

Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Location: City Hall, Bldg. A, Executive Conference Room #103

276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Board of Ethics Regular Meeting

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Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Barragan, Colon-Torres, Gersten, Hurst, Salas, Torres, Velissaropoulos

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Board of Ethics - Role, Duties, and Procedures

Presenters: Megan McClurg, Assistant City Attorney, and Kerry Bigelow, City Clerk

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Persons may address the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not listed as an item on the agenda. State law generally prohibits the Board from discussing or taking action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Board may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. If you wish to comment, please submit comments electronically at: www.chulavistaca.gov/boardmeetings or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

5. ACTION ITEMS

The Item(s) listed in this section of the agenda will be considered individually by the Board and are expected to elicit discussion and deliberation. If you wish to comment on one of these items, you may do so at www.chulavistaca.gov/boardmeetings or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

5.1 Approval of June 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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Recommended Action:

Review minutes and consider for approval.

5.2 Written Communications

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Communication from Board Member Gersten requesting an excused absence from the June 12, 2024 Board of Ethics meeting.

Recommended Action:

Consider request for excused absence as appropriate.

5.3 Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Recommended Action:

Nominate and elect Chari for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025.

5.4 Consideration of and Possible Action on Proposed Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 on Board of Ethics Activities

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Presentation by Chair Barragan regarding the proposed annual report to City Council on Board of Ethics activity for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024.

Recommended Action:

Commission hear the presentation by Chair Barragan and authorize the Chair to work with staff to finalize and submit the annual report.

5.5 Continued Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Ethics Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Update on ad hoc subcommittees work plan for the following projects.

Group A: Lobbying Ordinance - Board Members Isidro Barragan, Leslie Hurst and Bobby Ray Salas

Group B: Ex Parte Communications Policy - Board Members William Gersten, Jose Torres and Bobby Ray Salas

Group C: Amendments to Code of Ethics - Board Members Alexia Velissaropoulos, Leslie Hurst and Robert Colon-Torres

Recommended Action:

Discuss ad hoc subcommittee work and/or goals and take other action as appropriate.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 6. STAFF COMMENTS
- 7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS
- 8. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

to the regular meeting on August 21, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

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First Name stacy
Last Name Jett
Email Address

Comments

Please look into the contract that was drawn up by Kevin Pointer and agreed to by the city council members on or around Oct. 18, 2023.

This seems to violate Chula Vistas own municipal codes (2.66, etc) as well as the California codes regarding Preservation of Public Parks.

I'm curious as to what the relationship is between Nora Vargas and Kevin Pointer.

Coincidentally the signing of this Facilities Use Agreement between Chula Vista and the Private club Sunnyside Saddle Club (SSC) occurred just 2 months after I spoke about the American Flag being displayed on the same level as the LGBTQ flag in Nora Vargas' State of the County Address. The permanent locking of the equestrian arena has been allowed to occur as the contract gave SSC permanent, 24/7 exclusive use of a facility which is located in Rohr Park and has been used by the local backyard owners for decades. I happen to use this facility many times a week for over 24 years, until the locking has been allowed. I have received many social media comments from the President of SSC which also seem to violate the contract stipulations. I have sent these posts to the city attorneys.

I am frustrated by the locking of the public facility. And I apologize if my frustrations are coming out in my letters, but just the fact that I was making a grievance about what was being allowed to occur has been attacked by the SSC on my social

media page. This is creating a division and having a negative affect on the community.

Please look into this as I do not feel locking an outdoor, public park facility 24/7 and keeping a specific group of people from accessing a facility which they have come to rely on for decades, while allowing the rest of the general public to access other outdoor facilities is a fair or balanced treatment of certain community members..

Allowing a park facility to remain idyll for 345 days a year also seem to degrade a park and keeping it from remaining vibrant and usable by the community.

