaurant. Herмосillo played the *Real Moments* ads for the Commission. Commissioner Lee Lor asked Herмосillo if there was a possibility the ad in Spanish could also have a dad version added to the campaign. Herмосillo replied that she would check into it and let the Commission know. Herмосillo informed the Commission that her very first Facebook post received 450 reaches which was the post for Downtime Storytime for the Multicultural Arts Center.

Hermosillo stated that a Planning Meeting for the Children's Summit (April 19, 2018) was scheduled for January 18, 2018 from 1-3 pm, and if any of the Commissioners are interested in attending, or providing staff for help with the planning. Hermosillo informed the Commission about the Care Cope Connect booklets; \$5,000 was allocated and staff was able to purchase 4,000 copies. Hermosillo asked the Commission for any ideas for distribution of the remainder 400 copies. Hermosillo spoke to the Commission about the IMPACT Mini-Grants which is support for licensed and license-expend child care providers. The applicants must be an IMPACT participant and awarded funds are broken down into 3 steps:

- Step 1
 - FFNs up to \$500
- Step 2
 - Family Child care up to \$1000
 - Child Care Center \$1500
- Step 3
 - Family Child Care \$1500
 - Child Care Center \$2000

Lastly, Hermosillo showed the Commission the lactation location plaques First 5 purchased for the two funded rooms. Hermosillo stated that the next rooms funded, would be responsible to display similar plaques in recognition of First 5's contribution.

7. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Shirley Brown apologized for being late. Commissioner Dr. David Canton reminded the commission once again about the increase in Influenza. It's not too late to receive the flu vaccine. Dr. Canton also reminded to send ill children to primary providers rather than the Emergency Room if possible. Commissioner Shirley Brown reiterated on Dr. Canton's comment and stated that the ER has been overcrowded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.