

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

December 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Savage 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 Susan Savage
Vice Chairman Desiree Johnson
Commissioner Scott Anderson
Commissioner Rebecca Cline
Commissioner Raymond Fernandez
Commissioner Diane Gramajo

Absent:

Commissioner John Grotz

Staff:

Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
Liza Soto, Community Services Manager
Jorge Orozco, Senior Administrative Analyst
Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Rick Cline thanked staff and the City for hosting two great veterans' events. He said both events were well attended and well organized. He mentioned that next year the Theatre may not be available and asked Commissioners to think about alternative locations for next year's event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Commissioner Cline seconded to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 2022 SALUTE TO VETERANS EVENT AND VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the 2022 Salute to Veterans Event and Veterans Day Ceremony. He said both events were well attended and feedback from participants and attendees was positive. He reported that staff was recently made aware of the Theatre possibly not being available for next year's event and he encouraged Commissioners to provide suggestions for alternative locations for next year's event.

Chairman Savage said both events were nicely done and were very professional. She said she received positive feedback from attendees.

Commissioner Cline said the keynote speaker at the Theatre event was very good.

3. CHILI HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Chili Holiday Celebration that was held December 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. He reported approximately 2,500 community members attended the event.

Commissioner Cline reported on her attendance and reported that lines for food booths, and craft booths were much shorter than in prior years. She said the synchronized swimmers did a wonderful job, and that event participants seemed to enjoy the show.

Vice Chairman Johnson reported lines were short and hot dogs were warm. She said her family participated in the Boy Scout troops efforts and handed out hot dogs. She said they enjoyed volunteering for the event.

Commissioner Fernandez reported the facility looked very welcoming and festive. He said the event was well organized and those in attendance appeared to enjoy all aspects of the event.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 2023 OARD – OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION DAY AWARD

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Older Americans Recognition Day Award program. He discussed the program and provided Commissioners with the application for those interested in nominating a senior.

Commissioner Cline asked if staff had a list of all past award recipients. Mr. Osuna said he would provide a list to Commissioners the next day.

Chairman Savage asked if the award application is given to members of the Senior Council. Mr. Osuna replied and said the Senior Council received the application.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked if those who are nominated are made aware of the nomination. Mr. Osuna responded and said persons nominated are not always notified.

5. SPLASH! LA MIRADA REGIONAL AQUATICS REPORT

Aquatics Manager Liza Soto reported on the Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center annual report. She reported on attendance numbers, financial data and overall program updates. She said overall the facility had an outstanding year and community members provided positive feedback.

Commissioner Fernandez asked if the recent worldwide shortage of chlorine had any effect on the facility. Ms. Soto replied and said the facility had some issues with not getting chlorine; however, staff used their contacts with suppliers and was able to get enough product to sustain the facilities needs.

Commissioner Anderson said he's happy to see the facility continue to do well year after year.

Commissioner Cline said when she moved to La Mirada the only pool was the old plunge at La Mirada Regional Park. She said she's happy to see Splash! available for families in the community.

Chairman Cline said she's happy to see staff continuing to make the facility as best as possible year after year. She asked if the City has had any discussions about the possible second 50-meter pool. Mr. Osuna said when looking at where the revenue mostly comes from its apparent the waterpark serves the most people and generates the most revenue. He said the discussion of the possible second 50-meter pool is often discussed by City Council, and that it's not been forgotten.

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. 2022 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION REPORT

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Senior Administrative Analyst Jorge Orozco who reported on the 2022 Community Satisfaction Report. Mr. Orozco discussed the history of the satisfaction report, the need for the recent report as well as responses received from the community. Mr. Orozco discussed findings which showed an 89 percent overall satisfaction with the City.

Chairman Savage asked if the City was still conducting satisfaction surveys at the conclusion of programs offered by the City. Mr. Orozco responded and said the city continues to conduct surveys.

Chairman Savage asked if it would be possible to add a community survey in the La Mirada Living.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported on ongoing efforts to work on the historical archive room, a donation of historical furniture, and an original La Mirada olive press. She reported on her attendance to several veterans' events.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline reported on the Chili Holiday Celebration and Veterans events. She reported patrons continue to be pleased with the new Pickle Ball courts.

Commissioner Gramajo reported on the upcoming Kiwanis shopping event for local children in need.

Commissioner Fernandez reported on his attendance at the Chili Holiday Celebration, a Rotary Christmas children's event, and an upcoming Rotary dinner for local families.

Commissioner Anderson reported this would be his last meeting as Matthew Wight is the new President of the Athletic Council. He thanked staff and fellow Commissioners for his time on the Commission.

Vice Chairman Johnson reported on the overwhelming response from the community to support the victims of a recent accident that involved Los Angeles County Sheriff recruits.

Chairperson Savage commended staff for a wonderful job organizing and hosting the recent holiday event.

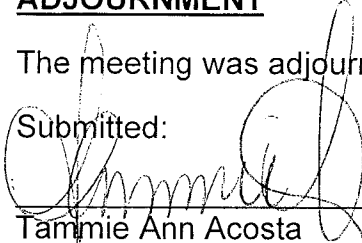
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna reported there would be no January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Ann Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman