

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the La Mirada Senior Council was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairperson Peggy Roman 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: Chairperson Peggy Roman
 Vice Chairperson Martha Viayra
 Member Diane Albert
 Member Larry McCollum
 Member Tom Rosholt
 Member Aracely Ruiz
 Member Eugena Thomas
 Member Larry Torres

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

La Mirada resident Marlene Olsen reported on activities at Lake Park La Mirada and the La Mirada Vistas. She also reported on the Neff Estate Tour held September 18, a monthly food bank at the La Mirada Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9148, and the Community Emergency Response Team's Neighborhood Watch meeting on September 28.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2021

Vice Chairperson Viayra moved and Member Ruiz seconded to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021 Senior Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. SENIOR COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Member Viayra reported Bingo and yoga classes have resumed at Breezewood Village.

Chairman Roman reported on La Mirada Landmark's Fall Garage Sale on October 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Member Thomas reported on activities held at Somerset Glen. She provided an update on the slurry seal project on Hillsborough Drive.

Member McCollum reported maintenance and landscape projects have resumed at Vista Alicante.

Member Ruiz expressed concerns about limited parking for Behringer Park and the weekend traffic on Alicante Road and Hillsborough Drive.

Member Rosholt expressed concerns regarding safety and congestion at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Hillsborough Drive.

Members Rosholt and Ruiz suggested a traffic study for the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Hillsborough Drive.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said she would report the Members' concerns regarding Behringer Park and traffic congestion on Beach Boulevard and Hillsborough Drive.

Member Torres reported on the farmers market survey, the community garden, and a Neighborhood Watch meeting on September 30.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 2021 SALUTE TO VETERANS EVENT

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the 2021 Salute to Veterans event to be held at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts on November 8.

Member Torres recommended that the City recognize veterans through a proclamation during the month of November.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Rosholt said past participants of the Veterans History Project were still undecided about joining a class without a facilitator or agenda.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and encouraged continuation of the class as an open forum. She said the class would provide support and meet the social needs of veterans.

Member Torres reported on an upcoming meeting with Member Rosholt and other past participants of the Veterans History Project. He said the reinstatement of the class as an open forum would be discussed. Member Torres discussed the benefits of his evening walks at Creek Park.

Member Rosholt reported La Mirada Gadabouts Tour Director Christie McMullen passed away this week. He shared the importance of grief counseling for seniors who experienced various forms of loss throughout the pandemic.

Members and staff expressed their condolences regarding Ms. McMullen's passing.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya said a group session discussing grief and other shared experiences for seniors would be provided by Straight Talk Counseling at the Activity Center. She said Members would receive more information once the schedule was confirmed.

Chairperson Roman provided an update on the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts and its schedule for the new season beginning September 30.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Supervisor Montoya provided an update on the Halloweenfest event. She said the event would be held at Neff Park on October 31 and said two volunteers were needed for the costume contest.


Vice Chairperson Viayra volunteered as a judge for the costume contest.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported the Friends of the La Mirada Library's Fall Book Sale would take place at the Activity Center on October 1 and October 2.

ADJOURNMENT

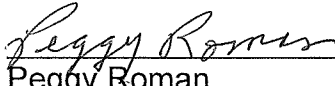
The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Peggy Roman
Chairperson