

2. MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna. Ms. Luna reported on military service recognition programs. She reported on the Military Banner program and the Blue Star program. She said both programs are available to La Mirada residents with an immediate family member serving in the Armed Forces. She said to help streamline the application process for obtaining a Blue Star Flag and Military Banner, a new application has been created combining the two programs

Chairman Savage inquired about the banners that are currently installed. She inquired about the intake process to request the banner to be created and installed. Ms. Luna said either the soldier or his or her family member would have initiated the request.

Chairman Savage asked if staff had a list of all active military soldiers from La Mirada. Mr. Osuna replied and said that amount of detailed information is not readily available.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked if 80 was the maximum number of military banners available. Ms. Luna replied and said currently there are 80 poles, thus there are 80 military banners available.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked how many people are currently on the wait list. Mr. Osuna responded and said typically there are six to 12 people on the wait list at any given time.

3. 2022 HALLOWEENFEST

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Halloweenfest taking place on October 31 at Neff Park. He discussed the various aspects of the event as well as the timeline. He invited Commissioners to attend and or participate as volunteers for the event.

Chairman Savage asked about food options during the event. Mr. Osuna said Youth Council would sell nachos and Hot Dog on a Stick would return this year.

Commissioner Cline asked if volunteers are still required to check-in at the volunteer booth. Mr. Osuna said those who wish to volunteer should check-in at the volunteer booth.

Chairman Savage asked what volunteer opportunities are available for Commissioners. Mr. Osuna said there would be a variety of volunteer opportunities available to assist with passing out candy.

Commissioner Cline commented that she enjoys volunteering for the event by passing out candy at the Neff House and that she looks forward to volunteering again this year.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES 2022 SUMMER RECREATION ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPANT SURVEY REPORT

Community Services Director Osuna provided the Community Services 2022 summer recreation enrollment and participant report. He reported on early childhood programs to older adult programs. He also reported on youth sports leagues and virtual classes. He said that over the 2022 summer program period, 2,911 community members enrolled in a recreation class offered by the City of La Mirada.

Commissioner Cline thanked staff for the addition of pickle ball programming. Mr. Osuna said the sport has gained in popularity and the City is pleased to offer the program.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council Chairperson Martha Viayra thanked staff for hosting the recent volunteer appreciation day at Splash! She said it was a wonderful event and the food was great. She said several Senior Council members will volunteer at the Halloweenfest and the Fall Festival.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported on the All That Dance and the Health Fair she said both events were well received. She commented that HPAC recently completed the history program for school age children.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline reported on her attendance at the All That Dance, the Volunteer Appreciation Day at Splash! and the Health Fair. She thanked the City for the new lighting in the Community Gymnasium. She also reported on her participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program. She said it would be nice to have a district-wide meeting to incorporate more residents.

Commissioner Anderson reported the youth fall athletic programs kicked off in September. He said he has received positive reviews from parents, coaches, and participants.

Commissioner Grotz reported on recent changes to trash pickup in La Mirada and offered tips to help work with the new guidelines for disposal of waste.

Vice Chairman Johnson thanked the City for the updated paint on the bike lanes. She reported on her attendance at the Volunteer Day at Splash! and the Farmers Market.

Chairperson Savage thanked Vice Chairman Johnson for accepting her new position on the Commission.

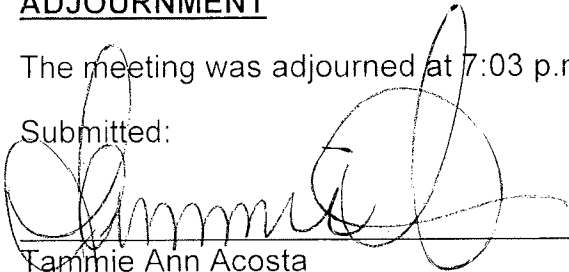
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna reported that approximately 250 people attended the Volunteer Appreciation Day at Splash! He commented that staff received positive feedback from those in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Submitted:



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Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman