

**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.

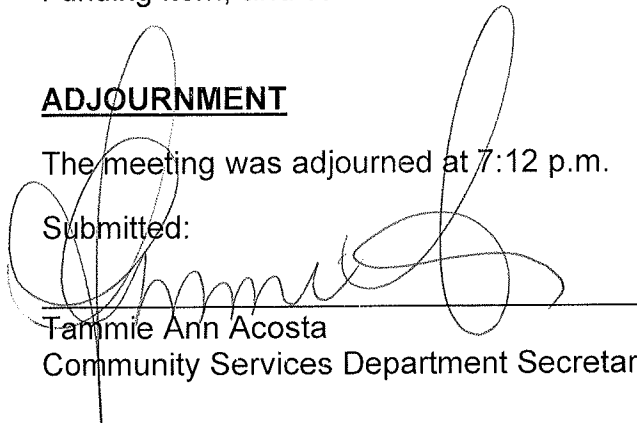
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

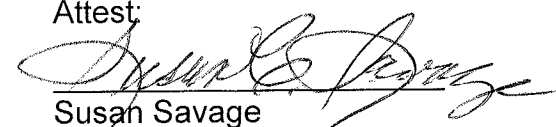
The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Ann Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Susan Savage
Chairman