

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

**April 6, 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 Johnson.

**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:              Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director  
   Mark Stowell, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
   Veronica Luna, Community Services Coordinator  
   Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

**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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2. FARMERS MARKET**

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna provided an overview of the City of La Mirada's Farmers Market and the Farmers Market operator, VenaVer. Mr. Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna.

Community Services Coordinator Luna reported on the grand opening of the Farmers Market held on April 2. She said the event was well attended by the community and featured live music and a ribbon cutting ceremony. Ms. Luna stated that the grand opening featured 24 vendors, some of whom sold out of their inventory. She said vendors would increase their inventory and offer additional seasonal produce in subsequent operating days of the Farmers Market. Ms. Luna also said an EBT machine and the Market Match program would soon be available for market goers.

Commissioner Gramajo commended the City for its promotion of the Farmers Market and said it was well attended.

Commissioner Johnson said she received positive feedback from the community, specifically regarding the live band. She made a recommendation for one promotional booth to be provided free of charge to a local small business at each event. Commissioner Johnson said that by offering a promotional booth at the Farmers Market, local businesses would be given an opportunity to increase their reach in the community.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the Farmers Market would feature live music on the first Saturday of each month. He said her recommendation of a promotional booth for local businesses would be considered.

Chairman Cline said the Farmers Market was well advertised and enjoyed by the community.

Commissioner Fernandez said the Farmers Market received a high rating on Nextdoor, an online neighborhood communication network. He said the Farmers Market would continue to benefit the community and attract more residents over time.

### **3. 2022 PARK REVIEW**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Public Works Director and City Engineer Mark Stowell.

Public Works Director Stowell thanked the Community Services Commission for completing the annual park review. He said non-functional water fountains would sequentially be phased out and replaced with water bottle filling stations. He said the blocked sewer lines reported at the Behringer Athletic Facility were mainly caused by

disinfecting wipes being flushed down the toilets. Mr. Stowell also reported on plans for the installment of LED lighting for the Behringer Athletic Facility.

Commissioner Gramajo commended the Public Works Department for its dutiful maintenance of all City facilities and parks.

Commissioner Fernandez inquired about prospective projects at Neff Park.

Public Works Director Stowell responded and reported on the parking lot seal coat project at Neff Park. He said an RFP for the development of a Master Plan for Neff Park would soon be released.

Chairman Cline reported the fence leading to the tennis courts at Neff Park was loose.

Public Works Director Stowell responded and said the fence would be assessed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Community Services Director Osuna provided a brief overview of the annual Easter Egg Hunt. He said the event would take place on April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. Mr. Osuna encouraged Commissioners to attend the event and provide feedback at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Fernandez said he would be in attendance with the Rotary Club of La Mirada. He reported that the Kiwanis Club of La Mirada would provide a Pancake Breakfast for a nominal fee during the Easter Egg Hunt. He expressed gratitude for the return of community events in La Mirada.

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

La Mirada Senior Council Chairperson Peggy Roman said several Senior Council Members served as volunteer judges for the Spring Beautification program.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Member Marlene Olsen reported the Neff Estate Tour on March 19 was held at the George House and that several HPAC Members served as volunteer judges for the Spring Beautification program. Mrs. Olsen said that 101-year-old World War II veteran and longtime resident Bernard Benedict James recently participated in HPAC's History of La Mirada as Told by Citizens Young and Old program.

## **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Fernandez said he recently attended a Chamber of Commerce event encouraging open communication and collaboration between the City, local service organizations, and business leaders in the community.

Commissioner Anderson said the spring season for La Mirada's youth leagues have begun.

Vice Chairman Savage said she attended and enjoyed the Farmers Market.

Commissioner Grotz reported on the La Mirada Community Foundation's scholarship program for high school seniors. He said applications would be accepted through April 14.

Chairperson Cline said the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast would be held on April 29 at the Holiday Inn La Mirada.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no staff announcement.


**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Submitted:

  
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Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:

  
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Rebecca Cline  
Chairman