

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

**JUNE 5, 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 Michael Lord  
   Commissioner Diane Gramajo  
   Vice Chairman Misty Cota  
   Chairman Susan Savage

   Absent:      Commissioner Pete Dames  
   Commissioner Steve Lee

   Staff:        Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director  
   Paul Castillo, Community Services Supervisor  
   Amanda Watson, Community Services Technician  
   Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 1, 2019**

**Commissioner Cline moved and Vice Chairman Cota seconded to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting.**

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

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

**NOES:                      None**

**ABSENT:                      Commissioners Dames, Lee**

**ABSTAIN:                      Commissioner Lord**

## **REORGANIZATION**

### **2. REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the Community Services Commission bylaws and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

**Commissioner Gramajo moved and Commissioner Cline seconded to elect Commissioner Cota as Chairman of the Community Services Commission.**

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

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

Chairman Misty Cota opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

**Chairman Cota moved and Commissioner Savage seconded to elect Commissioner Gramajo to serve as Vice Chairman of the Community Services Commission.**

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. VIA QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019)**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Technician Amanda Watson.

Community Services Technician Watson reported a combined total of 41,196 volunteer hours were contributed during the months of January, February and March 2019.

Commissioner Savage commended the Volunteers in Action (VIA) program and inquired about the decrease in reported hours from the previous quarter.

Community Services Technician Watson stated there was a lesser need for volunteer coaches at the Gymnasium than in the previous quarter.

Chairman Cota highlighted the hours contributed by the Leaders in Training participants and expressed her gratitude towards the community's youth.

Community Services Director Osuna said the 2019 Volunteer Recognition Concert may also honor volunteers who have reached milestone years of service.

#### **4. SUMMER EVENTS 2019**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Supervisor Paul Castillo.

Community Services Supervisor Castillo reported on the City of La Mirada's summer events, including the Concerts Under the Stars series, Independence Celebration and Stroll in the Park.

Vice Chairman Gramajo inquired about the Night Market vendors.

Community Services Supervisor Castillo responded and said the Night Market would consist of various food, produce and craft vendors through Enriched Farms.

Chairman Cota inquired about the additional 30 minutes to this year's concert series.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said band performances were extended by 30 minutes due to overwhelming requests made by members of the public.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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

Senior Council Chairman Larry Torres reported on several programs including the Successful Aging Workshop held May 10, SeniorNet registration on June 28, and the Hawaiian Luau on August 8. He shared ideas for a possible Senior Council project that would promote the Spring Beautification program prior to the start of the judging process through an informative workshop provided in partnership with local garden and home improvement centers.

Commissioner Lord said SeniorNet would be discussed during the La Mirada Community Foundation meeting on June 26. He recommended SeniorNet representatives attend the meeting for more information on possible funding opportunities.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen said she attended the Memorial Day Service hosted by VFW Post 9148 and recommended increased promotion of the event. Mrs. Olsen also provided an update on historical tours

of the George House, tree plaque replacements at Neff Park, and the City's history tour brochure.

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Cline said she attended the Successful Aging Workshop and congratulated Chairperson Cota and Vice Chairperson Gramajo on their new positions.

Commissioner Savage said the Pledge of Allegiance recited at the beginning of the meeting was in honor of D-Day.

Vice Chairman Gramajo reported on the Love La Mirada Day of Service and said it was an enjoyable experience.

Chairman Cota said she attended the Memorial Day Service and a performance of The Beauty and the Beast at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. She thanked Commissioner Savage for leading the Commission in the past year. Chairman Cota reported some 300 participants volunteered during the Love La Mirada Day of Service and that preparation for next year's event has begun.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Director Osuna said Commissioners interested in volunteering as an emcee for the summer concert series may contact staff. He said the Spring Beautification Awards Ceremony would be held on June 17 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Community Services Director Osuna reported that the next regular Community Services Commission meeting was scheduled for July 3, 2019. The Commissioners expressed support for the cancellation of the July 3, 2019 meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on August 7, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Submitted:



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Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



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Misty Cota  
Chairman