

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

**March 2, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**                      The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Cline at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**        The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gramajo.

**ROLL CALL**                      Present:        Chairman Rebecca Cline  
   Vice Chairman Susan Savage  
   Commissioner Scott Anderson  
   Commissioner Raymond Fernandez  
   Commissioner Diane Gramajo  
   Commissioner John Grotz  
   Commissioner Desiree Johnson

   Staff:            Jeff Boynton, City Manager  
   Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director  
   Veronica Luna, Community Services Coordinator  
   Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary  
   Ashley Chanman, Senior Recreation Leader II  
   Victoria Santa, Senior Recreation Leader II

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Gramajo seconded to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting.

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

**AYES:**                      Commissioners Fernandez, Gramajo, Grotz, Johnson, Vice  
   Chairman Savage, Chairman Cline

**NOES:**                      None

**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Anderson

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2. OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION**

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the 2022 Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) awards program hosted by the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults. He said the OARD awards program is in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' declaration of May as Older American Recognition Month. He discussed La Mirada Senior Council's nomination of community member Larry Torres as the OARD awards program honoree for the City of La Mirada.

Commissioners expressed support of the nomination of Larry Torres for the Older Americans Day Awards.

**Commissioner Gramajo moved and Vice Chairperson Savage seconded the nomination of Larry Torres for the Older Americans Recognition Day Awards to the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults.**

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

**AYES:** Commissioners Anderson, Fernandez, Gramajo, Grotz, Johnson, Vice Chairman Savage, Chairman Cline  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**3. 2022 SPRING BEAUTIFICATION**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna.

Community Services Coordinator Luna provided an overview of the 2022 Spring Beautification program. She said the judging period would begin April 4 through April 15 and that the awards ceremony would be held on June 13 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Ms. Luna encouraged Commissioners to participate as volunteer judges for the program.

Commissioners Anderson, Fernandez, and Johnson volunteered to serve as judges.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**4. 2022 LOVE A TREE POSTER CONTEST**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Senior Recreation Leader II Ashley Chanman and Senior Recreation Leader II Victoria Santana.

Senior Recreation Leader II Santana reported on the 2022 “Love a Tree” poster contest. She thanked the Commission for its participation in selecting the winning posters from each grade category. She said winners of the poster contest would be recognized during the April 26 Council meeting.

Senior Recreation Leader II Chanman presented the winning posters from each grade category.

Commissioner Fernandez commented on the low number of submissions for the 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade category.

Senior Recreation Leader II Chanman responded and said the 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade category was new to the contest this year. She said the contest was optional for students in the higher grade levels.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the poster contest is often used as a classroom project for the lower grade levels, resulting in a higher rate of submissions. He said high school students were likely not given the option to complete the project as part of their regular curriculum.

## **5. 2022 PARK REVIEW**

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the 2022 Park Review and thanked Commissioners for completing the annual evaluation. Mr. Osuna said the evaluation forms were submitted to the Public Works Department and routine maintenance items are being addressed. He encouraged Commissioners to discuss their findings.

Chairman Cline reported on her evaluations of the Behringer Athletic Facility and the Los Coyotes Athletic Facility. Chairman Cline inquired about plans to install LED lighting for both fields at the Behringer Athletic Facility.

City Manager Jeff Boynton responded and said the City was allocated \$11,526,398 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). He discussed the proposed plan for the use of the ARPA funds, including LED lighting for the Behringer Athletic Facility and the Los Coyotes Athletic Facility.

Vice Chairman Savage made a recommendation for the removal of non-functional water fountains located at the Behringer Athletic Facility.

City Manager Boynton responded and said the removal of non-functioning equipment would be assessed by the Public Works Department.

Chairman Cline commented on the power outage at the Los Coyotes Athletic Field during a recent hailstorm.

City Manager Boynton responded and said the power outage was likely caused by an accumulation of water from the storm. He reported on plans to prevent power outages in the future.

Commissioner Johnson discussed her evaluation of Creek Park and Oak Creek Park. She inquired about plans to repair the vehicle bridge at Creek Park.

City Manager Boynton responded and provided a brief overview of the La Mirada Creek Park Master Plan. He discussed the Creek Park Vehicle Bridge Replacement project and said the contract would be awarded at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Commissioner Fernandez discussed his evaluation of Frontier Park, Gardenhill Park, and Neff Park. He recommended minor repairs be made to Neff Park's basketball court.

Vice Chairman Savage discussed her evaluation of Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. She highlighted the need for additional shaded seating areas and recommended repairs be made to the pool deck. Vice Chairman Savage requested that the evaluation form for Splash! be corrected to match what was originally submitted. She inquired if the photo of the round disks embedded into the pool deck was received.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said corrections to the evaluation form would be made. He said the evaluation form and photo were submitted to the Public Works Department. Mr. Osuna reported on prospective plans to renovate the pool deck.

Commissioner Gramajo discussed her evaluation of Veterans Park and Windermere Park. She recommended that the signage at Veterans Park be repaired.

## **6. TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX ART CONTEST**

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the inaugural Traffic Control Box Art Contest.

Commissioners commented that winning posters exemplified this year's theme of "La Mirada's Rich History".

## **SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS**

La Mirada Senior Council Chairperson Peggy Roman reported on Senior Council's participation in the "Love a Tree" poster contest.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council Member Marlene Olsen provided an update on the La Mirada History Tour Guide. She said the Neff Estate Tour on February 19 was cancelled due to the Neff House porch exterior ceiling stucco project. She said historical

tours of the George House may be offered on March 19. Mrs. Olsen reported the AARP Tax Aide program would begin on March 15.

### **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Fernandez said he attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and the State of the City event. He shared his appreciation of local service clubs that benefit the community.

Vice Chairman Savage said she attended a recent meeting of the La Mirada Athletic Council and commended its contribution to the community.

Commissioner Johnson said she attended the State of the City event. She reported that the Neighborhood Life Church would host a bike trail clean-up service project on March 12.

Commissioner Gramajo said she attended the State of the City event. She reported on the Kiwanis Club of La Mirada's pancake breakfast at the La Mirada Little League opening ceremony. Commissioner Gramajo reported on the Love La Mirada program and encouraged Commissioners to submit project ideas to the planning committee.

Commissioner Anderson provided an update on the spring season for the La Mirada Little League, La Mirada Girls Softball Association, La Mirada Soccer Association, and the La Mirada Baseball Association.

Chairman Cline reported a Neighborhood Watch meeting would be held on March 16 at 10 a.m. via the zoom meeting application.

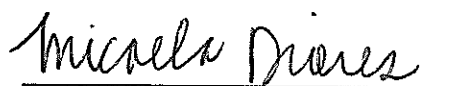
### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Community Services Department's recruitment for Recreation and Aquatic positions. He said the La Mirada Farmers Market would take place on Saturdays beginning April 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Civic Center parking lot.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Rebecca Cline  
Chairman