

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL
AUGUST 25, 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 Martha Viayra
Vice Chairperson Diane Albert
Chairperson Peggy Roman

Absent: Member Larry McCollum
Member Larry Torres

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

La Mirada resident Marlene Olsen said she attended a celebration of life service for former Senior Council Member Jackie Holtzen. Mrs. Olsen reported on activities at Lake Park La Mirada and the La Mirada Vistas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 28, 2021

Member Viayra moved and Member Rosholt seconded to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 Senior Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Rosholt, Ruiz, Thomas, Viayra, Vice Chairperson Albert, Chairperson Roman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Members McCollum, Torres

ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. SENIOR COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Member Viayra provided an update regarding maintenance and communication at Breezewood Village. She reported on a circulated petition addressed to Breezewood Village's parent company requesting a resolution to the residents' concerns.

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

Member Thomas reported on ongoing maintenance issues and mosquitoes at Somerset Glen. She expressed concerns regarding unknown persons on the property that refused to identify themselves.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and recommended residents inform the Los Angeles County Vector Control District directly regarding mosquito infestations. She also recommended Somerset Glen residents contact management regarding any safety concerns.

Member Ruiz said there has been an increase of coyote sightings in her neighborhood. She reported on new rate plan options through Southern California Edison.

Member Rosholt reported elderly fraud scams have increased and encouraged Members to learn how to identify and avoid them. He also inquired where seniors may obtain a daily COVID-19 update in Los Angeles County.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and directed Member Rosholt to visit the County of Los Angeles Public Health's website for daily COVID-19 data.

Chairman Roman reported all senior activities and the lunch program have resumed at La Mirada Landmark.

NEW BUSINESS

4. NEFF ESTATE TOURS

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya provided a brief background on the Neff Estate and said historical tours were available on the third Saturday of each month. She said the next tour of the Neff House would be provided by the Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) on September 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. She encouraged Members to attend the tour and said those in need of transportation to and from Neff Park may schedule a ride through La Mirada Transit.

Member Rosholt inquired if the Carriage Barn and the George House would also be available to tour.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said the upcoming tour on September 18 was limited to the Neff House. She said future tours of the George House and the Carriage Barn would be dependent on the HPAC Members' availability.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES OVERVIEW

Community Services Supervisor Montoya provided an update on La Mirada Meals on Wheels, Straight Talk, and the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA). She commended the agencies for their service to residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member Rosholt inquired if SASSFA's congregate lunch program, Café on the Green, would return to the Activity Center.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said SASSFA's lunch program would continue as a home-delivery service until further notice.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Rosholt said he would continue to inquire with past participants of the Veterans History Project regarding the reinstatement of the class without a facilitator. He said an update would be provided at the next meeting.

Member Thomas reported on Interfaith Food Center's food distribution program at Somerset Glen on the third Wednesday of each month. She said Somerset Glen's front office has reopened and that some senior activities such as Bingo and the donut and coffee mixer have resumed.

Chairman Roman reported the Community Services Commission meeting on August 4 was cancelled.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Supervisor Montoya provided an update regarding programming at the Activity Center. She said classes typically offered by Cerritos College and Rio Hondo College may possibly return in Winter 2021/2022 or Spring 2022. She requested input from Members regarding future workshops, lecture topics, and class offerings that would benefit the senior community.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported the Activity Center would serve as a vote center for the California gubernatorial recall election beginning September 4 through September 14.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Peggy Roman
Chairperson