

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA
AUGUST 2, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS , CITY HALL, 13700 LA MIRADA BOULEVARD
LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA 90638**

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Chairman	Susan Savage
Vice Chairman	Desiree Johnson
Commissioner	Rebecca Cline
Commissioner	Raymond Fernandez
Commissioner	Diane Gramajo
Commissioner	John Grotz
Commissioner	Matthew Wight

PUBLIC COMMENT

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2023** - It is recommended the Community Services Commission approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2023.

REORGANIZATION

2. **REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION** – It is recommended the Secretary initiate the procedure for the reorganization of the Community Services Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. **INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION DEBRIEFING** – It is recommended the Community Services Commission review and discuss the Independence Celebration.
4. **STROLL IN THE PARK DEBRIEFING** – It is recommended the Community Services Commission review and discuss the Stroll in the Park event.
5. **PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH UPDATE** – It is recommended the Community Services Commission review and discuss the Parks and Recreation Month update.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **VOLUNTTER APPRECIATION CONCERT** – It is recommended that the Community Services Commission review and discuss the Volunteer Appreciation Concert.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

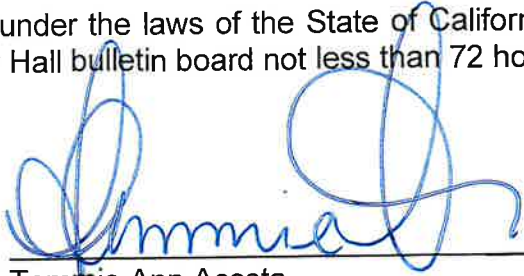
COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 26th day of July 2023



Tammi Ann Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

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

May 3, 2023

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 Rebecca Cline
Commissioner Raymond Fernandez
Commissioner Matthew Wight

Absent:

Commissioner Diane Gramajo
Commissioner John Grotz

Staff:

Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
Liza Soto, Aquatics Manager
Veronica Luna, Community Services Coordinator
Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident David Barraza addressed the Commission and asked for its support to help create a chess club for seniors. Mr. Barraza submitted a proposal to staff and reported on his previous successes creating a similar club in the City of Whittier where he recently moved from.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2023

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Fernandez seconded to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2023 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 2023 EASTER EGG HUNT

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt that took place at La Mirada Regional Park on April 8. He reported an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 community members were in attendance.

Commissioner Cline said the layout of the event was well thought out. She said the Kiwanis breakfast was done well and that she enjoyed the variety of entertainment.

Commissioner Wight said the City continues to do a wonderful job with the event year after year.

Vice Chairman Johnson said she saw many parents this year following the rules and allowing their children to participate in the hunt without getting into the hunt circle themselves.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 2023 MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the annual Mother Daughter Luncheon that will be held May 13 at the La Mirada Activity Center. He reported on the event details and noted that enrollment was already to capacity with approximately 140 registered attendees.

Commissioner Fernandez said there is certainly a great demand for events and programs for this demographic, due to the overwhelming response in registered patrons.

4 2023 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation event to be held at Splash! on Sunday, May 21. He reported that 140 people have submitted their RSVP.

Commissioner Cline asked why the event was being held on a Sunday. Community Services Director Osuna said the event has typically been held on Sunday and this year the event was moved up to the beginning of the season due to staffing availability and the ability to offer a better experience for volunteers.

Chairman Savage asked if Buccaneer Bay was opening earlier this year compared to prior years. Community Services Director Osuna said the opening day is the same and no changes were made.

Commissioner Wight said the youth sports league volunteers appreciate the event and they look forward to it each year. He said the appreciation event serves as a valuable tool to show the City's support for the athletic programs.

Chairman Savage asked if staff was able to complete proposed renovations at the waterpark. Community Services Director Osuna said the projects are scheduled to be completed, however they have not been completed.

5. BUCCANEER BAY SUMMER PREVIEW

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Aquatics Manager Liza Soto. Ms. Soto reported on the Buccaneer Bay Summer Preview which will kick off on May 20 with the Passholder Preview Day. She reported some 180 reservations have already been booked generating \$142,075 in revenue.

Chairman Savage asked how many season passes have been sold this year compared to last year. Aquatics Manager Soto said, season pass sales are in keeping with last year's sales.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked if the proposed closure of Buccaneer Bay on Mondays in June would pertain to lap swim. Aquatics Manager Soto said lap swim would not be affected.

6. SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna who presented information on summer recreation programs. Ms. Luna reported on Summer Day Camp, Concerts Under the Stars and Night Market, Parks and Recreation Month, the Independence Celebration, and Stroll in the Park.

Chairman Savage asked if the band Kool-Aid was invited to perform this year. Community Services Director Osuna replied and said the band was not scheduled to return in order to offer more of a variety of bands.

Commissioner Write said he and his family have enjoyed the movie programs at Windermere Park and that they are looking forward to the return of the program.

Commissioner Fernandez asked if at some time in the future staff could look into incorporating the history of La Mirada into a community event.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported HPAC members recently toured Biola University. She said members are planning for an upcoming tour of the Neff Estate and are working on coordinating the historical archives.

Commissioner Cline reported on behalf of Senior Council member Martha Viera who said Senior Council members are looking forward to volunteering for the Mother Daughter Luncheon.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline reported on her attendance at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Commissioner Fernandez reported on his attendance at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and said it was a first-class event.

Chairman Savage reported on her participation in recognizing winners of the Love a Tree poster contest.

Commissioner Wight reported on youth sports programs and said they are all running smoothly and that youth participants are ready for the summer athletic programs.

Commissioner Johnson reported on her attendance at the Easter Egg hunt and said it was a great event for the whole family.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the status of the Social Services Funding item, and said there would be no meeting in July due to the holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted:

Tammie Ann Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:

Susan Savage
Chairman

REORGANIZATION

**Community Services Commission
August 2, 2023**

TO: Community Services Commission
FROM: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
ORIGINATED BY: Tammie Ann Acosta, Community Services Department Secretary
SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION

BACKGROUND

The Community Service Commission Bylaws provide for an annual selection of a Chairman and Vice Chairman to represent the Commission.

FINDINGS

Commissioners serving on the Commission as designated representatives of other organizations, including the Community Services Foundation and the Athletic Council, are not eligible to serve as officers of the Community Services Commission.

Currently Susan Savage serves as Chairman and Desiree Johnson serves as Vice Chairman of the Commission. In recent years the following members have represented the Commission:

YEAR	CHAIRMAN	VICE CHAIRMAN
2022-2023	Susan Savage	Desiree Johnson
2021-2022	Rebecca Cline	Susan Savage
2020-2021	Diane Gramajo	Steve Lee
2019-2020	Misty Cota	Diane Gramajo
2018-2019	Susan Savage	Misty Cota
2017-2018	Steve Soto	Susan Savage
2016-2017	Rebecca Cline	Steve Soto
2015-2016	Susan Savage	Dustin Dahl
2014-2015	Edward Eng	Zurich Lewis
2013-2014	Jennifer Cole-Gutierrez	Edward Eng
2012-2013	Rebecca Cline	Jennifer Cole- Gutierrez
2011-2012	Susan Savage	Rebecca Cline

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Services Commission select a Chairman and Vice Chairman to represent the Commission.

UNIFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Services Commission
August 2, 2023

TO: Community Services Commission
FROM: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: **2023 INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION EVENT**

BACKGROUND

The City of La Mirada organizes several community events that bring residents together to celebrate major holidays as well as local, national, and historical cultural events. An event celebrating Independence Day and featuring fireworks has been held in La Mirada the day before the July 4 holiday since 1994. The event moved to La Mirada Regional Park, and under the supervision of the City, in 2004. Prior to that, the event was conducted at the La Mirada High School Stadium.

FINDINGS

The City's Independence Celebration event took place on Tuesday, July 3, 2023, from 4 to 9 p.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. The event was suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions regulating large public gatherings.

The 2023 event featured country music band Silver Lining who performed from 4 to 6 p.m. and dance band Elemental Funk who performed from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The patriotic program began at approximately 9 p.m. Army Veteran and La Mirada resident Rebecca Felix performed the National Anthem and local La Mirada scout troops lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco was on site to say a few words during the Patriotic Program.

At tonight's meeting Community Services staff members will provide an oral report that will provide a summary of the event.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended the Community Services Commission review and discuss the 2023 Independence Celebration event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Community Services Commission
August 2, 2023**

TO: Community Services Commission
FROM: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: **STROLL IN THE PARK DEBRIEFING**

BACKGROUND

Each summer the Community Services Department coordinates a series of live music events, including the Stroll in the Park that was held on July 27 at Creek Park.

FINDINGS

The Stroll in the Park event is unique and offers attendees a rare opportunity to experience three live bands at the same time. Each band is separated with just enough space to allow attendees to enjoy each band independently.

This year's performances included New Orleans party inspired band Alligator Beach, the 50's and 60's rock tribute band The Dreamboats, and the 70's through 2000's rock and pop tribute group Southland Band. Live music began at 6:30 p.m. Food was available beginning at 5 p.m. provided by the City's Night Market. The event also included activities for children as well as pet friendly activities.

At tonight's meeting Community Services staff members will provide an oral report and summary of the event.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended the Community Services Commission review and discuss the annual Stroll in the Park event.

Agenda No. 4

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Services Commission
August 2, 2023

TO: Community Services Commission
FROM: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: **PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH UPDATE**

BACKGROUND

Since 1985, July has been celebrated across the nation as Parks and Recreation Month. The City of La Mirada, together with the National Recreation & Park Association (NPRA), recognizes the power of parks and recreation to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities. Parks and Recreation month underscores the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space and facilities for the health and development of all residents in our community.

FINDINGS

By recognizing July as Parks and Recreation month, the City of La Mirada encouraged residents of all ages to enjoy and recognize the social, physical, mental, economic, and environmental benefits derived from the City's many parks and recreation facilities and programs. The Community Services Department used the month to highlight the launch of its "Parks and Recreation Month" calendar of activities. In addition to traditional summer events such as the Independence Celebration, Concerts Under the Stars, and Stroll in the Park, staff organized a variety of specialty activities.

At tonight's meeting staff will provide an oral report and summary of Parks and Recreation month.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended the Community Services Commission review and discuss the Parks and Recreation Month update.

NEW BUSINESS

**Community Services Commission
August 2, 2023**

TO: Community Services Commission
FROM: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
ORIGINATED BY: Amanda Watson, Community Services Technician
SUBJECT: VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CONCERT

BACKGROUND

The City of La Mirada initiated its Volunteers in Action (VIA) program as a means of serving the La Mirada community. Volunteers are placed at City facilities and in City-run programs in an effort to expand and enhance services provided to residents of La Mirada.

Since 2012, the City has recognized VIA participants at an annual recognition event held at La Mirada Regional Park during one of the City's regularly scheduled summer concerts. As part of the recognition event, a meal is provided to all invited volunteers with 100 or more service hours, and those serving 300 or more hours are recognized near the concert stage by members of the La Mirada City Council and Community Services Commission.

FINDINGS

The 2023 Volunteer Recognition Concert is scheduled for Thursday, August 24 at La Mirada Regional Park. The Thrills band will perform Top 40 hits.

88 City volunteers were invited to attend the event. Of those invited, 58 volunteers contributed 100 or more service hours and 30 volunteers contributed 300 or more service hours between January 2022 and June 2023. Honorees in attendance will receive a complimentary meal voucher redeemed at a Night Market food vendor along with a token of appreciation.

Festivities will also include an acknowledgement of the 30 volunteers with 300 or more service hours by the Community Services Commission prior to the start of the concert. Recipients of this recognition are listed below:

Beverly Allen
Olga Blanthorne
Sandra Bloch
Julie Burrows
Jayne Chase
Thiew Chin

Sharon Dawson
Dee Drollinger
Julia Fraser
Carol Giannini
Jessica Gil
Terry Hartshorne

Robert Jaramillo
Gloria Mack
Martha Murillo
Gwen Nakahara
Michele Pisa-Jones
Charlene Ricker

Velma Ciccarelli
Lucy G. Crabb
Richard Daum
Jean Daum

Patricia Hayashi
Donna Heckenlaible
Rose Henderson
Mary Herdt

Martha Rojas
Shirley Russo
Carol Schneider
Donna Stinson

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended the Community Services Commission review and discuss the Volunteers in Action Recognition.