

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

June 5, 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
 Victoria Santana, Community Services Coordinator
 Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Rick Cline thanked the City and staff for efforts made to help with the recent Memorial Day event held at Olive Lawn Memorial Park.

Former resident and Commissioner Raymond Fernandez expressed his gratitude to the City and Commissioners for his time as a Commissioner. He said he moved out of the City and therefore had to resign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 1, 2024

Commissioner Cline moved and Commissioner Alvarez seconded to approve the minutes of the May 1, 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

REORGANIZATION

2. SELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported the annual reorganization of the Commission would take place in August and that there would be no Commission meeting in July due to the holiday.

Chairman Johnson suggested to Commissioners that they table this item until the August meeting. Commissioner Wight motioned to table the item, seconded by Commissioner Cline.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS AND NIGHT MARKET

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Concerts Under the Stars and Night Market. He reported the events would begin on June 13 and continue through August 15 at La Mirada Regional Park. He reported on the band lineup and food options that would be available. Mr. Osuna extended an invitation to Commissioners interested in announcing the bands to sign up with Department Secretary Tammie Ann Acosta.

Commissioner Savage asked if staff had a list of the specific food vendors that would be participating during the Night Market portion of the events. Community Services Director Osuna replied and said there will be a wide variety of food options and that the organizer has not provided a specific list of food vendor names.

Commissioner Wight asked what time Commissioners would need to be at the concert to conduct the concert introduction. Community Services Director Osuna replied and said the bands start at 6:30 p.m. and that Commissioners should arrive between 6 and 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner Savage asked if the event would be in the same location in La Mirada Regional Park as last year. Community Services Director Osuna replied and said it will be in the same location.

4. INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Independence Celebration event to be held on Wednesday, July 3 from 4 to 9:30 p.m. at La Mirada Regional Park. He reported the event would include live musical performances from country band, Brad Johnson & the Killing Time Band, and Rhythm and blues funk band, Remix. The event will also include food vendors, a patriotic program, and a spectacular fireworks display

He reported this year's event includes an enhanced budget for an improved fireworks show.

Commissioner Alvarez reported it was nice to see so many food vendors at last year's event including local non-profit organizations. Community Services Director Osuna replied and said recently many non-profit organizations are suffering from a decline in volunteers that would normally assist in staffing the non-profit food booths.

Commissioner Wight commented on the usefulness of the EDCO trash bins that were used during last year's event and asked if the City would be using them again this year. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said staff distributed over 100 EDCO trash bins at last year's event. He said staff attempted to distribute the trash bins last year evenly throughout the event location which was effective in keeping the venue tidy.

5. STROLL IN THE PARK

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Stroll in the Park event. He said the event would be held on Thursday, July 25 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Creek Park. He reported the event would feature three live music bands and the Night Market food vendors. He reported the event would also feature fun activities for children and the City's historical timeline.

Commissioner Alvarez said she has never attended this event and is looking forward to experiencing it this year.

Commissioner Savage said it's a great event and encouraged attendees to arrive early to get a close parking spot.

6. 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Community Services Coordinator Victoria Santana reported on the 2024 Parks and Recreation Month. She reported La Mirada will join cities throughout the nation in celebrating Parks and Recreation Month in July. She reported on 11 various events and programs that would be held from July 1 to July 28 to encourage community members to visit La Mirada parks.

Commissioner Wight asked if the City needs volunteers to participate in the reading portion of the program. Community Services Coordinator Santana responded and said volunteers are encouraged to participate and that this reading program incorporates a self-directed reading program.

Commissioner Cline asked if a family Pickle Ball event would be added to this year's event. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said this year's event lineup includes 11 new programs, and that family Pickle Ball was offered last year, and is not part of this year's offerings.

Commissioner Alvarez said all the events for this year look great and she's anticipating residents will enjoy the wide variety of programs and events.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Historical Preservation Advisory Council representative Marlene Olsen reported a new historical marker has been added at Trojan Way to memorialize the original location of former Neff High School. She reported on her attendance to the Mother Daughter Luncheon and Memorial Day event at Olive Lawn Memorial Park.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline reported on her attendance at the Memorial Day event at Olive Lawn Memorial Park and the volunteer day event held at Splash! She announced a Pickle Ball tournament would be held at the Community Gymnasium on June 22 and that the event is open to anyone who would like to participate.

Commissioner Wight reported on his attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony at La Mirada High School's new stadium. He reported on the athletic leagues' closing ceremonies.

Chairman Johnson reported on her attendance at the volunteer day event held at Splash! She said it was a wonderful event for all ages. She said the abundance and variety of food and snack offerings was much appreciated.

Commissioner Alvarez reported on her attendance at the Memorial Day event at Olive Lawn Memorial Park and the All that Dance event held at the Activity Center. She reported on June 11 she would be recognized as Woman of the Year.

Commissioner Savage thanked the Veterans Coordinating Council for its efforts to provide the Memorial Day event at Olive Lawn Memorial Park. She reported on her attendance at the volunteer day event held at Splash! and said the event was well attended, the food was good, and the overall event was well organized.

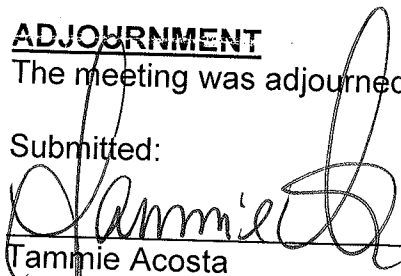
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

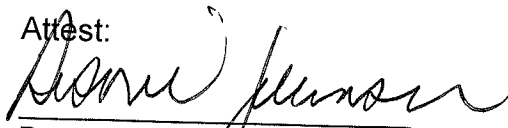
The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Desiree Johnson
Chairperson