Sincerely, Stacy Jett

Thank you,

City of Chula Vista

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From: Robert

Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 4:56 PM

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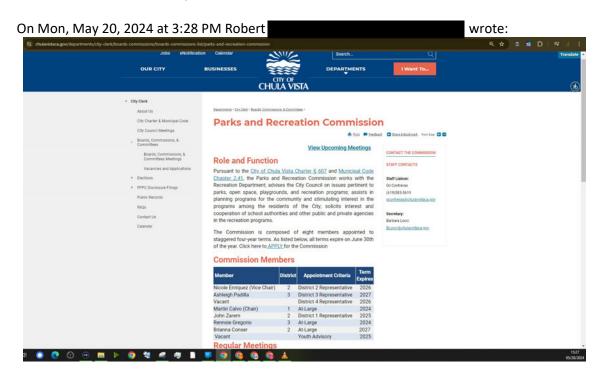
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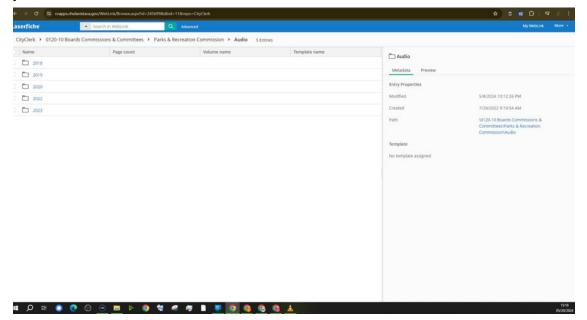
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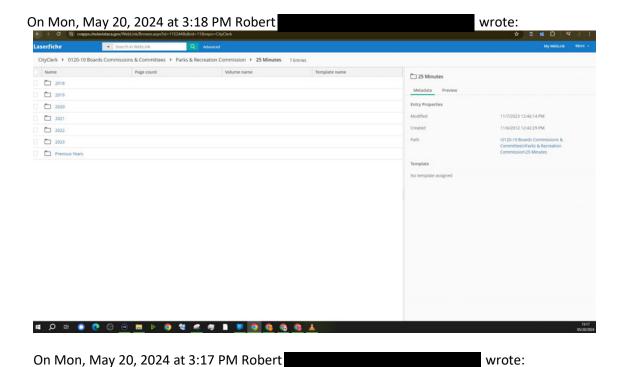
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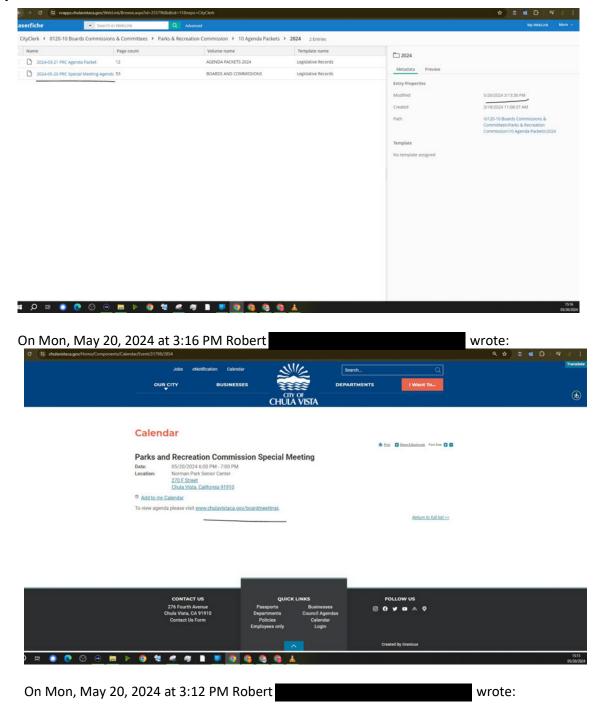
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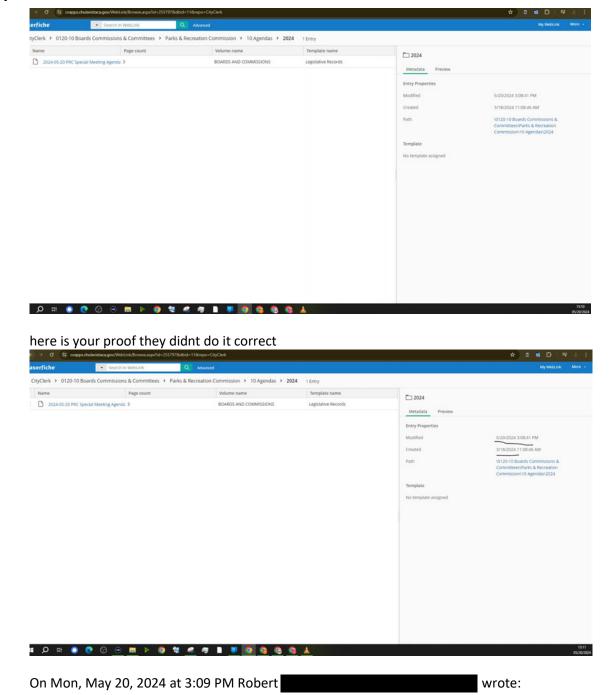
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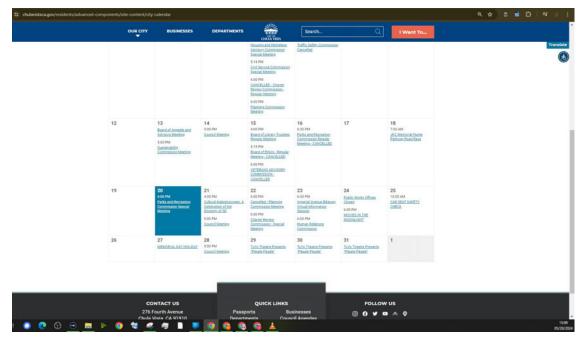


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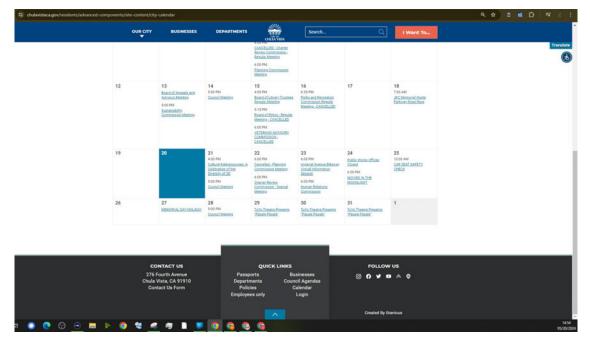


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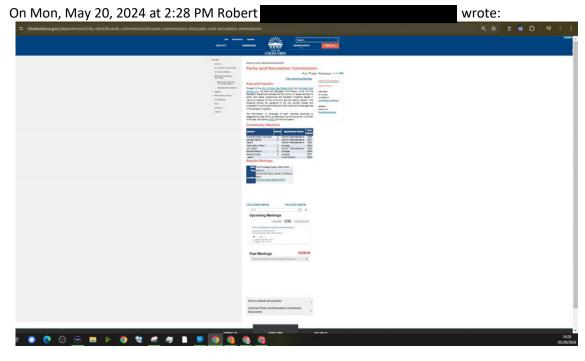


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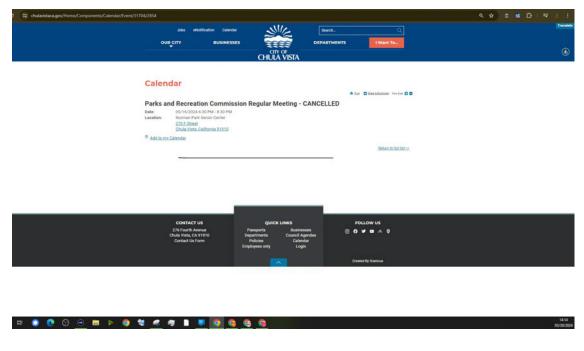
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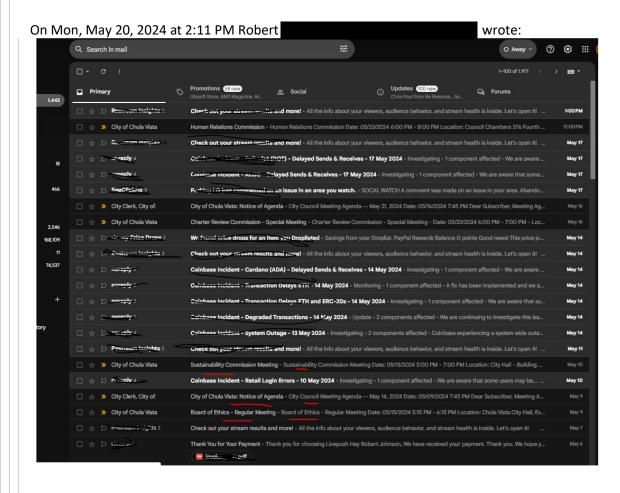




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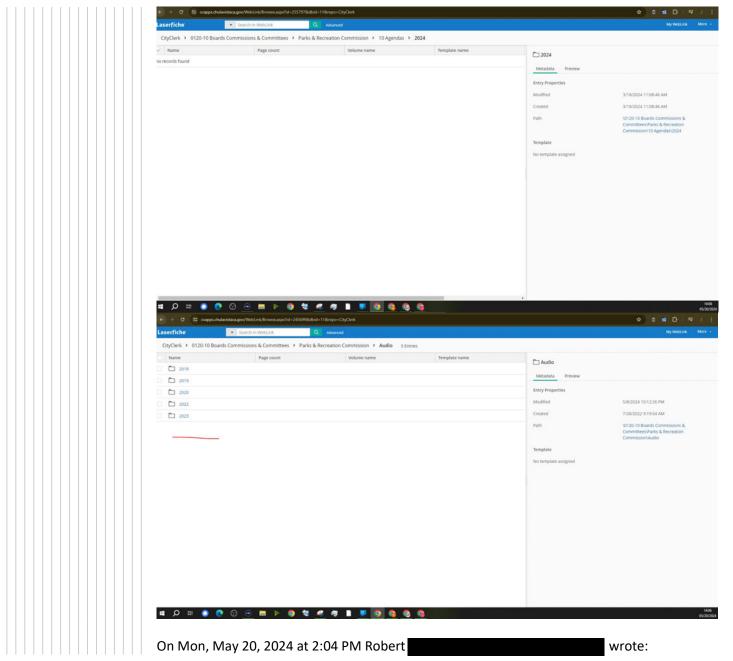


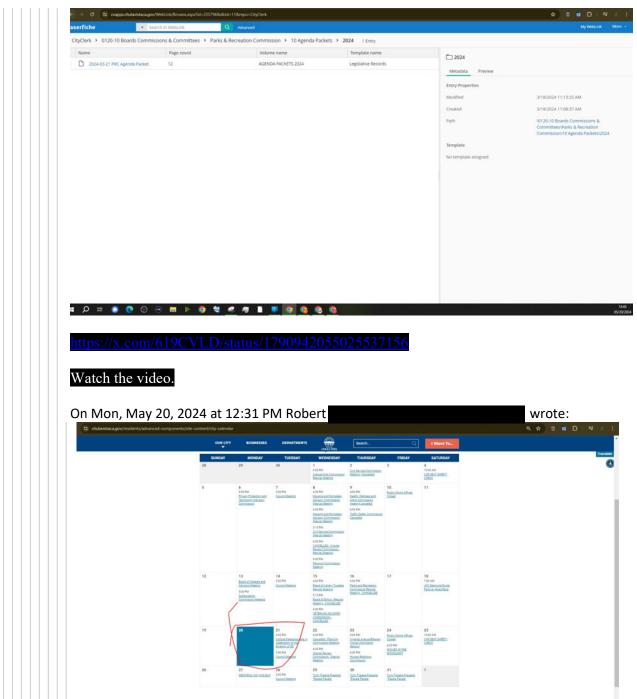
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From: Robert

