

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

MAY 2, 2018

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
Commissioner Pete Dames
Commissioner Diane Gramajo
Commissioner Steve Lee
Vice Chairman Susan Savage

Absent: Commissioner Michael Lord

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2018

Commissioner Dames moved and Commissioner Cota seconded to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

2. VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION- JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH 2018 REPORT

Community Services Director Lori Thompson reported 444 active Volunteers in Action (VIA) participants performed 9,455 hours of service during the months of January, February, and March 2018. She said with the VIA hours and supplemental hours served by athletic organizations, Meals on Wheels, and La Mirada advisory bodies combined, a total of 70,154 volunteer hours were contributed in the first quarter of 2018.

Commissioner Lee inquired about how residents are informed of volunteer opportunities in the community.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said the majority of volunteers first learn of the VIA program through the La Mirada Living and other City publications. Mrs. Thompson said many volunteers discover the VIA program through advisory body members, the City's website, special events, and local schools.

Commissioner Cline inquired if the Meals on Wheels (MOW) volunteer hours may be recorded similarly to those performed by other VIA programs. She recommended individual MOW volunteers with over 100 hours of service also be acknowledged during the Volunteer Recognition Concert.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said hours performed by MOW volunteers are reported as a whole by the organization. She said hours may be recorded for individual credit, if desired.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Member Marlene Olsen inquired how hours performed by advisory body members are reflected on the volunteer reports.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said service hours performed by advisory body members are credited to the specific program. She added that hours performed may also be captured, without duplication, in the supplemental report.

3. 2018 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Day at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center and provided an update on last year's event held October 8, 2017. She said due to the satisfactory feedback received, an increase in attendance is anticipated for 2018. Mrs. Thompson reported on staff recommendations for 2018, which include dinner being provided as a single serving and the selection of October 7, 2018 as the event date.

Commissioner Cota commended staff on last year's event and said it was a great way to celebrate volunteers.

Commissioner Dames commented on successful improvements made to the event from previous years and the potential for further enhancements. He recommended staff begin the invitation process promptly with save the date cards prior to the main invitation, in order to provide ample time for proper communication between schools, athletic groups, and their volunteers.

Commissioner Lee concurred with Commissioner Dames' recommendation. He inquired about Buccaneer Bay's capacity and how attendance is determined for the event.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said Buccaneer Bay has a capacity of 1,200 guests for the event. She said attendance was determined through the RSVP and check in process.

Vice Chairman Savage commended staff on last year's event and encouraged additional enhancements.

The Commissioners expressed support for the 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Day to be held on October 7, 2018 and providing dinner as a single serving.

4. WATER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Community Services Director Thompson reported that the City would observe the month of May as National Water Safety Month. In an effort to reduce the risk of drowning and educate families on how to be safe in and around water, free water safety presentations would be provided for the City's Tiny Tot programs and second grade classes at local schools. She said presentations have been scheduled at multiple sites and that staff continues to arrange for additional engagements. Mrs. Thompson also reported on the annual World's Largest Swim Lesson to be held at Splash! on June 21, water safety kits provided to pool owners during visits by the Fire Department, and water watcher cards available at Splash! and during community events.

Commissioner Lee inquired about water safety information for parents.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said parent information on water safety would be updated and available on the Splash! website.

Commissioner Gramajo inquired about the selection of second grade students as the target audience for the water safety presentation program. She recommended water safety kits, similar to those distributed by the Fire Department, be provided to local realtors for new residents who have purchased a home with a pool.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said the target audience was selected after a discussion by the City and the Norwalk- La Mirada Unified School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairman Marlene Olsen inquired about the rescheduled bid opening for the Neff House, George House and Neff Barn Roof Replacement project. She requested a temporary replacement sign for the Neff House and reported safety concerns. Mrs. Olsen also inquired if communication between the City and advisory body council members would be limited to electronic mail and said some members may not be reached through this method.

Community Services Director Thompson thanked Vice Chairman Olsen for reporting her safety concerns to City staff and said the bid opening for the roof project was moved to May 2, pending results of an asbestos test. She said all communication may be sent through electronic and regular mail.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cota reported on the annual La Mirada Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held May 13, where Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn was the speaker and Marlene Olsen was awarded the Myllie Taylor Community Service Award. She said 575 volunteers assisted with 45 community projects during the Love La Mirada Day of Service held April 28, and thanked staff for their support. Commissioner Cota added that she was selected as the Executive Director for the La Mirada Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Lee said he attended the reorganization meeting of the La Mirada City Council on April 10 and the Love La Mirada event on April 28. He commented that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was a great testament of La Mirada's religious community and City leaders' collaboration.

Commissioner Cline reported on the Neighborhood Watch event to be held on May 17 at Los Coyotes Middle School and the Spring Beautification Awards on June 11 at the La Mirada Theatre. Commissioner Cline said she attended the City Council reorganization and the La Mirada Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. She congratulated Mrs. Olsen for receiving the Myllie Taylor Community Service Award. She reported the La Mirada Ebell awarded four scholarships to high school seniors. Commissioner Cline also reported several homeless persons under the overpass located on Beach Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue. She inquired about the results of the recent homeless count.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said the homeless count located some eight individuals in La Mirada. She said due to the count taking place in

the late evening, the result does not account for those who are only present during daytime hours.

Commissioner Lee reported on a possible rebate for the SkyBell WiFi Doorbell and other similar products in the future.

Vice Chairman Savage helped recognize winners of the "Love a Tree" poster contest during the City Council meeting on April 24.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Friends of the La Mirada Library book sale to be held May 5, Mother Daughter Tea on May 12, the Concerts Under the Stars and Farmers Market beginning on June 14, and the Independence Celebration on July 3. Mrs. Thompson provided updates on summer hiring for recreation and aquatic positions, available sponsorships for various community events, and the Splash! slide project.

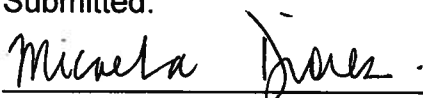
Commissioner Gramajo inquired about the completion date for the slide project.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said the slide project was scheduled for completion by summer of 2019.

ADJOURNMENT


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

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Vice Chairman