

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

May 4, 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 recited.

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

 Tardy: Commissioner Desiree Johnson

 Staff: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
 Liza Soto, Aquatics Manager
 Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Rick Cline invited Commissioners to attend the Memorial Day Service on May 30 at 10 a.m. at Olive Lawn Memorial Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2022

Vice Chairman Savage moved and Commissioner Fernandez seconded to approve the minutes of the April 6, 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. EASTER EGG HUNT

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna provided a recap of the annual Easter Egg Hunt that was held April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. Mr. Osuna reported an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 people were in attendance. The event included a pancake breakfast provided by the La Mirada Kiwanis Club, photos with the Easter Bunny, children's crafts, balloon twisters, airbrush artists, inflatable games, petting zoo, and an egg hunt for children ages 1 to 11 years of age.

Vice Chairman Susan Savage said she was in attendance and participated in the pancake breakfast in addition to other aspects of the event. She reported despite her observation that attendance was down from years past, those in attendance had smiles on their faces and enjoyed the event.

Commissioner Raymond Fernandez said the event was a world class event, and that those in attendance were excited to be part of a community. He reported he volunteered at the Rotary Club booth and passed out candy to those in attendance.

Chairman Rebecca Cline said it was a very festive event and that staff did a great job.

NEW BUSINESS

3. MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Mother Daughter Luncheon to be held Saturday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. He said the luncheon would be catered by Lascari's Restaurant and that attendees would participate in children's crafts, games, and a teacup contest. He said photo opportunities would also be available during the event and that the cost would be \$17 for children ages 3 to 11, and \$27 for guests ages 12 and up.

Chairman Cline said it's a great event and that it's nice to see it has transitioned into a luncheon.

4. 2022 PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the 2022 Parks and Recreation Month. He said the City of La Mirada, together with the National Recreation & Park Association (NPR), recognizes the power of parks and recreation. He reported on several programs and events being held during the month of July to provide opportunities for community members to enjoy La Mirada parks and recreation programs.

Commissioner Fernandez said these types of programs contribute to La Mirada being thought of by many as a community rather than simply a city.

Chairman Cline asked if there would be recreation components incorporated into the Concerts Under the Stars program to tie into the recreation month.

Community Services Director Osuna said yes, staff has arranged to give away fun city branded items during the summer concerts.

5. VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION REPORT

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Volunteers in Action report for the months of January through March 2022. He reported there were 168 active volunteers who contributed 3,492 hours of service.

Commissioner Gramajo commented that the report doesn't include service club volunteer hours such as the Rotary and other organizations.

Community Services Director Osuna explained that those organizations are not part of the City's volunteer program and that they likely keep track of their own hours.

Chairman Cline said it's great to see how many volunteer opportunities the City offers.

Community Services Director Osuna said the City wouldn't be able to offer so many programs without the aid of volunteers.

6. BUCCANEER BAY SUMMER PREVIEW

Aquatics Manager Liza Soto reported on the Buccaneer Bay summer preview. She reported the 2022 summer season would begin with the Passholder Preview Day on Sunday, May 22. She said Buccaneer Bay would be open daily beginning June 6 through August 5 and will be open weekends through Sunday September 25.

Chairman Cline said staff is doing a wonderful job with the waterpark.

Vice Chairman Savage asked if Buccaneer Bay was fully staffed.

Aquatics Manager Soto said the City continues the hiring process and that staff is hopeful they will be able to hire enough staff necessary to support park operations.

Commissioner Fernandez asked how the new waterslide was.

Aquatics Manager Soto said feedback from park goers has been positive about the new water slides.

7. SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Community Services Director Osuna reported on summer recreation programs which include; Summer Day Camp, Ready, Set, Summer, Concerts Under the Stars, Independence Celebration and the Stroll in the Park.

Commissioner Scott Anderson said we should celebrate coming into 2022 with community programming once again being offered.

Community Services Director Osuna said the City rolled over some of the funds not utilized during Covid, into the 2022 year to provide a bigger fireworks program for this Independence Celebration.

Commissioner Johnson said she heard several community members saying they anticipate a larger crowd at this year's Independence Celebration.

Community Services Director Osuna said the Independence Celebration falls on a weekend this year and generally draws larger attendance on weekends.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

La Mirada Senior Council Chairperson Peggy Roman reported on a new alternate for Somerset Glen. She said Senior Council members would volunteer at the Mother Daughter Luncheon. She thanked staff and artists for the new traffic control box artwork, she said it's a great addition to the City's beautification.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Member Marlene Olsen reported HPAC member Harry Scott found an antique olive press from La Mirada and would be arranging to return it to La Mirada from its current location in San Diego. She reported on her attendance to the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Fernandez reported on his attendance to the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and he encouraged Commissioners to attend the Sound of Music at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Commissioner Anderson reported that spring sports programs are coming to an end soon.

Vice Chairman Savage reported on her attendance to the recent La Mirada Farmers Market and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Commissioner Grotz reported the La Mirada Community Foundation is scheduled to award eight scholarships valued at \$8,500 to graduating high school seniors on May 24.

Chairperson Cline reported on her attendance to the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and the City Council meeting where the Love A Tree winners were recognized.

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Commissioner Johnson reported she met several new community members at the recent La Mirada Farmers Market. She also invited Commissioners to attend the upcoming cleanup at Frontier Park.

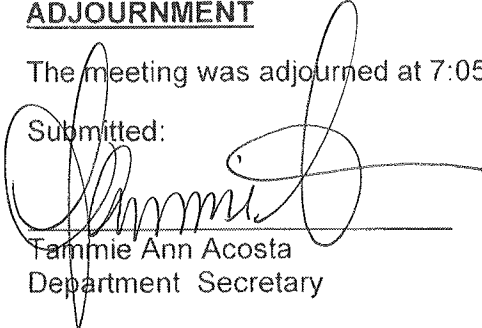
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna reported on an upcoming hazardous waste event and the upcoming Farmers Market.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Ann Acosta
Department Secretary

Attest:



Rebecca Cline
Chairman