

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

March 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Susan 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 Rebecca Cline
Commissioner Cathy Alvarez
Commissioner Erin Berry
Commissioner Desiree Johnson
Commissioner Adriana Spirescu
Commissioner Matthew Wight

Staff:

Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Commissioner Wight moved and Commissioner Alvarez seconded to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Savage, Vice Chairman Cline, Commissioners Alvarez, Berry, Johnson, Spirescu, Wight
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

**2. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING REQUESTS FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026
AND 2026-27**

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the Social Services funding request for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27. He briefly discussed the evaluation process and asked Commissioners to select an agency to visit and evaluate. He said evaluations would be due to City staff prior to the April meeting. He said agency representatives would be asked to attend the April Commission meeting to report on their agency.

Chairman Savage recommended newer Commissioners learn more about the agency being evaluated. Community Services Director Osuna said Commissioners will receive a packet with all the information regarding the agency.

Vice Chairman Cline said she would like to see Southeast Academy High School apply for funding. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said Southeast Academy High School is a member of a School District and is not a servicing non-profit, therefore it would not be eligible.

3. OLDER AMERICANS' RECOGNITION DAY AWARD

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Older American's Recognition Day (OARD) Award. He said one nomination was received for long time La Mirada volunteer, Lana McMillen. He said at its February meeting, Senior Council Members selected Lana McMillen as the nominee for this year's award. He said it was recommended the Community Services Commission select a 2025 OARD recipient.

Commissioner Alvarez asked why only one nomination was received. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said there is no specific reason that only one nomination was received.

Chairman Savage said it seems that a lot of the volunteer work from Lana McMillen was done outside of the City. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said the OARD application shows many years of volunteerism within the City. Senior Council Chairperson Mary Hall responded and spoke about the abundant volunteerism over the years from Lana McMillen and her current volunteer efforts at the Activity Center.

Commissioner Wight moved and Commissioner Alvarez seconded to approve the recommendation of Lana McMillen as the 2025 OARD recipient.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Savage, Vice Chairman Cline, Commissioners Alvarez, Berry, Johnson, Spirescu, Wight
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

La Mirada Senior Council Chairperson Mary Hall reported there are three vacancies on the Senior Council. She also reported Senior Council Members are looking forward to volunteering at the 65th Anniversary Celebration and assisting with judging the "Love a Tree" poster contest entrees.

Historical Preservation Advisory Councilmember Marlene Olsen reported HPAC Members are working on gathering items to display during the upcoming 65th Anniversary Celebration. HPAC Member Olsen reported on a recent emergency disaster drill held at Lake Park and the upcoming All That Dance event to be held March 14 at the Activity Center.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Alvarez reported on her attendance at the State of the City and said Mayor Lewis presented a great address. She also reported on the Read Across America program, financial workshops sponsored by the Community Foundation, and an upcoming Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

Commissioner Berry invited Commissioners to attend the musical Matilda Jr. at the Benton Middle School Theatre.

Commissioner Wight reported on his attendance at the State of the City address, and opening day ceremonies for spring sports.

Vice Chairman Cline said she is thankful to be living in La Mirada with beautiful parks and wonderful events.

Commissioner Johnson invited Commissioners to attend the upcoming mental awareness event titled, "Let's T.E.A.M. Up" to be held April 2 in the City of Industry.

Commissioner Spirescu reported on her attendance at the State of the City address and said she would like to volunteer at the City's 65th Anniversary Celebration.

Chairman Savage reported on her attendance at the Meals on Wheels annual spaghetti dinner.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the City's 65th Anniversary Celebration, provided information about the schedule of events, and encouraged Commissioners to volunteer and or attend.

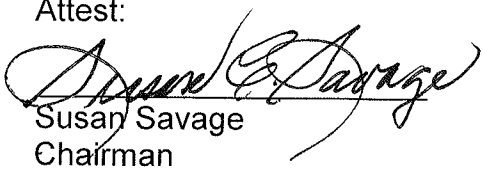
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted:


Tammie Ann Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:


Susan Savage
Chairman