



**Meeting Minutes of the  
California Exposition & State Fair  
Cultural Advisory Council**

Held

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm  
In the Administration Building Boardroom  
California State Fairgrounds  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, California 95815

**Council Members Present**

Catherina Nou, Vice-Chair

David Banuelos, Member  
Delgreta Brown, Member  
Letitia P. Earl, Member

Jackie Morris-Henderson, Member  
Julie Rokser, Member  
Cha Vang, Member

**Board and Staff Present**

Rick Pickering, CEO  
Mark Nelson, Member Liaison  
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager  
Robert Craft, Chief of Police  
Randy Brink, Goodwill Ambassador  
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

**Council Members Absent**

Indi Kallirai, Chair  
Debora Richardson Brister, Alternate  
Bill Campos, Member  
Anita Johnson, Member  
Sandra Varner, Member  
Norah LeDoux, Alternate  
Chris Mateo, Member  
Elissa Ouchida, Member  
Olga Shilo, Member  
Jorrel Verella, Member

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## **MINUTES**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:04 p.m. by Vice-Chair Nou.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Role was taken –Quorum was not present – Council Member Rokser suggested that Council Members who did not give more than a 24-hour notice with the exception of illness be noted as a not excused absence.
- 3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF** – Introductions were made around the room.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
  - a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2016 was tabled, as there was not a quorum present.

### **MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM # 5, d) WALK ALONG**

Vice Chair Catherina Nou announced that she would be taking this item out of order. There were no objections; the Council considered Agenda item 5, d).

#### d) Walk Along

Chief Craft thanked the Council for advancing this item. Chief Craft distributed a hand out that explained the walk along program along with a sheet that was to be filled out to apply. Once you applied, you would be notified by e-mail of the dates and times. Sgt. Scott Smith would then team you up with an officer. There was a discussion about the program and how it worked.

### 5) **Staff & Member Updates**

#### a) Cultural Advisory Council Kitchen Programming Report

Council Member Rokser reported that Saturday, July 16, 2016, 10am to 2:30pm is date and time for the cooking demonstrations. She has not received responses from several Council Members and put together a schedule based on the information she has at this time. Council Member Rokser also indicated that she would need a recipe list and would send an e-mail example to all of those who had agreed to do a cooking demonstration.

#### b) Cultural Advisory Council Survey Report

Council Member Vang reported that she had not received any other comments about the survey other than the security part, which would be separate from this survey. The survey would be forwarded to Sue O'Brien for distribution to Council Members. Once completed the survey should be returned to Council Member Vang or Nou for scoring.

c) Cal Expo and Overall 2016 State Fair Updates

CEO Pickering reported that a group called "On Native Ground" would volunteer during fair time and help with our youth media department. They have produced an 80-minute motion picture called "My Sunset Girl". This movie was made here at Cal Expo and will be having a private showing on at the Benvenuti Performing Art Center.

CEO Pickering informed the Council that a Bernie Sanders 2016 rally was held at Cal Expo on May 9, 2016. There were approximately 15,000 people in attendance.

CEO Pickering reported that Rock and Brews, a franchise food, beverage and family entertainment venue had contacted Cal Expo to explore a ground lease for the former Paradise Island property. This item was taken to the Board of Directors for Cal Expo, who instructed staff to continue to explore this concept.

1. Fair Time Social Event

The AAC and CAC will have a social mixer on July 10, 2016, at 4:00 pm at the Miller Lite Grandstand Clubhouse with the Sale of Champion to follow. There was a discussion about the Sale of Champions and how it works.

2. Opening Day

There was a discussion that Council Member Morris-Henderson will coordinate this event and everyone will meet at the "C" at the California letters at 9:00 am.

3. CAC Parade

The Parade will be held on July 10, 2016, at 2:00 pm. There was a discussion about the parade and if it is a really crowded day, the parade may be postponed.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.