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Subject: Audit 5.22.24 Public Comment

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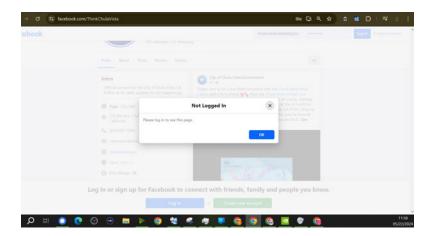
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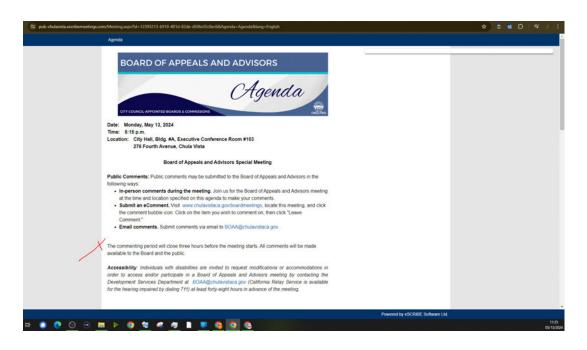
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Date: Mon, May 13, 2024 at 11:29 AM

Subject: AUDIT 5.13.24

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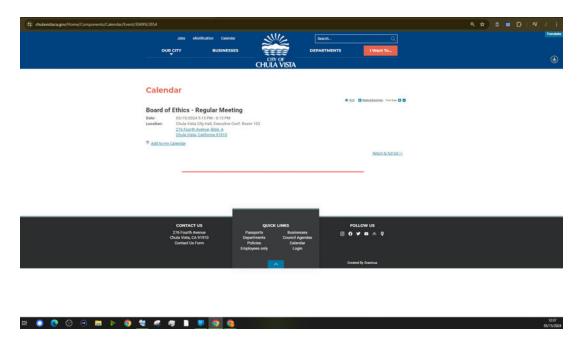
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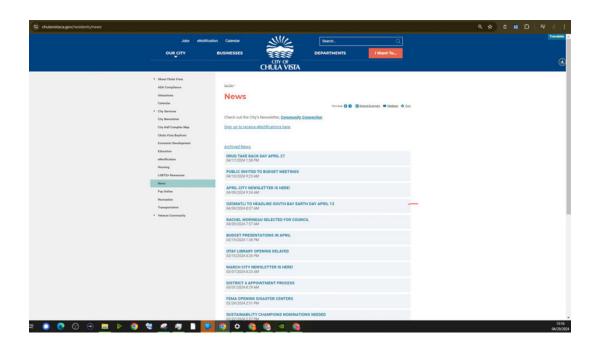
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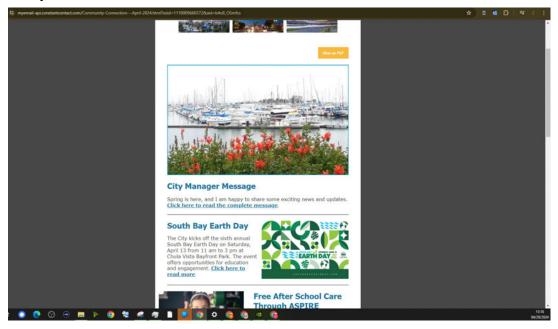
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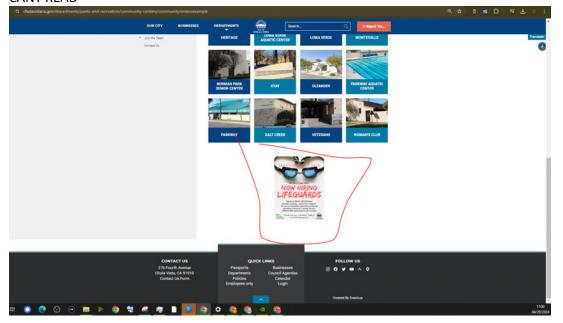
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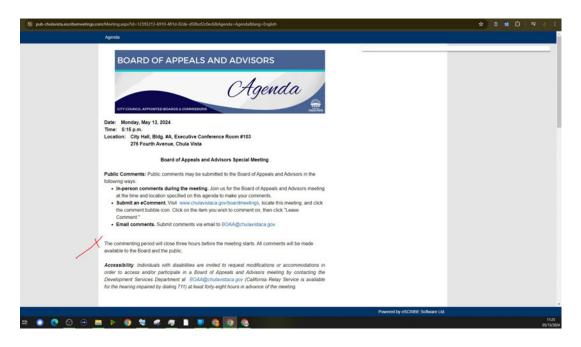
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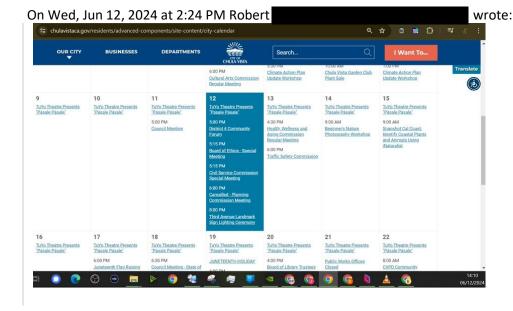
The next meeting of the Board of Ethics will be held on July 17, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall, Bldg. #A, Executive Conference Room #103, Chula Vista, California.

