

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL  
MARCH 23, 2022**

**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 Larry McCollum  
Member Tom Rosholt  
Member Aracely Ruiz  
Member Eugena Thomas  
Member Larry Torres

Absent: Member Diane Albert

Staff: Lisa Montoya, Community Services Supervisor  
Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary  
Victoria Santana, Senior Recreation Leader II

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Judy Luskleet reported on activities held at Lake Park La Mirada and the La Mirada Vistas.

Lori Chimberoff introduced herself and expressed interest in representing Somerset Glen as its alternate member for the Senior Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

**Member Rosholt moved and Vice Chairman Viayra seconded to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Senior Council meeting.**

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

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2. SENIOR COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE**

Vice Chairperson Viayra said regular activities have resumed at Breezewood Village. She said a movie night has been added to the event calendar.

Chairperson Roman said regular activities have resumed at La Mirada Landmark.

Member McCollum reported resident activities were not being offered at Vista Alicante.

Member Thomas commented on the need for a monthly event calendar at Somerset Glen.

Member Ruiz commended the City for its new Farmers Market. She said the Farmers Market would benefit seniors looking to purchase organic produce locally. Member Ruiz also commended the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts for the quality of its recent performances.

Member Rosholt reported on the judging process for the "Love a Tree" poster contest. He commented on the increase of walkers in the community. He stated the importance of wearing reflective gear when participating in early morning and evening activities.

Member Torres made a recommendation for the City to offer free reflective walking vests for residents. He thanked the Senior Council for nominating him as this year's honoree for the Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) awards program hosted by the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults. He said the award would be accepted on behalf of all senior volunteers whose contributions have positively impacted the community. Member Torres reported on the Veterans Coordinating Council and its collaboration with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9148, Olive Lawn Memorial Park, and the City of La Mirada in offering the Memorial Day Event to be held on May 30. He encouraged Members to attend the event at Olive Lawn Memorial Park and help promote the event at their respective senior housing communities. Member Torres invited Members to attend the Veterans Discussion Group meeting on April 7 at the Activity Center to hear 101-year-old World War II veteran Bernard B. James speak about his life experiences.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. 2022 SPRING BEAUTIFICATION**

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya introduced Senior Recreation Leader II Victoria Santana.

Senior Recreation Leader II Santana reported on the Spring Beautification program. She thanked the Senior Council for its consideration in serving as volunteer judges for the program. She said staff would contact volunteer judges regarding the Judges Meeting on March 30.

#### **4. 2022 EASTER EGG HUNT**

Senior Recreation Leader II Santana reported on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. She said the event would take place at La Mirada Regional Park on April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Member Torres said event parking has been difficult to find in the past. He made a recommendation for additional directional signs and for volunteers to provide directional assistance to the parking areas.

Senior Recreation Leader II Santana responded and said she would share Mr. Torres' recommendations with staff.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said the Volunteers on Patrol may have assisted in the past. She said staff would inform the Senior Council if additional volunteers were needed for the prize redemption booth during the event.

Members Torres, Rosholt, and Vice Chairperson Viayra said they would volunteer if needed.

#### **5. MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the Mother Daughter Luncheon. She said the event would take place at the Activity Center on May 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Member Ruiz, Vice Chairperson Viayra, and Chairman Roman volunteered to assist with the special event.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

Chairperson Roman reported that the Traffic Control Box Art Contest, the "Love a Tree" poster contest, and Larry Torres' nomination for the OARD awards program were discussed during the Community Services Commission meeting on March 2.

#### **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Ruiz said she received a text requesting residents to participate in a traffic study for Hillsborough Drive at Beach Boulevard. She inquired if the text came from the City.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said the City did not send a request for residents to participate in a traffic study for the project known as "The Grand". She said the traffic study for Hillsborough Drive at Beach Boulevard would be conducted by the Public Safety and Traffic Commission.

Member Thomas expressed concern regarding pedestrian safety and traffic control near Somerset Glen.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said she would share Member Thomas' concerns with the Public Safety Department.

Member Rosholt made a recommendation for a genealogy workshop to be held at the Activity Center.

### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported that computer classes for seniors would be offered at the Activity Center through Rio Hondo College. She said that beginning April 1, an open lab would also be provided by past SeniorNet volunteers on Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Montoya said the congregate meal program through the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) has not yet returned to the Activity Center. She said that a daily coffee club was formed to encourage socialization between seniors. She also reported on the Farmers Market beginning April 2, the Fruit Tree Giveaway on April 9, and vehicle replacements for La Mirada Transit.

Member Torres inquired if the City has considered a transit program specifically for seniors.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said the City has not received any request for an additional transit program specifically for seniors.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted:



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Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



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Peggy Roman  
Chairperson