

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

**FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

**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:              Liza Soto, Aquatics Manager  
   Jorge Orozco, Community Services Coordinator  
   Amanda Watson, Community Service Technician  
   Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2018**

**Commissioner Dames moved and Commissioner Cline seconded to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:                      None**

**ABSENT:                      None**

**ABSTAIN:                      Commissioner Lord**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. 2019 HOMELESS COUNT**

Aquatics Manager Liza Soto introduced Community Services Coordinator Jorge Orozco.

Community Services Coordinator Orozco reported the City participated in the 2019 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) Homeless Count held January 23. He shared tentative results from predetermined areas canvassed by volunteers and informed the Commission that an accurate estimate of the homeless population in La Mirada would be released by LAHSA, which includes any findings outside of the predetermined areas.

Commissioner Lee inquired about the sharp increase of persons in recreational vehicles and campers between 2017 and 2018.

Community Services Coordinator Orozco responded and stated the restrictions placed by surrounding cities in 2017 prohibiting parking of recreational vehicles on public streets may have caused the increase. He also stated no persons in recreational vehicles were found in this year's homeless count.

Commissioner Savage inquired how homeless persons are identified.

Community Services Coordinator Orozco reported that volunteers attended a training regarding safety and identification markers.

### **3. COLLEGE BANNER PROGRAM**

Aquatics Manager Soto re-introduced Community Services Coordinator Orozco.

Community Services Coordinator Orozco reported on the College Banner Program and said applications would be available to La Mirada High School students in March. He said new banners would be installed in June and that last year's banners would be gifted to the recipients' families.

Vice Chairman Cota inquired about program costs.

Community Services Coordinator Orozco responded and informed the Commission that the banners were \$100 each and provided by the Norwalk- La Mirada Unified School District, while the City covered the installation cost.

Commissioner Lee inquired about the possibility of extending the banner program's location past Adelfa Drive and on to the main cross streets.

Community Services Coordinator Orozco responded and informed the Commission that the light poles located on La Mirada Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue are utilized for the Military Banner Program and the Avenue of Presidents portraits.

#### **4. VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION QUARTERLY REPORT (OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018)**

Aquatics Manager Soto introduced Community Services Technician Amanda Watson.

Community Services Technician Watson reported a combined total of 48,377 volunteer hours were contributed during the months of October, November and December 2018 through the Volunteers in Action program.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

La Mirada resident Lee Olsen reported volunteer hours for the Planning Commission were inaccurately reflected on the supplemental volunteer service hours report.

Community Services Technician Watson responded and stated staff would review the hours and follow up with Mr. Olsen.

#### **SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS**

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen informed the Commission that tours of the George House would be available during the regularly scheduled Neff Estate Tours while renovations at the Neff Mansion continue. She also stated resident Harry Scott was recently appointed to the Historical Council and reported on several items including the Gardenhill Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Meals on Wheels Spaghetti Dinner, and the AARP Tax Aide Program.

Senior Council Chairperson reported on SeniorNet registration and encouraged increased promotion of workshops and seminars in the La Mirada Living. He reported on the Gardenhill Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Love a Tree poster contest, and the Senior Safety and Crime Prevention Workshop.

Youth Council Member Benjamin Coronado reported on the annual park review, Father Daughter Dance, and the Father Son Campout.

#### **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Gramajo attended the Gardenhill Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the Meals on Wheels Spaghetti Dinner, and the annual Homeless Count. She stated a La Mirada Kiwanis fundraiser would be held on February 23 at the La Mirada Volunteer Center.

Commissioner Lee attended the Homeless Count and commended staff on a well-organized event. He encouraged supporting local businesses by visiting new eateries in La Mirada.

Commissioner Dames reported on the Athletic Council's spring season and opening day ceremonies for La Mirada Girls Softball Association, La Mirada Baseball Association, and La Mirada Little League.

Commissioner Cline commended staff on the Youth in Government luncheon, Meals on Wheels Spaghetti Dinner, and the Homeless Count. She inquired about ways to ensure community scholarships are evenly distributed.

Commissioner Lord responded and recommended that local organizations providing scholarships meet and discuss the selection process.

Vice Chairman Cota commended staff on the Homeless Count, Youth in Government Luncheon, and the Gardenhill Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She reported on the Meals on Wheels Spaghetti Dinner, the 2019 Relay for Life, and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be held on April 12.

Chairman Savage announced her retirement.

The Community Services Commission and staff congratulated Chairman Savage.

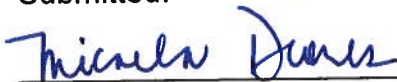
### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Coordinator Orozco reported Youth in Government presentations would take place during the La Mirada City Council meeting on February 26.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Submitted:



Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage  
Chairman