

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

**DECEMBER 6, 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 Rebecca Cline  
Commissioner Misty Cota Minjares  
Commissioner Pete Dames  
Commissioner Diane Gramajo  
Commissioner Michael Lord  
Vice Chairman Susan Savage  
Chairman Steve Soto

Staff:

Lori Thompson, Community Services Director  
Dustin Balke, Aquatics Coordinator  
Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2017**

Commissioner Dames moved and Vice Chairman Savage seconded to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Items 2 and 4 were taken out of order.

### **4. SPLASH! LA MIRADA REGIONAL AQUATICS CENTER UPDATE**

Community Services Director Thompson provided an update on Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted several items from summer 2017 and Fiscal Year 2016-17, including operational expenses, revenues, attendance, and community events held at the facility.

Community Services Director Thompson introduced Aquatics Coordinator Dustin Balke.

Aquatics Coordinator Balke provided a report on food operations at Splash! and said Captain Jacks Grille completed its second full year with a net revenue increase of \$47,960 from the previous summer. Mr. Balke discussed the installation of a new point of sale system and a walk-in refrigerator freezer in 2018, which is anticipated to decrease wait times and help improve guest satisfaction.

### **2. 2017 CHILI HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the 2017 Chili Holiday Celebration held on December 2 at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatic Center and said the event was attended by approximately 2,500 guests. She discussed key features of the event including the newly added sled runs and provided financial information from the Holiday Wreath auction, funds collected from train rides, and donations collected from the food and coffee stations.

Mrs. Thompson said the La Mirada Baseball Association and La Mirada Girls Softball Association donated unwrapped toys to the City's Holiday Toy and Food Drive.

Commissioner Lord said the Community Services Foundation collected \$421 in donations from the Photos with Santa area.

Commissioners submitted evaluation forms which included positive comments regarding sled runs, event layout, and community participation.

### **3. COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMER RECREATION ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE REPORT**

Community Services Director Thompson provided a report on recreation enrollment and revenue during summer 2017, which included data for swim lessons, older adult programs, and recreation programs. She noted that subsidization of several stress management courses for older adults by Cerritos College during the summer attributed to the increase in enrollment and decrease in revenue.

## **5. ANNUAL PARK REVIEW**

Community Services Director Thompson discussed the annual park review and clarified several aspects related to the evaluation. She provided Commissioners with evaluation forms and indicated they were due back to staff by February 7, 2018.

Commissioner Dames requested an update be provided regarding recommendations made by the Commission during last year's evaluations. Mrs. Thompson responded and said Public Works would give an update at a future meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS**

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported on her attendance at several community events including the Flu Clinic, Halloweenfest, Community Thanksgiving Feast, Salute to Veterans, and Chili Holiday Celebration. Mrs. Olsen also reported on the upcoming historical Neff Tour to be held on December 16.

Senior Council Chairman Larry Torres commended staff on the Salute to Veterans event and said registration for SeniorNet would take place January 5, 2018. He said a genealogy class may soon be available at the Activity Center. Chairman Soto responded and said genealogy programs have increased in popularity and would be beneficial for seniors.

Youth Council Chairman David Ramirez said ideas for new community projects would be discussed during a special Youth Council meeting scheduled for December 13.

## **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Cota Minjares reported on her attendance at Halloweenfest, Salute to Veterans, and the Chili Holiday Celebration. She provided brief reports on the La Mirada Kiwanis Christmas Shopping Spree held on December 6 and the Love La Mirada Day of Service scheduled to take place on April 28, 2018.

Commissioner Gramajo reported on her attendance at Halloweenfest and the La Mirada Kiwanis Christmas Shopping Spree.

Vice Chairman Savage complimented staff on the Splash! 10 Year Anniversary event and the Chili Holiday Celebration.

Commissioner Cline reported on her attendance at the annual Community Thanksgiving Feast at Foster Road Elementary School and the La Mirada Kiwanis Christmas Shopping

Spree. Commissioner Cline said she volunteered as a judge for the City's Holiday Home Decorating program.

Commissioner Dames said the La Mirada Baseball Association and the La Mirada Girls Softball Association were participating in Toy Tournaments in December which includes each registered participant bringing an unwrapped toy to be donated to the City's Holiday Toy and Food Drive.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Director Thompson reported that the next regular Community Services Commission meeting was scheduled for January 3, 2018. The Commissioners expressed support for the cancellation of the January 3, 2018 meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on February 7, 2018.

Mrs. Thompson reported on several events including the La Mirada Rotary Club's Holiday Shopping Spree on December 6, All That Dance on December 8, and the Polar Bear Plunge scheduled to take place on January 1, 2018 at Splash! She said the Holiday Toy and Food Drive would continue through December 11 and that donations would be distributed to five local food banks including the La Mirada Volunteer Center, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Good Sam Pantry at Beatitudes of Our Lord Catholic Church, Interfaith Food Center and Grace Food Bank at Grace Evangelical Church.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Steve Soto  
Chairman