# MINUTES FOR THE REGULR MEETING OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL JANUARY 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the La Mirada Senior Council was

called to order at 10 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Torres 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 Vice

Chairperson Larry Torres.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairperson Larry Torres

Member Diane Albert
Member Mary Hall
Member Larry McCollum
Member Peggy Roman
Member Tom Rosholt
Member Eugena Thomas

Alternate Member Lori Chimberoff

Absent: Chairperson Martha Viayra

Staff: Lisa Montoya, Community Services Supervisor

Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Marlene Olsen reported on activities at the La Mirada Vistas.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## 1. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Member Rosholt moved and Member Hall seconded to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 Senior Council meeting.

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

AYES: Vice Chairperson Torres, Members Albert, Hall, McCollum, Roman,

Rosholt, Thomas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chairperson Viayra

ABSTAIN: None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## 2. SENIOR COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Member Roman reported on activities at La Mirada Landmark.

Member Hall reported on activities at Lake Park La Mirada. She said Lake Park La Mirada participated in the City's Holiday Toy and Food Drive.

Member Thomas reported on activities at Somerset Glen. She asked when the marked crosswalk would be installed on Hillsborough Drive at the Coyote Creek Bikeway Crossing.

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya responded and said an update regarding the crosswalk installation will be provided at the next meeting.

Member McCollum reported on activities at Vista Alicante.

Member Rosholt provided positive feedback regarding the Chili Holiday Celebration and the All That Dance event. He inquired about the total donations received during the 2022 Holiday Toy and Food Drive.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said the Holiday Toy and Food Drive received approximately 4,000 donated items. She said the final count will be provided at the next meeting.

Vice Chairperson Torres said he attended a memorial service for Pete Dames on January 7, a showing of *Grease* at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, and a book signing for *The Accidental Mayor* at the La Mirada Library. Vice Chairperson Torres reported on the La Mirada Farmers Market held Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the La Mirada Library. Mr. Torres made a recommendation for the Senior Council to discuss ways to celebrate Older Americans Month in May.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### 3. AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya reported on the AARP Foundation Tax Aide Program. She said the free tax assistance program is available for seniors and low-income participants on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning February 7 through April 12 at the La Mirada Resource Center. She said appointments are limited and required.

### 4. "LOVE A TREE" POSTER CONTEST

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the "Love a Tree" Poster Contest and said entries will be accepted beginning February 6 through March 17. She said the poster contest is in celebration of Arbor Day and is open to all kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attending public and private schools in La Mirada. Mrs. Montoya encouraged Members to participate as volunteer judges for the contest on March 22 at

11 a.m. She said one winner for each grade level will be selected by the Community Services Commission and recognized at a City Council meeting in April.

Members discussed the poster contest and provided positive feedback. Members confirmed their participation in selecting the finalists for each grade level on March 22.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

There was no Community Services Commission report.

# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Albert provided an update on the construction of the La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene.

Member Torres reported on the Kiwanis Club of La Mirada's Lou Piltz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner on February 3 at the La Mirada Activity Center. He said the Veterans Discussion Group's monthly meeting on February 2 would be held at the VFW Post 9148.

### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on a possible transit service expansion that would include a Trader Joe's location in the City of La Habra. She said nominations for the Older Americans Recognition Day award will continue to be accepted through February 6. Mrs. Montoya reported that former Senior Council Member Mariann Hampton has applied to serve on the advisory council as an At-large Member.

Members expressed support of Mrs. Hampton's reinstatement to the Senior Council.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya said Mrs. Hampton would be appointed to the Senior Council during the City Council meeting on February 14.

Community Services Secretary Micaela Diores said historical tours of the Neff House will be provided by the Historical Preservation Advisory Council on February 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted:

Micaela Diores

Community Services Secretary

Attest:

Larry Torres/

Vice Chairperson