

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

May 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Johnson 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 Desiree Johnson
 Commissioner Cathy Alvarez
 Commissioner Rebecca Cline
 Commissioner Susan Savage
 Commissioner Matthew Wight

 Staff: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
 Mark Stowell, Public Works Director / City Engineer
 Liza Soto, Assistant Community Services Director
 Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Rick Cline invited Commissioners to attend the Memorial Day service at Olive Lawn Memorial Park on May 27.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2024

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Alvarez seconded to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024, Community Services Commission meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Alvarez, Cline, Savage, Wight, and Chairman Johnson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 2024 PARK EVALUATIONS

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the 2024 park evaluations and introduced Public Works Director Mark Stowell who would provide an update on the Park Evaluations and Assistant Community Services Director Liza Soto who would report on Splash!

Public Works Director Stowell reviewed the eight park evaluations provided by Commissioners and provided feedback and updates regarding the status of ongoing and upcoming maintenance and improvements. He said Public Works staff routinely fix water fountains due to clogs caused by sand. He reported on major renovations at Creek Park that would include a new bridge to allow for flood water to safely pass through. He reported the City has secured over \$7-million in grant funding for Creek Park. Regarding Neff Park, Mr. Stowell reported grant funds have been secured and staff is pursuing additional grant funds. He said the renovations at Neff Park would include a pedestrian walking path that would also allow for Public Safety vehicles to access the park with ease. He reported the military emblems at Veterans Park have been updated and the new Space Force emblem was added.

Assistant Community Services Director Soto said the deck renovation project at Splash! is scheduled to begin after the park is closed for the season and following the selection of a contractor. She said small repairs to the deck have been ongoing and that staff is looking forward to the complete renovation. She said two water fountains have been updated with the new water bottle filling feature.

Commissioner Wight asked about the upcoming turf renovation at Behringer Park, and he inquired how long the park would be closed during the renovation. Public Works Director Stowell responded and said the renovation is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2025 and at this time it's too premature to know exactly how long the park would need to be closed.

Commissioner Savage inquired about the timeline for the deck renovation at Splash! Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the City is still securing a contractor and that it's anticipated to begin in the fall of 2025.

Commissioner Cline asked if the drainage issue at Behringer Park restrooms is scheduled to be addressed. Public Works Director Stowell responded and said it's an ongoing issue caused by patrons clogging the toilets by flushing items not meant to be flushed.

Commissioner Cline asked if there have been any discussions about adding security features to aid with the homeless situation at Neff Park. Public Works Director Stowell said, yes, the renovations at Neff Park would include security features.

3. BUCCANEER BAY SUMMER PREVIEW

Assistant Community Services Director Soto reported on the Buccaneer Bay summer preview. Ms. Soto reported, that the 2024 summer season would begin with Passholder Preview Day on Saturday, May 18 and continue through September 28. She reported on current season pass sales and events taking place at Splash! and gave an overall preview of what's to come this summer.

Commissioner Wight asked about pool usage by La Mirada High School. Ms. Soto responded and said La Mirada High School uses the pool year-round for its boys and girls swim team and water polo teams.

4. 2024 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Assistant Community Services Director Soto reported on the 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Day event to be held at Splash! on Sunday, May 19. Ms. Soto reported individual invitations for the event were mailed to City advisory body members and participants of the Volunteers in Action and Leaders in Training programs. She said other community organizations would receive the invitation and a letter requesting they notify their volunteers of the event. She also said that invitations were extended to the volunteer and their immediate family members or a guest and require an RSVP to the Resource Center by May 6.

Community Services Director Osuna reported currently staff has received 270 RSVP's and that attendees would have the option to get food from the Habit Burger truck or from the Splash! food services window. Mr. Osuna said the event has been moved to the beginning of the season to allow for additional staff training.

5. 2024 MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the 2024 Mother Daughter Luncheon and said the event would take place on Saturday, May 11 at the La Mirada Activity Center. He provided an overview of the event and invited Commissioners to contact staff if they would like to stop by to observe the event.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council representative Martha Viayra reported that Senior Council Members are scheduled to attend the Mother Daughter Luncheon in a volunteer capacity. She reported on several positive comments from residents who attended the Easter Egg Hunt. She reported the Senior Council has vacant positions for representatives from The Palms and Vista Alicante senior communities.

Historical Preservation Advisory Council representative Marlene Olsen reported on tours of the Neff Mansion and continued progress with the historical archive room. She said she looks forward to attending the upcoming Mother Daughter Luncheon.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline said she attended the recent City Council meeting that included the reorganization. She said the recent Pickle Ball tournament held at the Community Gymnasium was well attended. Commissioner

Commissioner Wight reported on his attendance at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

Chairman Johnson reported there would be a free trauma training on May 9 in the City of Montebello. She also reported on her attendance at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna reported Community Services Vice Chairman Raymond Fernandez submitted his resignation from the Commission, and that at the Commission's next meeting members would be asked to select a new Vice Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

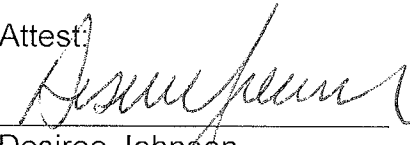
The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Desiree Johnson
Chairperson