

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

**February 1, 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 Diane Gramajo  
Commissioner John Grotz

Absent:

Commissioner Matthew Wight

Staff:

Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director  
Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Nancy Mendez thanked the City for its early support of the pickleball program in the community.

Resident Alan Mendez expressed his appreciation for the pickleball program and the socialization it provides.

Resident Rick Cline thanked staff and the City for its support of the pickleball program. He said community participation has steadily increased over the last two years to approximately 60 players.

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#### **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. LOVE A TREE POSTER CONTEST**

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the Love a Tree poster contest and said entries will be accepted beginning February 6 through March 17 at the Activity Center. He said the poster contest is in celebration of Arbor Day and open to all kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students attending public and private schools in La Mirada. Mr. Osuna encouraged Commissioners to serve as volunteer judges and help select one first place citywide winner for each grade level. He said the finalists' posters will be available for judging at the La Mirada Library before the Commission meeting on April 5.

Commissioner Cline thanked the Senior Council for its help in selecting the finalists for each grade level.

### **3. 2023 PARK EVALUATIONS**

Community Services Director Osuna provided a brief background on the annual park evaluations and encouraged Commissioners to select a location to review. He requested that assessments be submitted to staff by February 20 and said the information would be shared with the Public Works Department.

Chairman Savage requested copies of last year's park evaluations.

Commissioner Fernandez inquired about specific improvements that have been completed since the last park evaluation was completed.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said maintenance and restoration work at the Neff Estate is ongoing.

Chairman Savage said that in pervious years, the Public Works Department has presented park review updates to the Commission. She asked if another update would be provided.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the Public Works Department will be invited to discuss the park reviews after this year's evaluations have been completed.

Commissioner Grotz selected to review Anna J. Martin Park.

Vice Chairperson Johnson selected to review the Behringer Athletic Fields and Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center.

Chairman Savage selected to review Creek Park and Oak Creek Park.

Commissioner Cline selected to review Frontier Park and Veterans Park.

Commissioner Gramajo selected to review Gardenhill Park.

Commissioner Fernandez selected to review Neff Park and Windermere Park.

#### **4. VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022**

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Volunteers in Action (VIA) quarterly report for October through December 2022. He said that during the months of October, November and December 2022, a total of 285 active volunteers performed 5,747 hours of service.

Commissioner Cline inquired about the athletic organizations' missing volunteer hours and the difference between supplemental hours and VIA hours.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the La Mirada Athletic Council meetings were not held in November and December 2022 and volunteer hours have not been provided to the City. He said supplemental hours are volunteer hours provided by local organizations serving La Mirada, including Meals on Wheels and various athletic groups. He said the VIA hours are provided by individuals active in the City's VIA program.

Commissioner Fernandez commented on the considerable volunteer hours served by the Senior Council and the Historical Preservation Advisory Council.

Community Services Director Osuna responded and said Senior Council Members regularly volunteer for the quarterly All That Dance and other special events at the Activity Center. He said the Historical Preservation Advisory Council Members serve as

volunteer docents for the monthly Neff Estate Tours and provide the historical timeline at various citywide events.

Vice Chairman Savage expressed her gratitude for the Meals on Wheels organization for its service to the community.

### **SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS**

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported 30 people attended the historical tour of the Neff House on January 21. She said an update on the preservation efforts at the Neff Estate would be provided by the Public Works Department at the HPAC meeting on February 9.

### **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Fernandez provided positive feedback regarding the Farmers Market and its new location by the La Mirada Library. He recommended that event banners be placed closer to the sidewalk.

Commissioner Cline provided positive feedback regarding *The Accidental Mayor* by Councilmember Ed Eng. She thanked the Kiwanis Club of La Mirada for hosting its annual holiday shopping spree for local children in December 2022.

Commissioner Grotz reported on the passing of former Community Services Commissioner and La Mirada Mayor Pete Dames. He said Mr. Dames will be greatly missed by the community. Mr. Grotz reported on Dave Harbaugh's resignation from the La Mirada Foundation and said new members are needed.

Chairman Savage reported on the Meals on Wheels Lou Piltz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner on February 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Activity Center. She said tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased in advance.

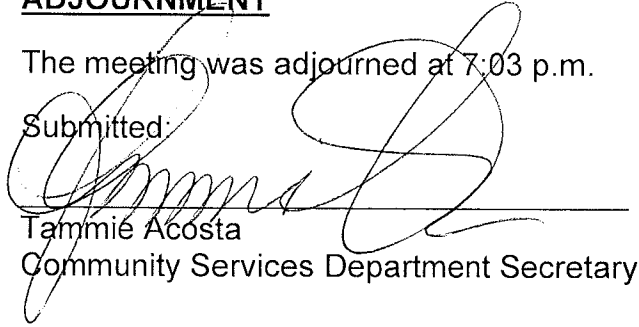
### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Director Osuna said the Los Angeles County Youth Fishing Derby would be held at La Mirada Regional Park on February 25. He reported adjustments were made to the Gymnasium's hours to accommodate the pickleball and table tennis programs. Mr. Osuna said the La Mirada Farmers Market, now held next to the La Mirada Library, would continue to be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. He said free special activities for children are offered on the first Saturday of each month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

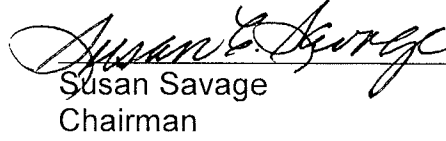
The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Acosta  
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage  
Chairman