

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL
JULY 28, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the La Mirada Senior Council was called to order at 10 a.m. by Lisa Montoya at the La Mirada Activity Center, Community Room 1, 13810 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Peggy Roman.

ROLL CALL

Present: Member Tom Rosholt
 Member Aracely Ruiz
 Member Eugena Thomas
 Member Larry Torres
 Member Martha Viayra
 Vice Chairperson Diane Albert
 Chairperson Peggy Roman

Absent: Member Larry McCollum

Staff: Lisa Montoya, Community Services Supervisor
 Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

La Mirada resident Marlene Olsen reported on the City of La Mirada's proclamation of May 2021 as Older Americans Month during the City Council meeting on May 11, 2021. She said the Historical Preservation Advisory Council welcomed 30 visitors during the tour of the Neff Estate on July 17, 2021. Mrs. Olsen reported on activities at Lake Park La Mirada and the La Mirada Vistas. She said Neighborhood Watch meetings continue to be held at both senior housing communities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Member Rosholt moved and Member Torres seconded to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 Senior Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Members Rosholt, Ruiz, Thomas, Torres, Viayra, Vice Chairperson
Albert, Chairperson Roman**
NOES: None
ABSENT: Member McCollum
ABSTAIN: None

REORGANIZATION

2. REORGANIZATION OF THE SENIOR COUNCIL

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya reported on the procedure for reorganization of the La Mirada Senior Council.

Community Services Secretary Micaela Diores opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the La Mirada Senior Council.

Member Rosholt moved and Member Torres seconded to elect Member Roman as Chairperson of the La Mirada Senior Council.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Albert, Roman, Rosholt, Ruiz, Thomas, Torres, Viayra
NOES: None
ABSENT: Member McCollum
ABSTAIN: None

Chairperson Roman moved and Member Torres seconded to elect Member Viayra as Vice Chairperson of the La Mirada Senior Council

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Members Albert, Rosholt, Ruiz, Thomas, Torres, Viayra, Chairman
Roman**
NOES: None
ABSENT: Member McCollum
ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. SENIOR COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Vice Chairperson Viayra provided an update regarding Breezewood Village, including changes in office management and procedures, repairs needed to a retaining wall, and the continued suspension of senior activities and apartment renovations due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. She expressed concern regarding the mental health of seniors who experienced prolonged isolation during the pandemic.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and recommended that Members encourage seniors to participate in classes and other social opportunities available at the Activity Center. She provided information regarding the La Mirada Dial-a-Ride program for those with transportation needs within the City.

Chairman Roman stated the majority of senior activities at La Mirada Landmark resumed in June 2021.

Member Thomas reported on the continued closure of Somerset Glen's front office since April 2020. She expressed concern regarding the extended lack of communication between residents and staff, and the increase of non-seniors residing in the community through the Section 8 program.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and recommended Member Thomas contact the Los Angeles County Development Authority regarding her concerns.

Member Ruiz reported three attempted burglaries occurred in her cul-de-sac within the last two months. She expressed concern regarding the safety of her home while on vacation.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said free Vacation Security Checks were available for residents through the Public Safety Department.

Member Ruiz stated that her husband passed away in March 2021.

Members and staff expressed their condolences to Member Ruiz for her loss.

Member Torres reported La Mirada SeniorNet volunteer Tim Fitzgerald passed away in January 2021. He said the Veterans History Project was discontinued by Cerritos College due to low enrollment. Member Torres commented on the increase of block parties and neighborhood parades due to the cancellation of the City's annual Independence Celebration.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and encouraged Member Torres to inquire with other past participants regarding their interest in the continuation of the Veterans History Project and said the class could be offered at the Activity Center

without a facilitator. She expressed her condolences regarding Mr. Fitzgerald's passing.

Member Torres inquired about the Creek Park Master Plan and the new community garden. He commended the City's graffiti removal service.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said renovations to Creek Park were suspended due to the pandemic. She said the new community garden would be located at Frontier Park.

Member Rosholt shared his observations regarding the increase of physical activity and use of local parks and recreation areas by residents during the pandemic.

Member Albert reported on volunteer assignments as an usher for the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 2021 CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya said the 2021 Concerts Under the Stars program and the Night Market would continue to be held on Thursdays at La Mirada Regional Park through August 26. She said the Stroll in the Park event would take place on July 29 at Creek Park and would feature three different bands.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Roman said she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Buccaneer Bay waterslides at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center on April 8.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Supervisor Montoya commended the La Mirada Dial-a-Ride program and the La Mirada Meals on Wheels organization for their essential service to the City's residents amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Montoya provided an update regarding the gradual return of programs at the Activity Center. She said registration for the fall session would begin on August 9 at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

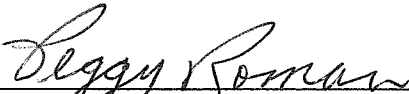
The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Peggy Roman
Chairperson