# MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

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

called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairperson Martha Viayra at the La Mirada Activity Center, Community Room 1, 13810 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada,

California 90638.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Th

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson

Martha Viayra

**ROLL CALL** 

Present: Chairperson Martha Viayra

Vice Chairperson Larry Torres

Member Mary Hall

Member Larry McCollum Member Peggy Roman Member Eugena Thomas

Alternate Member Lori Chimberoff

Absent:

Member Diane Albert Member Tom Rosholt Member Aracely Ruiz

Staff:

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Marlene Olsen reported on activities at the La Mirada Vistas. She commended the City on its Community Health Information and Safety Fair and the All That Dance event.

Resident Janine Barber said the Bingocize exercise program offered at the Activity Center was well received and beneficial to seniors. She recommended a similar exercise class be offered during the winter session.

Community Services Supervisor responded and thanked Mrs. Barber for her feedback.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

# 1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2022

Member Hall moved and Member Roman seconded to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 Senior Council meeting.

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

AYES: Chairperson Viayra, Vice Chairperson Torres, Members Hall,

McCollum, Roman, Thomas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Members Albert, Rosholt, Ruiz

**ABSTAIN: None** 

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# 2. SENIOR COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Chairperson Viayra reported on activities at Breezewood Village, including a new tech support program for residents.

Member Roman reported on activities at La Mirada Landmark. She said the fall rummage sale would not take place this year.

Member Thomas reported on activities at Somerset Glen, including a new chair exercise class and a monthly birthday celebration.

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

Member Hall reported on activities at Lake Park La Mirada. She said a Halloween celebration would take place on October 29.

Vice Chairperson Torres reported on the Veterans Coordinating Council's efforts in presenting a medallion to veterans residing in La Mirada in celebration of Veterans Day. He encouraged Members to provide the names of veterans at their respective senior housing so they may be recognized. Vice Chairperson Torres said an American Flag Walk from the UFC Gym to the Civic Center would be incorporated into the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11. He also reported on the Veterans Discussion Group's meeting on October 3 and the Salute to Veterans event on November 7.

#### 3. FALL FESTIVAL

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya reported on the Activity Center's Fall Festival on October 13. She encouraged Members to assist with the event.

Members discussed the event and provided music recommendations.

Chairperson Viayra, Vice Chairperson Torres, Members Roman, Thomas, and Alternate Member Chimberoff said they would assist with the Fall Festival.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 4. 2022 HALLOWEENFEST

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported the 2022 Halloweenfest would take place at the Neff Estate on October 31 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. She said the event would feature a costume contest, crafts, games, a haunted maze, and a trick-or-treat area. Mrs. Montoya encouraged Members to serve as volunteer judges for the costume contest.

Chairperson Viayra and Alternate Member Lori Chimberoff said they would participate as volunteer judges.

#### 5. 2023 OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION DAY AWARD

Community Services Supervisor Montoya provided a brief background on Older Americans Month and the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging's (LACCOA) Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) awards ceremony. She said nominations for La Mirada's representative for LACCOA's OARD awards ceremony in May 2023 would be accepted beginning November 1, 2022 through February 6, 2023. Mrs. Montoya discussed the new nomination process and timeline. She encouraged feedback from the Senior Council.

Vice Chairperson Torres commented that the early and increased promotion of the OARD Award would benefit and widen the candidate pool.

Members discussed the guidelines and nomination form for the 2023 OARD Award. Members expressed support of the new nomination process.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

Chairperson Viayra said she attended the Community Services Commission meeting on September 7. She said the Commission selected Susan Savage to serve as Chairperson and Desiree Johnson as Vice Chairperson during its annual reorganization. She said discussions included the Traffic Control Box Arts Contest, Concerts Under the Stars, and Stroll in the Park.

# **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Member announcements.

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Supervisor Montoya referred to Alternate Member Chimberoff's inquiry from the previous meeting regarding the installation of the marked crosswalk near the Coyote Creek Bikeway. She said the City received a request for a marked

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crosswalk from a bicyclist and a resident of Somerset Glen. She reported that the installation of a marked continental crosswalk, accompanying signs and pavement markings, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons on Hillsborough Drive at the Coyote Creek Bikeway Crossing was approved by the City Council on April 26.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted:

Attest:

Micaela Diores

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Community Services Secretary

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Chairperson

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