

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

OCTOBER 4, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Misty Cota Minjares
Commissioner Pete Dames
Commissioner Diane Gramajo
Commissioner Michael Lord
Vice Chairman Susan Savage
Chairman Steve Soto

Absent:

Commissioner Rebecca Cline

Staff:

Lori Thompson, Community Services Director
Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Commissioner Dames moved and Commissioner Savage seconded to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Cota Minjares, Dames, Gramajo, Vice Chairman Savage, Chairman Soto

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Cline

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Lord

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Community Services Director Lori Thompson reported the 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Day would be held on October 8 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. She said as of October 4, 820 responded and said they would attend the event and that volunteers and their guests would receive free admission and exclusive use to Buccaneer Bay, dinner, and entertainment. Mrs. Thompson gave Commissioners an appreciation pin, which the volunteers will receive during the event.

3. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018 AND 2018- 2019

Community Services Director Thompson presented a report on social services funding for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Fiscal Year 2018-2019. She said during its meeting on September 6, the Community Services Commission provided evaluations for Helpline Youth Counseling, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Meals on Wheels La Mirada and Interfaith Food Center.

Commissioner Lord discussed his evaluation for The Whole Child. He recommended an increase in funding to assist in the organization's efforts.

Mrs. Thompson discussed the evaluation for Community Advocates for People's Choice conducted by Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya.

Commissioner Dames reported that non-profit agencies, with the exception of Meals on Wheels La Mirada, also receive funding through the state and federal government. He said additional funding from local cities shows support of the organization and its mission.

The Commissioners continued to discuss the agencies and expressed support for recommending the same funding amounts as the previous fiscal year: \$9,000 for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to Meals on Wheels; \$4,000 for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to Interfaith Food Center; \$2,000 for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to Helpline Youth Counseling; \$1,000 for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse; \$2,000 for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to The Whole Child, and \$2,000 for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to Community Advocates for People's Choice.

Commissioner Dames moved and Vice Chairman Savage seconded to approve a recommendation for funding in amount of \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Cota Minjares, Dames, Gramajo, Lord, Vice
Chairman Savage, Chairman Soto
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Cline
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

4. VETERANS PROGRAMS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on Veterans programs offered in La Mirada including Salute to Veterans Event, Veterans Plaza Event, Military Banner Program, Veterans History Project, Blue Star Program and the Memorial Day Event.

Mrs. Thompson reported the Salute to Veterans event would be held at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts on November 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. She said the event would include a ceremony recognizing recipients of retired military banners, a keynote speaker, a special video presentation, and remarks from the Mayor.

Mrs. Thompson said Veterans Day would be celebrated with Posting of the Colors by VFW Post #9148, remarks from the Mayor, and a keynote speaker at the Veterans Plaza Event on November 11 at 11 a.m., located at the City's Civic Center Plaza.

5. HALLOWEENFEST 2017

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Halloweenfest event to be held on October 31 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the historic Neff Estate.

Commissioner Cota Minjares volunteered to assist with the event and inquired if the second floor of the Neff Mansion would be open to the public. Mrs. Thompson responded and said the second floor is inaccessible due to safety concerns.

6. SPLASH! LA MIRADA REGIONAL AQUATICS CENTER 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center 10 Year Anniversary celebration to be held on November 11 at 12:30 p.m. She said the event would include a meal, free use of the facility and demonstrations from several groups including the La Mirada Armada and Unsyncables, who performed during the Splash! dedication in 2007.

Mrs. Thompson said the City recently released a Request For Proposals seeking submissions for the design of a new water park feature for Splash! She said three

qualified architectural firms responded to the RFP by the deadline and that interviews would be conducted by staff during the week of October 9.

Commissioner Cota Minjares inquired about the location of the new water park feature. Mrs. Thompson said the location has not been confirmed and that the Commission would continue to receive updates regarding the project.

Vice Chairman Savage inquired about plans to construct a second 50 meter pool at Splash! prior to the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles so that it may be used as a practice facility. Mrs. Thompson responded and said an additional 50 meter pool may support the possibility of Splash! being utilized as a practice facility during the Olympics, but additional revenue must first be generated to operate an additional pool.

7. AGREEMENT WITH LA MIRADA ARMADA FOR USE OF SPLASH! LA MIRADA REGIONAL AQUATICS CENTER

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the La Mirada Armada and the high quality swim programs provided by the organization at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. She said the Armada's ten year agreement with the City began in October 2007 with a lump sum payment of \$1,120,000 to the City, which expires October 22, 2017. Mrs. Thompson said the La Mirada Armada is interested in establishing a five-year agreement with the City for use of Splash at \$575,000, with payments set to begin on November 1, 2017.

8. SOUTHEAST AREA SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING AUTHORITY (SASSFA) FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) and said Mayor Pro Tem Mowles represents the City on SASSFA's Board of elected officials. Mrs. Thompson said during its September 12 City Council meeting, the City Council approved SASSFA's funding requests for \$30,000 each for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19, which includes in-kind contributions of \$73,692 per year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported historical tours of the Neff Mansion and the George House would be available during Halloweenfest on October 31. Mrs. Olsen said former La Mirada City Manager Claude Klug participated in the Storyteller Series at a recent HPAC meeting.

Youth Council Vice Chairman Noemi Munoz shared recommendations to increase participation during the Brickhouse Middle School Dance and enhance the haunted maze at Halloweenfest.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cota Minjares reported that she attended a La Mirada Ebell meeting where a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy encouraged residents to be cautious of door-to-door solicitors and said all solicitors operating within the City are required to obtain a City-issued permit. Ms. Cota Minjares said she assisted with the Youth in Government elections and that Ebell would host a bingo fundraiser on October 14 from 1 to 4 p.m., located at the Church of the Nazarene.

Commissioner Gramajo said she participated in a beach clean-up with the La Mirada Kiwanis on September 16.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on several items including an open house for the City's Tiny Tots and Club Kindergarten programs on September 27, the Friends of the La Mirada Library's Fall Book Sale on October 7, the Youth in Government dinner on October 24, flu shots provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on October 31, and the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts' 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 21 and October 22.

Mrs. Thompson said Splash! met all certification requirements during an inspection of Buccaneer Bay's body slides, lazy river, and play structure conducted by the Amusement Rides and Tramway Unit of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on October 2 and October 3.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Steve Soto
Chairman