Dated: May 15, 2024

Doris Cornejo Secretary

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am employed by the City of Chula Vista in the City Attorney

THEY NEVER CHECKED THEIR WORK. AND HERE WE ARE CONFLICTS AND I CANT MAKE IT. NOW.



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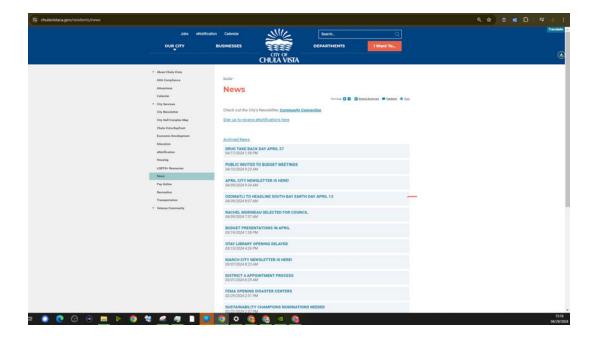
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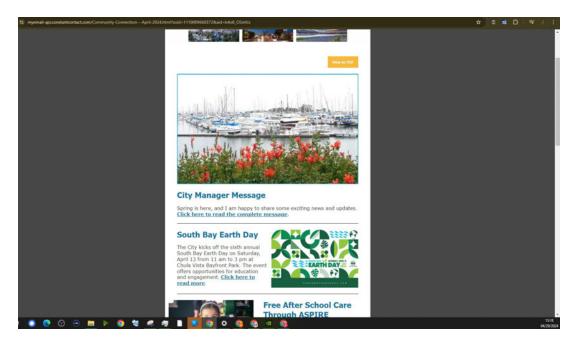
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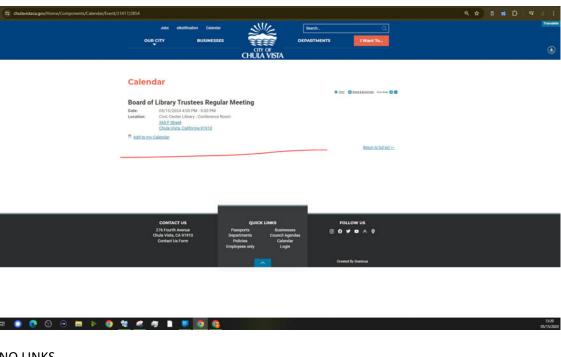
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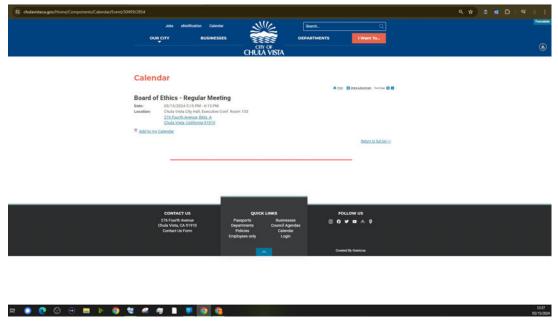
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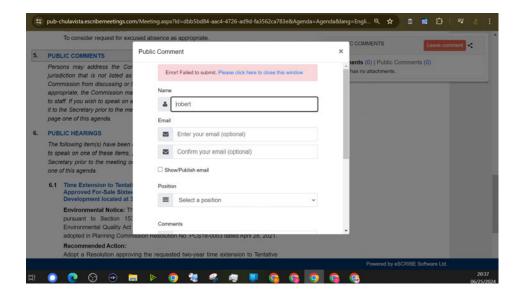
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Planning Commission

