



**REORGANIZATION**

**2. REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the procedure for the reorganization of the Community Services Commission. He opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

**Commissioner Gramajo moved and Commissioner Cline seconded to elect Commissioner Johnson as Chair of the Community Services Commission.**

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

**AYES: Commissioners Cline, Fernandez, Gramajo, Grotz, Johnson, Savage, Wight**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

Chair Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

**Commissioner Savage moved to nominate Commissioner Gramajo to serve as Vice Chair of the Community Services Commission. The motion was not seconded and the motion failed to pass.**

**Commissioner Gramajo moved and Commissioner Grotz seconded to elect Commissioner Fernandez to serve as Vice Chairman of the Community Services Commission.**

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

**AYES: Commissioners Cline, Fernandez, Gramajo, Grotz, Savage, Wight, Chair Johnson**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**3. INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION DEBRIEFING**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna who reported on the Independence Celebration. Ms. Luna reported on the City's annual Independence Celebration event that took place on Monday, July 3 from 4 to 9 p.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. She said the event featured live music, food booths, a patriotic program, and concluded with a fireworks display. Ms. Luna reported

that it is estimated that upwards of 20,000 people attended the event. She reported on the planning of the event, the variety of food options available, entertainment, and the budget.

Commissioner Cline inquired on the cost of the fireworks. Community Services Director Osuna said the cost for fireworks this year was \$15,000.

Vice Chairman Fernandez asked if this year's fireworks show was shorter in time than in past years. Community Services Director Osuna said due to general economic inflation and the rise in the cost of all goods, the budgeted \$15,000 did not stretch as far as it did in prior years, resulting in fewer firework shells.

Vice Chairman Fernandez asked if the total budget of \$142,805 was the same as in previous years. Community Services Director Osuna said it's difficult to calculate the exact budget due to several rising costs.

Commissioner Cline stated that the Public Safety team did a wonderful job.

Commissioner Wight reported on his attendance and said there were an abundance of trashcans available throughout the event, which he said made it easy for attendees to dispose of trash properly. Community Services Director Osuna said staff purposely added additional trashcans this year and at the conclusion of the event there were six 40-yard dumpsters filled with trash.

Chair Johnson expressed her appreciation to City staff for a successful event.

#### **4. STROLL IN THE PARK DEBRIEFING**

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Stroll in the Park event that was held at Creek Park on July 27. He reported that the event featured three bands playing simultaneously along with 16 Night Market vendors. He said attendance was estimated at 900. He reported that attendance was noticeably down when compared to previous years, in which the rising temperatures may have played a part in the lower attendance.

Vice Chairman Fernandez reported on his attendance to the Stroll in the Park event and said it was a very professional event.

Chair Johnson reported on her attendance at the Stroll in the Park event and said she enjoyed the event.

Commissioner Savage reported on feedback from residents who attended the Stroll in the Park event. She said residents inquired if the bands who played in prior years would be returning in the near future. Community Services Director Osuna said this year's intention was to provide new bands for the community to enjoy a wider variety of music.

## **5. PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH UPDATE**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Senior Recreation Leader II Victoria Santana who reported on Parks and Recreation Month. Ms. Santana reported on the various programs that were held during the month of July.

Commissioner Wight expressed his appreciation to staff for providing a good variety of events for all ages. He inquired about the Bark in the Park event and asked how many community members were in attendance. Ms. Santana said there were approximately 200-250 people in attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CONCERT**

Community Services Director Osuna provided information on the 2023 Volunteer Recognition Concert scheduled for Thursday, August 24 at La Mirada Regional Park. He said a total of 88 volunteers were invited to attend the event which includes 58 volunteers who contributed 100 or more service hours, and 30 volunteers contributed 300 or more service hours between January 2022 and June 2023. He said the volunteer honorees will receive dinner prior to the concert and an appreciation gift.

Commissioner Cline asked how many volunteers from the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts were invited to the event. Community Services Director Osuna said volunteers from every area who met the guidelines for hours served were invited to the recognition.

Vice Chairman Fernandez stated that the volunteer recognition sounds like a wonderful program and good gesture from the city to recognize volunteers.

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

Historical Preservation Advisory Council (HPAC) Vice Chairperson Marlene Olsen reported on the following: she said that tours of the George House would take place in September; HPAC members hosted a history booth at the Stroll in the Park; and HPAC members recently toured the archives at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

## **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Gramajo announced she would be resigning from the Community Services Commission due to her ongoing commitments. She expressed her appreciation for serving on the Community Services Commission.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Director Osuna introduced Community Development Director Manuel Muñoz who reported on the 6<sup>th</sup> Housing Element Cycle 2021- 2029 and the Housing for All Initiative. He said that staff continues to host La Mirada Housing Pop-Up events to provide residents with housing outreach and educational information.

Vice Chairman Fernandez inquired about an Assembly Bill that could eliminate golf courses to build housing. Community Development Director Muñoz said the 6<sup>th</sup> Housing Element Cycle did not address golf courses for housing.

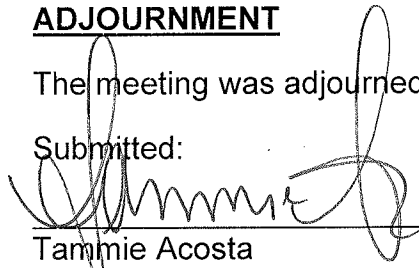
Commissioner Cline inquired if the City has experienced an increase in building Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). Community Development Director Muñoz said the City has received an increase to build ADU.

Vice Chairman Fernandez inquired about parking issues due to the increase of ADUs. Community Development Director Muñoz said at this time there are no parking requirements for ADU.

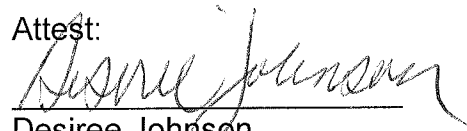
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted:

  
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Tammie Acosta  
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:

  
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Desiree Johnson  
Chair