

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

October 5, 2016

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 Dustin Dahl
 Commissioner Jack Miranda
 Commissioner Susan Savage
 Vice Chairman Steve Soto
 Chairman Rebecca Cline

 Absent: Commissioner Peter Dames
 Commissioner Michael Lord

 Staff: Lori Thompson, Community Services Director
 Tammie Acosta, Community Services Department Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Vice Chairman Soto moved and Commissioner Miranda seconded to approve the amended minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Dahl, Miranda, Savage, Vice Chairman Soto and Chairman Cline

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Dames, Lord

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. FOOD VENDORS AT CITY EVENTS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on food vendors at City events. The current vendor application packet and letter were included in the report provided to the Commission. She discussed booth fees and monies received from food vendors for the 2016 Independence Celebration. She reported the Kiwanis Club will sell food at the upcoming Halloween event. She said a draft of the updated vendor packet will be provided at the November meeting.

Commissioner Savage asked what percentage of food sales does a non-profit food vendor receives when partnering with a for-profit food vendor. She said there should be a standard. Mrs. Thompson responded and said there is no specific amount.

Chairman Cline said Meals on Wheels representatives suggested there be a debriefing following events such as fireworks sales, to allow non-profits and staff to evaluate the program.

Commissioner Dahl said it seems as though the Health Department shows up at larger events to inspect food vendors due to the greater amount of people, and the potential for greater impact on the population in the event of a situation. He also said in regards to percentages from food vendors, profit or non-profit, the City cannot police the sales and can only go on what is reported.

Commissioner Dahl asked if staff is considering removing the 20 percent donation to the City from food vendors, or is staff considering having the for-profit food vendor partner with a non-profit.

Vice Chairman Soto said the City benefits from using La Mirada food vendors because it receives sales tax and a percentage of the profits.

Commissioner Savage said community members expressed to her during the summer concerts in the park the desire for a variety of food and food vendors.

Mrs. Thompson said during the upcoming Concert Share to be hosted by the City in January, City staff will discuss the topic of food vendors with staff members from other cities to gain a better understanding of what practices work best for the majority of cities.

Chairman Cline said Health Department regulations are good to have, yet they make selling food difficult for food vendors.

NEW BUSINESS

3. VETERANS PROGRAMS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on Veterans programs offered in La Mirada as well as programs offered by other cities. Programs offered include: Veterans Observance

Event, Veterans Plaza Event, Military Banner Program, Veterans History Project, Blue Star Program and the Memorial Day Event. She said staff is considering expanding the City's website to include a Veterans referral section. She also discussed existing Veteran discounts for City services that are available.

Commissioner Miranda asked if the City is aware of programs for Veterans offered by Biola. Mrs. Thompson said Biola does have a group of students involved in the school's Veterans program, and the City has invited them to attend City events.

Chairman Cline said she is glad the City is working with Veterans.

Commissioner Savage said the City of Brea is a good example of what a City can do to honor Veterans.

Commissioner Miranda suggested an article be added to the La Mirada Living highlighting the programs, services, and discounts available to Veterans. He suggested a Veterans discount program be offered by local businesses.

Chairman Cline asked any City programs incorporate students. Mrs. Thompson explained a new aspect of the Veterans Observance event which is comprised of schools and students honoring Veterans during the event.

4. CROSS STREET BANNER POLICY

Community Services Director Thompson provided the City's Cross Street Banner Policy that was adopted in 2002. She explained the policy was being provided in response to the Commission's inquiry about the policy during the last meeting.

Commissioner Miranda said he believes the street banners are a great way to advertise events and programs. He said eight years ago Biola University celebrated its 100th birthday, and the school was denied its request to have a street banner. He mentioned the Community Foundation's banners highlighting the Gala event are hung in several places in the City.

Commissioner Savage said groups should be allowed to have a banner installed if the event is related to the City.

Chairman Cline asked how the Gala banner for the Community Foundation was authorized to be installed. Mrs. Thompson said the Foundation submitted a request to the City, and since it met the criteria, it was approved by the City's Administration Department.

5. HALLOWEENFEST 2016

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Halloweenfest event to be held on October 31 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Commissioner Miranda asked how many people typically attend the Halloweenfest event. Mrs. Thompson said approximately 800 to 1,200 people attend.

Chairman Cline said she will contact volunteers to assist with the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member Lee Olsen said he was unaware of discounts for Veterans offered at the Theatre. He said if the City was to update or embellish anything for Veterans he would suggest it be in the Civic Center. In regards to the Halloweenfest event, he said the costume contest portion takes a lot of time due to the number of children and age groups.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council Chairman Tom Rosholt reported the Health Fair held at the Activity Center was well attended. He reported on the upcoming Fall Festival and the ongoing need to recruit additional members to the Senior Council.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Member Marlene Olsen reported on the passing of long time community member and Historical Advisory Council Member Mary Abbott. She said professional cleaning is needed at the Neff house. She reported on her attendance at the recent disaster preparedness luncheon held at the Activity Center and the All that Dance event.

Youth Council President Karim Sologuren reported on the success of the Father Son Camp Out held at Neff Park during the summer.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dahl reported La Mirada's Cabo Taco located in the Theatre Center is under new ownership. He said the new owners are La Mirada residents and he expects the owners to be more involved in the City.

Commissioner Miranda reported on the 911 Memorial event he assisted with in the Civic Center which welcomed some 60 people. He thanked Veteran Lee Olsen for leading the Pledge of Allegiance during the memorial. He reported on the upcoming Foster Road Thanksgiving dinner and resource fair to be held on November 17.

Vice Chairman Soto thanked La Mirada's Dial A Ride program for its service to the community. .

Chairman Cline said Mary Abbott was a special member of the community and she asked that the meeting be adjourned in Mary's memory.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on Buccaneer Bay, Youth in Government program, Tiny Tots and Club Kindergarten Open House, Splash! rental revenue, Biola 100 Citizens program, La Mirada Library construction update, and the new History Book.

ADJOURNMENT

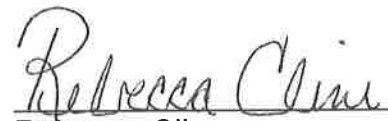
There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Community Services Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. in honor of Mary Abbott.

Submitted:



Tammie Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Rebecca Cline
Chairman