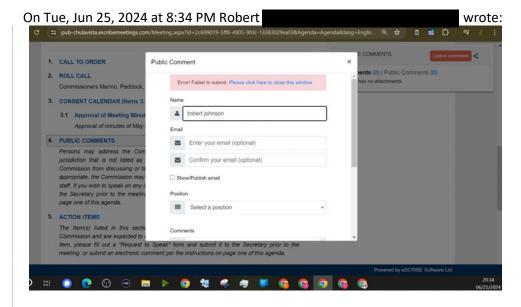
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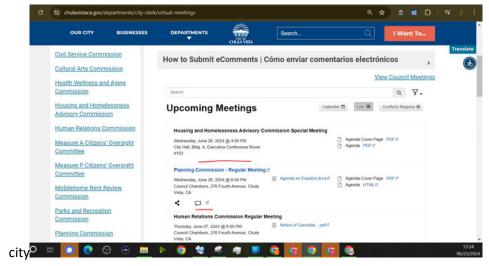
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024, 5:15 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg. A, Executive Conference Room #103
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Members Hurst, Maisonet, Salas, Velissaropoulos and Chair

Barragan

Absent: Members Gersten and Torres

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Megan McClurg and Secretary Doris

Cornejo

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Ethics of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 5:23 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Cornejo called the roll.

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Presentation by Deputy City Manager Courtney Chase: Keeping Chula Vista Safe, Clean and Well-Maintained, A Status Update on Measure P

Board Members heard presentation.

3.2 Presentation by Assistant City Attorney Megan McClurg on Board and Commission Meeting Notice Requirements Under the Brown Act

Board Members heard presentation.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Member Maisonet **Seconded by:** Member Salas

Minutes approved.

Result: Carried Unanimously

4.2 Written Communications

Moved by Member Barragan Seconded by Leslie Hurst

Absence approved.

Result: Carried Unanimously

4.3 Continued Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Ethics Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Board Members of each ad hoc subcommittee updated the board on their findings and progress.

Staff will report back to Board Members regarding their questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Secretary Cornejo reminded Board Members of the cancelled June 19, 2024 meeting.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Barragan thanked staff and board members for their time and attending.

7. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Board Member Salas inquired about member badges, City email addresses and business cards.

Board Member Velissaropoulos informed the members that attending events for the City of Chula Vista hasn't been an issue with regards to access and informing staff of her role on the Board of Ethics.

Board Member Hurst inquired about public speaker roles vs. public camera men roles.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Doris Cornejo, Secretary

Doris Cornejo, Secretary

REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCECity of Chula Vista Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Name:	William Gersten	Date of Absence: Special Meeting of 6/12/24
Board/Commission/Committee: Ethics Commission		
Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.25.110 (C) allows board/commission/committee members, by a majority vote, to excuse a fellow board, commission, or committee member's absence from a meeting for any of the reasons listed below. A member who is absent from three consecutive, regular meetings will be deemed to have vacated his or her membership, unless the member's absence is excused by a majority vote of the other members. An absence is only recorded as "excused" upon receipt of a member's		
request and majority vote of the board/commission/committee to excuse the absence. Accordingly, if you have been absent from a regular meeting, please complete and submit this form to the chair or secretary.		
Please indicate the reason for the absence:		
1. l	Illness of the member, family member of the me	mber, or personal friend of the member;
2. 1	Business commitment of the member that interfe	eres with the attendance of the member at a meeting;
3. Previously scheduled vacation of the member, notice of which was provided to the respective board or commission in advance of the meeting;		
4. Attendance of the member at a funeral, religious service or ceremony, wedding, or other similarly significant event;		
5. t	Unexpected, emergency situation that prohibits	the member's attendance; or
6. Other reason for which the member has given notice to the secretary of his or her unavailability at least seven days in advance of the meeting.		
OR		
The absence was not for any of the above-listed reasons. I understand that the absence will be recorded as unexcused.		
I certify the reason for the absence indicated above is true and correct.		
Membe	er's Signature: William Gersten	Date: 6/1/24
If completed by secretary or staff to board/commission/committee:		
Completed on member's behalf by:, per member's Verbal Written request on:		

FY 2023-24 Annual Activities Report

Board of Ethics

Highlights of Activities During Fiscal Year 2023-24

- 1. Appoint members to serve on the Board of Ethics Interview Panel
 - a. On August 16, 2023, one Commissioner (Gersten) was appointed to serve on the Board of Ethics Interview Panel and one Commissioner (Torres) was appointed to serve as the alternate member.
- 2. Interviewed candidates to fill the 3 vacant seats
 - a. On November 29, 2023, 3 applicants were interviewed. Commissioners made the decision to hold off on selecting applicants until they interview a 4th applicant.
 - b. On December 4, 2023, one candidate was scheduled to interview but the applicant rescinded. The Commissioners met and moved forward with recommending 1 applicant (Hurst) to the City Council for appointment.
 - c. On March 6, 2024, 2 applicants were interviewed. The Commissioners moved forward with recommending both applicants (Salas and Maisonet) to the City Council for appointment.
- Selection of Board of Ethics Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2023-24
 - a. On January 17, 2024, former Vice-Chair (Barragan) was nominated as Chair and another Commissioner (Hurst) was nominated as Vice-Chair. Both nominations were carried by unanimous votes.
- 4. Update to members serving on the Board of Ethics Interview Panel
 - a. On January 17, 2024, the Board of Ethics discussed the appointments of the Commissioners (Gersten and Torres) on the Interview Panel. The update is that Commissioner Torres was appointed to the Interview Panel while Commissioner Gersten was appointed to serve as the alternate member.

5. Continued Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Ethics Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

- a. As of April 17, 2024, all Board of Ethics members have been appointed to an adhoc subcommittee group.
 - i. Group A:Lobbying Ordinance
 - ii. Group B: Ex Parte Communications Policy
 - iii. Group C: Amendments to Code of Ethics
 - iv. Ad-hoc subcommittees continue to meet, discuss and share input on their respective topic.

Board/Commission Comments or Recommendations to Council

None at this time.