

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

September 7, 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 Raymond Fernandez
Commissioner John Grotz

Absent: Commissioner Scott Anderson
Commissioner Diane Gramajo
Commissioner Desiree Johnson

Staff: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
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 MAY 4, 2022

Commissioner Fernandez moved and Vice Chairman Savage seconded to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

REORGANIZATION

2. REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Community Services Secretary Micaela Diores reported on the procedure for the reorganization of the Community Services Commission. She opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Fernandez seconded to elect Commissioner Savage as Chairman of the Community Services Commission.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Chairman Savage opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Savage moved and Commissioner Cline seconded to elect Commissioner Johnson to serve as Vice Chairman of the Community Services Commission.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES 2022 SPRING RECREATION ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPANT SURVEY REPORT

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on positive results of the Community Services 2022 Spring Recreation Enrollment and Participation Survey. Mr. Osuna said 3,260 community members enrolled in approximately 203 recreation classes during the spring program period, generating \$259,279 in revenue.

Commissioner Fernandez commented on the high level of participation for the spring program period.

Commissioner Cline made a recommendation for an introductory pickleball class. She reported an increase in participation and interest in the drop-in game.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said recreation classes are taught by volunteer and contract instructors. He encouraged Commissioners to inform staff of anyone who may be interested in serving as a pickleball instructor.

4. TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX ART CONTEST

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the 2022-23 Traffic Control Box Art Contest. He said the contest will be held September 26 through December 16. Mr. Osuna encouraged Commissioners to provide recommendations for this year's contest theme.

Commissioner Cline recommended La Mirada's future be incorporated into this year's theme.

Chairman Savage recommended a veterans appreciation theme.

Commissioner Fernandez recommended incorporating the City's major attractions, including Biola University, Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, and the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts into the theme.

Commissioner Grotz said the contest should have no theme. He recommended that artistic expression be welcomed.

5. 2022 CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS AND STROLL IN THE PARK

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna.

Community Services Coordinator Luna reported on this year's Concerts Under the Stars and Stroll in the Park. She reported on positive results of the summer concert series evaluations. She said recurring recommendations included new music genres and a wider variety of food options. Ms. Luna said recommendations regarding the Night Market have been shared with VenaVer, the Night Market operator.

Commissioner Fernandez commented on a decrease in attendance during the last two concerts in August.

Community Services Coordinator Luna responded and said the decrease in attendance in late August is standard for the concert series. She said it may be attributed to the start of the new school year and youth athletic programs.

Chairman Savage complimented the PA system used during the concert series. She recommended additional space between the bands during Stroll in the Park to ensure better sound clarity for the audience.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said bands are positioned based on the location of power sources at Creek Park.

Commissioner Fernandez commented that Neff Park would be a good location for Stroll in the Park.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said Neff Park has limited parking and may present a problem for concert goers and residents.

Chairman Savage made a recommendation for designated drop-off and pick-up areas during the Concerts Under the Stars series at La Mirada Regional Park. She commented a shuttle service from the Civic Center parking lot to La Mirada Regional Park may be beneficial.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said designated drop-off and pick-up areas would be considered for next year's event.

Commissioner Cline said she enjoyed this year's bands, specifically Elemental Funk. She inquired about the change of layout for National Night Out.

Community Services Coordinator Luna responded and said the National Night Out layout was attributed to additional booths and multiple public safety vehicles stationed during the event.

Commissioners commended the City on a successful summer concert series.

Community Services Director Osuna and Community Services Coordinator Luna thanked the Commission for their valuable feedback. They said survey results and recommendations will be used in planning of next year's concert series.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council Chairperson Martha Viayra reported on several events at the Activity Center, including All That Dance on September 9, the Community Health Information and Safety Fair on September 14, and the Fall Festival on October 13.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported on her visit to the Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and her attendance to an art exhibit hosted by Victoria Pflanzner. She discussed several of HPAC's projects, including the student history quiz, organization of the archives, and presentation of the historical timeline during Halloweenfest. She reported tours of the Neff House have been postponed due to restoration efforts at the Neff Estate. Mrs. Olsen encouraged Commissioners to attend the Veteran Discussion Group meetings held monthly at the Activity Center.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Fernandez commended the City for its successful summer programs.

Commissioner Cline reported on her attendance to an art exhibit hosted by Victoria Pflanzner. She commented on the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts' extensive art collection and said a rotating art exhibit would be well-received by the community. Commissioner Cline said the drop-in pickleball program has increased in participation and continues to be held at Gardenhill Park while the Gymnasium is closed for maintenance.

Chairman Savage said she liked the cover of the City's fall issue of the La Mirada Living.

Commissioner Cline recommended that an article detailing EDCO's bulk pick-up services be included in the La Mirada Living.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna said the Farmers Market would be held Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Civic Center. He said the event may be cancelled on September 10 due to inclement weather. Mr. Osuna encouraged Commissioners to attend the Community Health Information and Safety Fair on September 14 at the Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

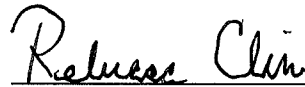
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Rebecca Cline
Chairman