

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

November 2, 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 Michael Lord
Commissioner Jack Miranda
Commissioner Susan Savage
Chairman Rebecca Cline

Absent:

Commissioner Peter Dames
Vice Chairman Steve Soto

Staff:

Lori Thompson, Community Services Director
Tammie Acosta, Community Services Department

Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2016

Commissioner Dahl moved and Commissioner Savage seconded to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Dames and Soto

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Lord

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. FOOD VENDORS AT CITY EVENTS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on food vendors at City events. Commissioners received a draft of the updated food vendor application packet which included guidelines and requirements from the City and the Health Department.

Commissioner Dahl indicated that the draft still notes on page six, that a for-profit food vendor is to provide 20 percent of gross sales to the City. He said the Commission discussed not wanting this percentage at its last meeting. Mrs. Thompson responded and said the document is a draft, and that the Commission may provide a formal recommendation to staff to make changes. The recommendation could then be presented to the City Council for consideration.

Commissioner Savage said she recently spoke with the owner of Laura's Loves, who indicated that during the food vendor's time as a vendor for La Mirada events, the percentage back to the City was a concern.

Commissioner Miranda said he would like to know how much money is collected, and how the funds are used before the Commission makes a motion to remove the fund. He said being as La Mirada is known as a "Business Friendly City", he feels it is in the City's best interest to stay true to the title.

Commissioner Lord said the Foundation is looking at having non-profit food vendors at the next "4 La Mirada Kids" Community Carnival, and to better assist groups the Foundation is considering purchasing equipment suitable to operate a food booth. He said, if the Foundation moves forward with the purchase, it is likely equipment could be borrowed by community non-profits to operate food booths at various events in the City.

Chairman Cline asked Mr. Lord if non-profits would have to rent the equipment from the Foundation. He said he doesn't foresee a rental fee, however the Foundation would need to approve the program and specifications prior.

Commissioner Lord asked how much the City pays for special event insurance. Mrs. Thompson said it depends on the event, but \$275 is about right for smaller events.

Commissioner Lord suggested that the food vendor packet include language that indicates non-profit food vendors are covered under the City's insurance policy, if that is the case.

Commissioner Miranda said, if the 20 percent goes towards insurance costs it is clear to him why the City would collect the money.

Commissioner Lord moved, and Commissioner Miranda seconded to recommend the requirement that food vendors contribute 20 percent of gross sales to the City be eliminated.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Dahl, Lord, Miranda, Savage, and Chairman Cline

NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Dames and Soto
ABSTAIN: None

3. HALLOWEENFEST 2016

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Halloweenfest event that was held on October 31 at Neff Park. She discussed elements of the event including a new Snap Chat feature, the haunted maze, and having to relocate the tiny-tot trick-or-treat area to the basketball courts due to moist grass.

Chairman Cline reported on her participation at the event, and said there were a lot of adults in costumes and that the George House saw 1,118 visitors.

Commissioner Miranda asked how the City measures the success of this event. Mrs. Thompson said the goal of the event is to include as many residents as possible.

Commissioner Savage expressed interest in bringing back the Celebration in the Park event, and suggested it possibly be added in conjunction with a summer concert.

NEW BUSINESS

4. SALUTE TO VETERANS EVENT

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the upcoming Salute to Veterans Event to be held on November 7 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. She discussed key features of the event and invited members of the Commission and public to attend.

Commissioner Lord asked if he could provide information to be displayed at the City's information booth during the event about Habitat for Humanity's Veterans home repair assistance program.

Commissioner Miranda asked if the City invites Cadets to the Veterans event. Mrs. Thompson said yes Cadets are invited along with students from local schools.

5. VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION QUARTERLY REPORT (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, 2016)

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Volunteers in Action Quarterly Report, covering the months of June, July, and August 2016. The report indicated there were 664 volunteers who provided 10,609 service hours in 2016, compared to the same time last year when there were 739 volunteers who contributed 9,875 service hours.

Commissioner Dahl asked why the supplemental report is provided showing volunteer data from athletic groups in the City. Mrs. Thompson said the groups asked to be included in the count.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMER RECREATION ATTENDANCE AND REVENUE REPORT

Mrs. Thompson reported on the Community Services Summer Recreation Attendance and Revenue report. The report showed revenue and registration numbers for Swim Lessons, Older Adult programs, and Recreation programs. The data was broken into weeks as well due to there being eight weeks in this year's summer schedule, compared to the traditional ten weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member Lee Olsen reported on the Community Foundation's Gala event and he inquired about final revenue and attendance figures.

Community Member Brittany Johnson, representing H&R Block in La Mirada, said she the meeting to learn ways H&R Block can get involved in City events and programs.

Resident Rick Cline reported on excess items located behind and on the side of the Savers building on Imperial Highway and Santa Gertrudes Avenue.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council Chairman Tom Rosholt reported members of the Senior Council assisted with the Halloweenfest event and Flu Clinic. He said they are also planning on attending the Salute to Veterans event.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Member Marlene Olsen said she enjoyed the Community Foundation's Gala event. She said it was wonderful and thanked Commissioner Lord for his efforts to help create the event. Mrs. Olsen also reported there were 118 people served at the Flu Clinic; the Historical Preservation Advisory Council recently welcomed new member Tony Aiello; and the need to get more students to attend the Neff tours on Saturdays.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Lord reported on the Community Foundation's Gala event and said the Foundation is looking at ways to improve the event and increase attendance. He thanked Mrs. Olsen for her kind words about the event and addressed questions from Mr. Olsen about the lower attendance. He said the main purpose of the event was to increase awareness about the Foundation.

Commissioner Miranda commended Commissioner Lord and the Community Foundation for trying new things. He invited everyone to attend the Foster Road Thanksgiving event on November 17 from 5 to 7:45 p.m. He discussed his participation

in swim lessons at Splash! with his granddaughter. He invited everyone to attend the Kiwanis Club meeting at its new location at the Sizzler in La Mirada. Chairman Cline thanked the City for hosting the Halloweenfest event, and congratulated the Community Foundation for putting on a great Gala event.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Youth in Government program, residents from Sister City Isehara Japan's recent visit, Community Gardens upcoming closure, the Holiday Toy and Food Drive, Chili Holiday, the Arts Colony art show, pending Library dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Community Services Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted:

Attest:



Tammie Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary



Rebecca Cline
Chairman