

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

MAY 1, 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 Diane Gramajo
 Commissioner Steve Lee
 Vice Chairman Misty Cota
 Chairman Susan Savage

 Absent: Commissioner Pete Dames
 Commissioner Michael Lord

 Staff: Liza Soto, Aquatics Manager
 Tony Moreno, Public Works Senior Administrative Analyst
 Elyse Macias, Aquatics Coordinator
 Casem Talbot, Aquatics Coordinator
 Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2019

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Gramajo seconded to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Dames, Lord

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Lee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. NEFF ESTATE PRESERVATION UPDATE

Aquatics Manager Liza Soto introduced Public Works Senior Administrative Analyst Tony Moreno.

Public Works Senior Administrative Analyst Moreno presented an update on preservation efforts at the Neff Estate. He said rehabilitation of the George House and Carriage Barn roofs were finished, with the Neff Mansion roof scheduled for completion in June. Mr. Moreno said future maintenance projects would include replacement of window sills at the Neff Mansion.

Vice Chairman Cota inquired if the Mina Neff Bequest was used to help fund the roof renovations.

Senior Administrative Analyst Moreno responded and stated Community Development Block Grant funds were used to help fund the preservation efforts and that accounting of the Mina Neff Bequest was currently underway.

Chairman Savage inquired about repairs to the vandalized window screen at the George House.

Senior Administrative Analyst Moreno responded and said he would verify with staff and ensure repairs were made. He recommended that residents report all concerns directly to the Public Works Department.

Chairman Savage recommended reinstating the Celebration in the Park event at the Neff Estate in celebration of the City's 60th anniversary in 2020. She commented on the park's importance and its utilization by the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. WATER SAFETY MONTH

Aquatics Manager Soto introduced Aquatics Coordinator Elyse Macias.

Aquatics Coordinator Macias reported on the City of La Mirada's observation of May as National Water Safety Month. She said in an effort to reduce the risk of drowning and educate children on the importance of water safety, 12 presentations have been scheduled for second grade students in the community. Ms. Macias discussed the water safety book to be presented and said it was provided by the Starfish Aquatics Institute.

Commissioner Cline recommended the book be shared with the Los Angeles County Library to be included in its children's reading program.

Vice Chairman Cota commended staff for providing essential water safety information to local students.

4. BUCCANEER BAY SUMMER PREVIEW

Aquatics Manager Soto introduced Aquatics Coordinator Casem Talbot.

Aquatics Coordinator Talbot reported on Buccaneer Bay's summer season, beginning with the Pass Holder Preview Day on May 19. He also informed the Commission of upcoming events and programs hosted by Splash!, including the World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 20, Family Camp on August 2, Family Friday Nights, Pirate Day Camp, and Swim-In Movie Nights.

Chairman Savage inquired about the status of the slide project.

Aquatics Manager Soto responded and stated the project was delayed and would be completed by summer 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council Chairperson Larry Torres reported on the "Successful Aging for Seniors" workshop on May 10 and the Mother Daughter Brunch on May 11. He commended staff on the Easter Egg Hunt and recommended guest parking assistance at future events.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline shared Historical Council Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen's report of a successful food distribution event hosted by Interfaith Food Center at the La Mirada Vistas. Commissioner Cline said she attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and was the recipient of the Myllie Taylor Award. She also recommended the City hold another Celebration in the Park event at the Neff Estate.

Commissioner Gramajo said she attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and provided information on craft projects for seniors during the Love La Mirada Day of Service on May 4.

Vice Chairman Cota reported on the Love La Mirada Day of Service and encouraged participation from community members. She commended staff on the Easter Egg Hunt and congratulated Commissioner Cline in receiving the Myllie Taylor Award during the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

Commissioner Lee reported the Love La Mirada Day of Service would begin at 8 a.m. at Granada Heights Church and encouraged volunteer participation. He said community projects would include general clean up and maintenance of local parks and facilities, as well as visits to local senior communities.

Chairman Savage shared her enjoyment of the genealogy class offered by SeniorNet and recommended an advanced class be offered. She commended staff on the Easter Egg Hunt and shared positive reviews from event attendees.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aquatics Manager Soto reported on the Friends of the La Mirada Library book sale on May 4 and 5. She formally introduced new Aquatics Coordinator Casem Talbot to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman