

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

OCTOBER 3, 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
Commissioner Steve Lee
Commissioner Michael Lord
Vice Chairman Misty Cota
Chairman Susan Savage

Staff:

Oliver Osuna, Acting Community Services Director
Liza Soto, Aquatics Manager
Amanda Ponce de Leon, Community Services Coordinator
Dustin Balke, Aquatics Coordinator
Elyse Macias, Aquatics Coordinator
Samantha Coutts, Senior Recreation Leader II
Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

Commissioner Cline moved and Vice Chairman Cota seconded to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 2018 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Acting Community Services Director Oliver Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Amanda Ponce de Leon.

Community Services Coordinator Ponce de Leon reported on the 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Day to be held October 7 at Splash!. She said 596 volunteers and guests RSVP'd for the event.

Commissioner Cline inquired about changes to the buffet.

Community Services Coordinator Ponce de Leon responded and said an Italian buffet would be located in front of Captain Jack's Grille and provided by Lascari's Restaurant.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 2018 SALUTE TO VETERANS

Acting Community Services Director Osuna reported on the 2018 Salute to Veterans event to be held on November 5 at the La Mirada Theatre for Performing Arts.

Commissioner Cline thanked the City for providing the event and shared its importance to the veterans in the community.

4. SPLASH! LA MIRADA REGIONAL AQUATICS CENTER ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

Acting Community Services Director Osuna introduced Aquatics Manager Liza Soto and Aquatics Coordinators Dustin Balke and Elyse Macias.

Aquatics Manager Soto presented a brief background on Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. She reported preliminary year-end figures indicated Splash! generated over \$3.5 million in revenue and was visited by 400,500 guests in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Aquatics Coordinator Macias provided information on swim lesson enrollment and revenue generated from programs held in the 25 yard and 50 meter competition pools.

Aquatics Coordinator Balke reported on revenue generated from Buccaneer Bay season pass sales, daily pass sales, cabana and party reservations, and Captain Jack's Grille. He said staff would continue to explore solutions to alleviate congestion at the food service windows.

Aquatics Manager Soto reported on community outreach programs including the water safety presentations provided by staff for second grade classes in La Mirada, the LA84

program, and the World's Largest Swimming Lesson. She said the new slide feature scheduled for completion prior to summer 2019 is anticipated to provide growth in overall attendance and revenue.

Commission Cline commended staff on the facility's success.

Vice Chairman Cota thanked staff for providing a quality service at Splash!. She inquired about the decrease in reservations and revenue collected from the previous fiscal year.

Aquatics Manager Soto responded and said the decrease may be attributed to a sizeable production rental last year that was not repeated in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna said the reduction of special productions during the summer season was deliberate and intended to minimize the impact on Buccaneer Bay's daily operation and cater to the facility's primary objective of meeting the needs of the community.

Commissioner Lord inquired about the slide project funding and true cost of the facility.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the report consists only of operational costs and that additional information would be provided at the next meeting. He said the slide project would be funded through the City's General Fund.

5. VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION QUARTERLY REPORT (APRIL – JUNE 2018)

Acting Community Services Director Osuna introduced Senior Recreation Leader II Samantha Coutts.

Senior Recreation Leader II Coutts said 449 active Volunteers in Action (VIA) participants performed 8,284 hours of service during the months of April, May, and June 2018. She reported a combined total of 109,345 VIA hours and supplemental hours were also contributed by athletic organizations, Meals on Wheels, and La Mirada advisory bodies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Chairman Adriana Perez announced her participation in the Youth in Government program. She reported on Youth Council's upcoming activities, including the Creek Park clean up on October 20 and a scavenger hunt at the Halloweenfest event on October 31.

Senior Council Chairperson Larry Torres reported on the Veterans Legacy Program's visit to The Palms on September 28, where Mayor Mowles and Councilmember Lewis were in attendance. He also reported on activities to be held at the Activity Center, including the

Community Health Fair on September 12, Fall Festival on October 11, and the Flu Clinic on October 31.

Commissioner Dames recommended involving VFW Post 9148 in the Veterans Legacy Program.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gramajo reported a La Mirada Kiwanis Club meeting would be held on October 4 at the La Mirada Volunteer Center.

Commissioner Lord said a La Mirada Community Foundation retreat would be held in October.

Vice Chairman Cota reported on several items, including a fundraising event on October 13 hosted by the La Mirada Ebell Club, the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on October 18, La Mirada Chamber of Commerce's participation in La Mirada High School's trunk or treat event on October 24, and the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's candidate forum in the City of Norwalk on October 30.

Commissioner Dames reported the La Mirada Community Foundation received \$225,000 in proceeds from the firework stand fundraisers sponsored by various service and athletic organizations in the community.

Commissioner Savage thanked the Youth Council and Senior Council for serving the community.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no staff announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman