

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

April 5, 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 Matthew Wight

 Absent: Commissioner John Grotz

 Staff: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
 Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Rick Cline said the Memorial Day Ceremony would take place at Olive Lawn Memorial Park on May 29 at 10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2023

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Gramajo seconded to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Cline, Fernandez, Gramajo, Wight, Vice Chairman Johnson, Chairman Savage

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Grotz

ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING FOR FY 2023-24 AND FY 2024-25

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the social services funding request process and recommended Commissioners discuss their completed agency evaluations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Commissioner Cline discussed her evaluation of Community Advocates for People's Choice. She recommended funding in the amount of \$2,500 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Commissioner Wight discussed his evaluation of Helpline Youth Counseling. He recommended funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Commissioner Gramajo discussed her evaluation of the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse. She recommended funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Meals on Wheels evaluation conducted by Commissioner Grotz. Mr. Osuna said Meals on Wheels requested funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25. He said the agency received funding in the amount of \$9,000 for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Commissioner Wight recommended funding in the amount of \$10,000 to help offset gasoline costs for Meals on Wheels.

Commissioner Cline responded and said volunteers for Meals on Wheels utilize their own vehicles and are not compensated for their gas. She said the agency also receives financial support from grants, private donations, and through the La Mirada Kiwanis Club's annual Lou Piltz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

Commissioners expressed support for recommending funding in the amount of \$9,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Chairman Savage discussed her evaluation of Interfaith Food Center. She said the agency requested \$30,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25, compared to the funding of \$6,500 received for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23. Commissioner Savage recommended funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25. She said the additional funding would help offset inflation costs and help meet the increase in service demand associated with the expiration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Commissioners Gramajo and Cline commented that funding in the amount of \$30,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 is a large increase from the funding in the amount of \$6,500 provided to Interfaith Food Center for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Members expressed support for recommending funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to Interfaith Food Center.

Commissioner Gramajo discussed her evaluation of The Whole Child. She recommended funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Commissioner Fernandez reported on his evaluation of Straight Talk La Mirada. He said the agency requested \$78,841 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25, compared to the funding of \$58,381 received for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23. Commissioner Fernandez said the increase in funding requested is due to new operational costs associated with the California Assembly Bill 5.

Commissioners expressed support of Straight Talk La Mirada and recommended an increase in funding in an amount to be determined by the City Council.

Vice Chairperson Johnson reported on her evaluation of the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA). She commented that SASSFA received \$35,000 for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 and that the agency is requesting the same amount for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Mr. Osuna reported on the City's policy regarding funding and said funding in the amount of \$5,000 and under may be approved by the City Manager and amounts over \$5,000 are presented to the City Council for approval.

Commissioners expressed support for recommending the following funding amounts for each fiscal year: \$2,500 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to Community Advocates for People's Choice; \$5,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to Helpline Youth Counseling; \$5,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse; \$9,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to Meals on Wheels; \$10,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to Interfaith Food Center; and \$5,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to The Whole Child. The total funding recommended by Commissioners amounts to \$36,500 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and \$36,500 for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 2023 EASTER EGG HUNT

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. He invited Commissioners to share their observations from the event.

Commissioner Fernandez recommended that candy for next year's event be purchased locally from Candy4Less.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported on HPAC's archive project and the AARP Tax Aide program. She said she attended a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain's meeting and participated as a volunteer judge for the Spring Beautification program. She reported that on March 2, the VFW Post 9148 recognized Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn for the \$60,000 grant that was provided in 2022 to help with building repairs, including roof work and kitchen updates.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline said she attended an Amy Grant concert at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts and a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain's meeting. Commissioner Cline reported on the Youth in Government presentations and said she participated as a volunteer judge for the Spring Beautification program.

Commissioner Fernandez reported that Glen Cantrell, co-author of *La Mirada, A Brief History*, had recently passed away.

Commissioners expressed their condolences.

Chairman Savage thanked Commissioners for conducting the social services funding site evaluations.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna thanked Commissioners for serving as volunteer judges for the Love a Tree Poster Contest. He said the first-place winners will be recognized at the City Council meeting on April 25.

ADJOURNMENT

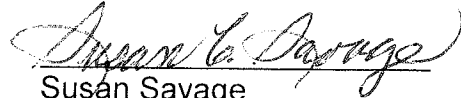
The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman