

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

**MARCH 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:

Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director  
Lisa Montoya, Community Services Supervisor  
Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Gramajo seconded to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting.

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY FUNDING REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020 AND 2020-2021**

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

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the social services funding request process and introduced Carolyn Reggio from Community Advocates for People's Choice, Angela Bolton from Helpline Youth Counseling, Priscilla Rodriguez from Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Debbie Garza from Meals on Wheels La Mirada, Veronica Castro from Interfaith Food Center, Vanessa Sedano from The Whole Child, Kirk Kain from Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA), and Janine Schroth from Straight Talk. Agency representatives addressed the Commission and reported on their respective agencies.

The Commission commended the social service agency representatives for their continued commitment and service to the community.

Commissioners selected agencies to evaluate by March 27 as part of the funding recommendation process. Site visits to Straight Talk and SASSFA were not assigned as funding requests over \$5,000 must be presented to the City Council for review and approval.

Commissioner Lord inquired if the application process could be streamlined for agencies requesting a lesser funding amount.

Chairman Savage recommended site visits be completed for all agencies requesting City funding.

Community Services Director Osuna responded to Commissioner Lord's recommendation, stating staff will review the application process to determine if any portion of the application is in need of an update.

### **3. 2019 PARK REVIEW**

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the annual park review. He said recommendations from the Commission would be shared with the Public Works Department to assist in prioritizing park needs and with the Love La Mirada Board as potential projects for the Day of Service on May 4.

Commissioners selected parks to evaluate by March 27.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen stated tours of the George House would be held March 16. She reported on the AARP Tax Aide program and All That Dance.

Senior Council Chairperson Larry Torres reported on the Love a Tree poster contest and SeniorNet registration on March 29. He said staff provided an update on pickleball at a recent Senior Council meeting.

Youth Council Member Adriana Perez reported on volunteering during the Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 20 at La Mirada Regional Park. She expressed the need for recruitment due to many participants graduating in June.

## **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Lee reported on the Love La Mirada website and said nine community projects have been finalized for the day of service on May 4. He encouraged the submission of meaningful project ideas to attract a large number of volunteers.

Commissioner Dames reported on the several hundred volunteers for La Mirada Little League and said the number far exceeds the six volunteers per team that is required at the national level for Little League Baseball.

Commissioner Cline discussed the advantages of combining the efforts of the Community Emergency Response Team and Neighborhood Watch program.

Commissioner Lord said plans to celebrate the La Mirada Community Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary were underway.

Vice Chairman Cota commended staff on the Youth in Government presentations. She reported on the Love La Mirada ice cream social on March 19, the La Mirada Ebell Club's fundraiser on April 6 at the La Mirada Volunteer Center, and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on April 12.

## **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Director Osuna thanked Commissioners for volunteering to judge the Love a Tree poster contest on April 6 at the Resource Center. He reported recruitments for summer recreation positions were open to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted:

*Micaela Diores*

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Community Services Secretary

Attest:

*Susan Savage*

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Chairman