

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 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 Pete Dames
 Commissioner Diane Gramajo
 Vice Chairman Misty Cota
 Chairman Susan Savage

 Absent: Commissioner Steve Lee
 Commissioner Michael Lord

 Staff: Oliver Osuna, Acting Community Services Director
 Lisa Montoya, Community Services Supervisor
 Jorge Orozco, Community Services Coordinator
 Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2018

Commissioner Cline moved and Vice Chairman Cota seconded to approve the amended minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Cline, Gramajo, Vice Chairman Cota, Chairman Savage

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Lee, Lord

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Dames

NEW BUSINESS

2. SPLASH! WATER SLIDE INSTALLATION PROJECT

Acting Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the Splash! water slide installation project, which includes a six-lane mat rider and two tube slides. He said Aquatic Design Group served as the consultant during the construction phase and Whitewater West was contracted to design, manufacture, and deliver the water slide and its components. He said staff would continue to work with both companies to ensure construction plans and documents are finalized prior to the project going out for bid in the early fall. Mr. Osuna distributed copies of slide renderings submitted by Whitewater West and showed a brief video demonstrating a first-person view from a similar water slide.

Chairman Savage inquired if the new attraction would include a catch pool.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the water slide would feature run-out sections, lowering the minimum height requirement and allowing for younger riders.

Vice Chairman Cota inquired when construction at Splash! would begin.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna responded and said construction is tentatively scheduled for February 2019, with the attraction set to debut in the summer.

Vice Chairman Cota inquired about the impact on La Mirada Regional Park and of resident concerns regarding the project.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna responded and said collaboration between City and Los Angeles County staff continues to ensure the accuracy of property lines and that the project is within the City's boundaries. He said due to its height, the slide tower may overlook some homes located in the Dalmatian Avenue neighborhood, which may be of concern for some residents, but the City is taking measures to mitigate the concerns of those possibly affected.

3. 2018 CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS

Acting Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Jorge Orozco.

Community Services Coordinator Orozco reported on the 2018 Concerts Under the Stars and said the summer series was attended by an average of 1,100 community members on a weekly basis. He said the substantial increase in attendance was directly attributed to the addition of the Night Market. Mr. Orozco said an extension of the concert hours was a recurring recommendation received by staff.

Commissioner Cline inquired about profits made by night market vendors.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna responded and said Enriched Farms was contracted to provide the night market and did not have a profit sharing plan with the City, therefore information regarding revenue was not disclosed.

Chairman Savage said the night market was a successful addition and inquired about the possibility of its continuance on a monthly basis. She recommended a monthly night market be included in a future community survey to gauge interest.

Vice Chairman Cota commended staff on a successful event. She said the night market was well received by the community and the increase in attendance was evident.

4. COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION AND SAFETY FAIR

Acting Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the Community Health Information and Safety Fair to be held September 12 at the La Mirada Activity Center. Mrs. Montoya said the event previously geared towards older adults has been expanded to include information and screenings suitable for all ages.

Commissioner Cline inquired if the event was exclusive to residents.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said all are welcome and that the event was advertised in surrounding cities.

5. NEFF PARK ARBORETUM GUIDE

Acting Community Services Director Osuna re-introduced Community Services Supervisor Montoya and distributed copies of the Neff Park Arboretum Guide.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the Neff Park Arboretum Guide and funding for installation of 28 replacement tree plaques. Mrs. Montoya said a quote for \$2,493 was obtained by staff and the United Methodist Church of La Mirada donated \$1,500 to go towards the project. She said funding for the remainder of the project would be discussed at a future City Council meeting.

Chairman Savage inquired if La Mirada has received trees from its sister city, Isehara, Japan in the past.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said she would inquire and provide an update at the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Cota expressed support for the use of Neff House tour donations to benefit the project.

Commissioner Cline said replacement of missing and damaged plaques at Neff Park was recommended during an annual park review and expressed support for its completion. She said the project would help beautify Neff Park.

Chairman Savage commended the new steps at the Neff House and reported the replacement sign for the bronze plaque was missing. She requested another replacement sign be placed on the inside window for protection.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said staff would replace the temporary sign promptly. She said a permanent plaque would be included in the renovation plans.

Commissioner Cline inquired which material would be used for the permanent replacement.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said the new material would likely imitate the bronze used for the original plaque.

Chairman Savage recommended a bench sponsorship program for Neff Park.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna requested the bench sponsorship program be included as a recommendation in this year's annual park review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Chairman Adriana Perez reported two new members were recently appointed to the Youth Council. She said members recently discussed renovations at the Neff Estate and would volunteer during Halloweenfest on October 31.

Senior Council Chairperson Larry Torres reported on several items, including mosquito warnings in Southern California, SeniorNet registration held August 24, and the Veterans History Project visit to The Palms on September 28. Mr. Torres also discussed recommendations for a gardening class and an evening fraud workshop to be held at the Activity Center.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairman Marlene Olsen reported on National Night Out and Stroll in the Park. She said preparations for Halloweenfest began at the George House.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gramajo said the Volunteer Recognition Concert on August 9 was well attended.

Vice Chairman Cota said local schools were encouraged to present project ideas for the Love La Mirada Day of Service scheduled for May 4, 2019. She reported the La Mirada Ebell Club would meet the second Wednesday of each month and the La Mirada Chamber of Commerce would continue to support local businesses by meeting monthly at a different restaurant.

Commissioner Cline reported on collaborating with the Neighborhood Watch program during National Preparedness Month and the need for additional trash bins near the horse trails located at Creek Park. She said the night market was a successful addition to the Concert Under the Stars series.

Chairman Savage commended staff on a successful concert series and recommended the night market be included in next year's event.

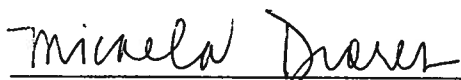
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Community Services Director Osuna said a 50's themed All That Dance would take place at the Activity Center on September 14. He said invitations to the Volunteer Appreciation Day at Splash! were sent the week of August 28 and several RSVP's have been received.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman