

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

NOVEMBER 7, 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
Paul Castillo, Community Services Supervisor
Joshua Gire, Community Services Coordinator
Jorge Orozco, Community Services Coordinator
Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2018

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Gramajo seconded to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Dames

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

2. COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMER RECREATION ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE REPORT

Acting Community Services Director Oliver Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Joshua Gire.

Community Services Coordinator Gire said 148 recreation programs were offered during the 10-week summer session and he provided a brief overview of several recreation classes for differing age groups. Community Services Coordinator Gire said results of the participant surveys indicated an overall satisfaction in the City's recreation programs and that 32 percent of those surveyed learned of the class through the *La Mirada Living*.

Acting Community Services Director Osuna said 4,513 community members were registered in recreation programs during the summer 2018 session, generating \$461,392.

Chairman Savage stated the importance of ongoing program evaluation.

Vice Chairman Cota expressed her appreciation for the quarterly *La Mirada Living* and said it continues to be a main source of City information for many residents.

Commissioner Cline recommended Robotics and general engineering courses continue to be offered and advertised.

Commissioner Lee inquired if the participant surveys resulted in any recommendations.

Community Services Coordinator Gire responded and said a cooking class was a common suggestion and has been explored in the past. He said class recommendations are used to ensure quality and desired programs are being offered.

Commissioner Lee commended the quality of the *La Mirada Living*. He inquired of any concerns regarding costs associated with publishing the catalog in full color and if the possibility of deviating away from the physical copy to compel online viewing and registration has been considered.

Community Services Coordinator Gire responded and said there was no significant price increase in printing the catalog in full color. He said surrounding cities experienced a substantial decrease in enrollment after physical catalogs provided to their residents were discontinued.

Vice Chairman Cota said many older adults in the community continue to rely on the *La Mirada Living* for City news and class information.

3. YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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

Community Services Coordinator Orozco introduced Youth in Government participants Adriana Perez, Aden Orozco, and Benjamin Coronado. He reported 22 La Mirada High School students were paired with City counterparts for the Youth in Government program. He said students would be mentored and assisted by staff in presenting a community project proposal to the La Mirada City Council on February 26.

Commissioner Lord requested a Youth in Government presentation be provided at an upcoming La Mirada Community Foundation meeting.

Commissioner Cline recommended Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell as a speaker during the Youth in Government luncheon. She also recommended the speech be filmed and shared with additional students.

4. 2018 CHILI HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Acting Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Supervisor Paul Castillo.

Community Services Supervisor Castillo reported on the Chili Holiday Celebration to be held December 1 at Splash!.

Vice Chairman Cota shared a community recommendation for plant based chili.

Commissioner Cline recommended synchronized swimming performances be advertised in next year's event flyer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Rick Cline thanked the City and commended staff for the Salute to Veterans event held November 5 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Youth Council Chairman Adriana Perez said some 350 children participated in the scavenger hunt provided by the Youth Council during Halloweenfest. She said members would also volunteer during the Chili Holiday Celebration.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairman Marlene Olsen reported on a potential history of local government class at Biola University that may assist the Historical Preservation Advisory Council with historical tours. She reported tours of the Neff Mansion are on hiatus pending the completion of roof renovations at the Neff Estate.

Senior Council Chairperson Larry Torres commended staff on the Volunteer Appreciation Day and Salute to Veterans event. He reported on the La Mirada Art Colony's "Mirrors of your Mind" showcase and that a "Grateful for You" breakfast would be hosted by The Palms in honor of Veterans Day on November 13.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Lord reported the La Mirada Community Foundation was registered as an AmazonSmile charitable organization and eligible to receive donations through the site.

Commissioner Gramajo commended staff for a well-attended Halloweenfest event.

Vice Chairman Cota reported on La Mirada Chamber of Commerce's mentorship program with La Mirada High School and that La Mirada Theatre Director BT McNicholl and Senior Council Member Jeanette Jenkins would be highlighted during an upcoming La Mirada Ebell meeting. She said the kickoff for the Love La Mirada Day of Service on May 4, 2019 would take place at Granada Heights Friends Church. Vice Chairman Cota attended the Salute to Veterans event and recommended a decorated hero be requested as next year's Wounded Warrior speaker.

Commissioner Cline thanked the Youth Council for its volunteer efforts during community events. She recommended an increase in advertising for next year's Salute to Veterans event.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no staff announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman