

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the La Mirada Senior Council was called to order at 10 a.m. 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 Martha Viayra.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Chairperson Martha Viayra  
Vice Chairperson Mary Hall  
Member Diane Albert  
Member Peggy Roman  
Member Tom Rosholt  
Member Larry Torres

**Absent:**

Member Eugena Thomas

**Staff:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marlene Olsen reported on activities held at the La Mirada Vistas. She provided positive feedback regarding the All That Dance event on March 1 and the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program held at the La Mirada Activity Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2024**

**Member Rosholt and Vice Chairperson Hall seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 Senior Council meeting.**

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

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2. SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

Chairperson Viayra reported on activities at Breezewood Village.

Vice Chairperson Hall reported on activities at Lake Park La Mirada.

Member Roman reported on activities at La Mirada Landmark. She said La Mirada Landmark will host a vintage car show on April 27.

Member Rosholt said the La Mirada Half Century Club inquired if the City of La Mirada can provide transportation for its senior trips to local casinos. He shared information regarding free resources for genealogy projects through the Family Search Center in Whittier.

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya responded and thanked Member Rosholt for sharing the La Mirada Half Century Club's inquiry. She said the City is unable to provide transportation for the La Mirada Half Century Club.

Member Albert requested information regarding La Mirada Transit.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and provided information regarding the City's transit services.

Member Torres reported on the La Mirada Veterans Coordinating Council. He said Rick Cline and Steve Jones were selected to serve as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Member Torres said the Council continues to explore new ways to increase its outreach and involvement in City events.

Member Rosholt commended the La Mirada Veterans Coordinating Council for its efforts in honoring local veterans.

### **3. OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION DAY AWARD**

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya provided a brief overview of the 2024 Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program. She said that after careful review of the program, it is recommended that past nominees be precluded from this year's award. Mrs. Montoya said four nominations for this year's award were received by the deadline of February 16. She recommended that Members discuss the four nominees and provide feedback to be shared with the Community Services Commission.

Members discussed Bruce Dixon, Donna Heckenlaible, Lana McMillen, and Chris Pflanzner's positive impact on the La Mirada community. Members said the nominees are all deserving of recognition. The Senior Council recommended that the Community Services Commission consider all four seniors to be selected as the honoree at the 2024 OARD awards ceremony.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya thanked the Senior Council for their positive feedback. She said the Senior Council's comments will be shared with the Community Services Commission.

Member Rosholt inquired if the City is able to increase the number of honorees for next year's OARD Awards Program.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and said the OARD Awards Program is hosted by the County of Los Angeles. She said the County's guidelines limit the City to one honoree per year.

Member Rosholt recommended that Bruce Dixon, Donna Heckenlaible, Lana McMillen, and Chris Pflanzler be honored at the La Mirada Activity Center as part of Older Americans Month.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya said the four nominees will be invited to participate in various activities during Older Americans Month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4. ALL THAT DANCE**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the All That Dance event on March 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. She said the dance will feature light refreshments, photo opportunities, and live entertainment by DJ Professor D.

Chairperson Viayra, Vice Chairperson Hall, and Member Roman volunteered to assist with the All That Dance event.

#### **5. MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the monthly birthday celebration. She said the program is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month and is sponsored by the La Mirada Community Foundation. She encouraged Members to serve as volunteers during the monthly birthday celebration.

The Senior Council expressed its gratitude to the La Mirada Community Foundation for its continued support of senior programs.

#### **6. 2024 EASTER EGG HUNT**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the Easter Egg Hunt event on March 30 from 9 to 11 a.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. She encouraged Members to volunteer and assist with the prize redemption booth during the event.

Vice Chairperson Hall, Members Roman, Rosholt, and Torres volunteered to assist with the event.

**7. 2024 SPRING BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the annual Spring Beautification Program. She said canvassing of neighborhoods will begin April 1 through April 12. She encouraged Members who are interested in serving as volunteer judges to contact Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna. Mrs. Montoya said the Judges' Meeting will be held on March 27 at the La Mirada Resource Center.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

Chairperson Viayra attended the Community Services Commission meeting on February 7. She said discussions included the City's Summer Day Camp, "Love a Tree" poster contest, the summer concert series, and the annual park evaluations.

**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Torres provided positive feedback regarding the City's pickleball program.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya said the La Mirada Activity Center will continue to serve as a voting center for the primary election through March 5.

Community Services Secretary Micaela Diores said a free financial literacy class will be offered by the La Mirada Community Foundation on Thursdays beginning March 7 through March 28 at the La Mirada Resource Center.

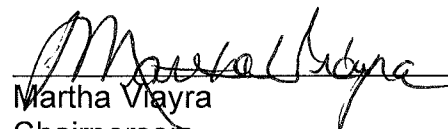
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Submitted:

  
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Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:

  
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Martha Viayra  
Chairperson