

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

JUNE 6, 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
 Oliver Osuna, Community Services Supervisor
 Liza Soto, Aquatics Manager
 Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 2018

Commissioner Dames moved and Commissioner Cline seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Commissioners Cline, Cota, Dames, Gramajo, Lee, Vice Chairman
 Savage**

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lord

ABSTAIN: None

REORGANIZATION

2. REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Community Services Director Lori Thompson introduced the item. Community Services Secretary Micaela Diores opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Community Services Commission.

Commissioner Dames moved and Commissioner Cota seconded to elect Vice Chairman Savage as Chairman of the Community Services Commission.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Community Services Secretary Diores said nominations were open for the position of Vice Chairman.

Chairman Savage moved and Commissioner Cline seconded to elect Commissioner Cota to serve as Vice Chairman of the Community Services Commission.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Community Services Director Thompson provided an update on capital improvement projects, including the Neff House, George House and Neff Barn Roof Replacement, and the Playground Equipment Replacement at Gardenhill and Windermere Parks.

Vice Chairman Cota inquired if funds from the Mina Neff Bequest would be used for the roof replacement project.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said the project would primarily be funded through the Community Development Block Grant, but Mina Neff's bequest may be used if necessary.

Chairman Savage stressed the importance of meeting certain regulations to preserve the historical value of the Neff House.

Commissioner Cline recommended revenue from Neff Park reservations be used to aid in the preservation of the Neff Estate.

Community Services Director Thompson thanked Commissioner Cline for her recommendation and said it would be reviewed by staff.

Commissioner Lee inquired if there was a completion date set for the roof replacement project.

Community Services Director Thompson said that the project was ongoing and would be completed in phases based on prioritization.

Vice Chairman Cota reported several recommendations made by the Commission during the annual park review have been implemented at Neff Park, including the updated signage.

4. 2018 CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS AND NIGHT MARKET

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the 2018 Concerts Under the Stars and Night Market to be held on June 14 and every Thursday through August 9 at La Mirada Regional Park. She said the summer series would comprise of the newly added night market beginning at 3 p.m. and live music from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Commissioner Cline inquired if tent cards advertising the concert dates were available.

Community Services Director Thompson responded and said tent cards would be distributed at the initial concert on June 14 and available at City facilities beginning June 11.

Community Services Supervisor Oliver Osuna said the night market would consist of various ready to eat food items and several craft vendors. He said Tom's Tailgate would be present during the Independence Celebration on July 3 and Stroll in the Park on July 26.

Vice Chairman Cota recommended an increase in event marketing for the concert series.

Community Services Supervisor Osuna said the event would be advertised through the *La Mirada Living*, City marquees, and social media sites. He said cross street banners

would be displayed on La Mirada Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard, La Mirada Boulevard and Leffingwell Road, and La Mirada Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue.

Community Services Director Thompson encouraged Commissioners to volunteer as a concert emcee.

Commissioner Cline volunteered to emcee the concert on June 14.

5. SUMMER EVENTS 2018

Community Services Director Thompson reported on the City's summer events and programs, including the World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 21, Independence Celebration on July 3, Stroll in the Park on July 26, National Night Out on August 2, Family Camp on August 3 and 4, Father and Son Campout on August 17 and 18 and Swim-in Movie Nights at Splash!. She said the summer activity flyer was recently received by local schools.

Vice Chairman Cota inquired if pre-registration for the World's Largest Swim Lesson was required.

Community Services Director Thompson said pre-registration was recommended, but not required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Community Services Director Thompson introduced the new Youth Council Chairman, Adriana Perez.

Chairman Perez reported the Youth Council would provide assistance during the Concert Under the Stars series and the Father Son Campout.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairman Marlene Olsen discussed the replacement of missing and damaged tree plaques at Neff Park and a possible tree sponsorship program. She reported on the Historical Council's need for member recruitment and the donation of a 1953 incinerator, which is pending City approval. She said the Mother Daughter Tea event on May 12 and All That Dance on June 1 were well attended. She reported mailers advertising All That Dance were not received.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Cota reported on the Memorial Day event held at Oliver Lawn Memorial Park on May 28. She said the Relay for Life event held at Splash! on May 18 and 19 raised over \$111,000 benefitting the American Cancer Society.

Commissioner Lee said he attended the Study Session meeting of the La Mirada City Council on May 8 and was pleased with the proposed budget for the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Dames announced that 23 baseball players ages 10 and 11 from La Mirada's sister city of Isehara, Japan would stay with 11 host families beginning July 24 through August 3. He said the 12 day visit would include trips to local attractions and a friendly game against La Mirada Baseball League's Pony Division.

Commissioner Cline reported on the Memorial Day event on May 28 and her attendance at the Spring Beautification Awards to be held June 11.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Thompson introduced new Aquatics Manager Liza Soto.


Community Services Director Thompson reported on the Little Free Library constructed and managed by Girl Scout Troop 15564 at Gardenhill Park. She said the Department conducted its annual in-service training for 230 staff members on June 3, with site specific trainings scheduled throughout the week. She reported on the FINA Synchronized Swim Meet on June 7 and the new format during this year's Spring Beautification Awards on June 11.

Community Services Director Thompson announced her retirement from the City of La Mirada on July 15. She said beginning mid-August, Community Services Supervisor Osuna would fill the position as Acting Community Services Director.


The Community Services Commission thanked Mrs. Thompson for her years of service and congratulated her on her retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted:


Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:


Susan Savage
Chairman