

NEW BUSINESS

2. BARK IN THE PARK – PUPTOBERFEST

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on the Bark in the Park – Puptoberfest event to be held at Windermere Park on September 27. He said the dog-friendly event, infused with an Oktoberfest theme, would offer a variety of activities for attendees and their pets.

Commissioner Wight asked if staff members are interested in obtaining additional vendors to participate in the event. Community Services Coordinator Veronica Luna responded and said that several vendors have been secured, and no additional vendors are needed.

Commissioner Alvarez inquired about the specific vendors that have been secured for the event. Community Services Coordinator Luna responded and said that several vendors have been secured including a dog food truck, photographer, a pet store and others.

3. 2025 HALLOWEENFEST

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Halloweenfest scheduled for October 31 at the historic Neff Estate. He said the family-friendly event offers a safe environment for children to enjoy Halloween. He invited Commissioners to volunteer as judges for the costume contest and asked those interested to confirm with Department Secretary Tammie Ann Acosta.

Commissioner Savage reported on last year's event and said, the street in front of Neff Park, San Cristobal Drive was filled with families and children. She asked if staff had any suggestions to help make the area safer for pedestrians. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said that he previously discussed the concern with the Public Safety Team and that they are aware and working to identify a solution to help make the area safer for those exiting the event this year.

Commissioners Alvarez and Savage said they would like to volunteer as judges again this year.

4. HEALTH INFORMATION AND SAFETY FAIR

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Health Information and Safety Fair to be held at the Activity Center on September 17. He said the Fair provides an opportunity for community members to connect with non-profit organizations, health and wellness agencies, and other local businesses that offer various informational services and health-related screenings.

Commissioners Alvarez asked if flu shots would be provided during the event. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said that flu shots are expected to be provided.

Commissioner Cline asked if there would be specific information at the event regarding the senior lunch program, Café on the Green. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said that representatives from SASSFA, the facilitator for the lunch program, would be at the event and would have information about the lunch program.

Vice Chairman Berry asked what types of meals are offered by Café on the Green for lunch. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said a variety of different lunches are pre-scheduled on a calendar. He said the lunch program is worthwhile for seniors who seek social interaction and a meal.

Commissioners Alvarez said she had lunch at Café on the Green once and that it was a good meal.

5. CAMP TINY TOTS AND NEFF SUMMER DAY CAMP

Community Services Supervisor Paul Castillo and Community Services Coordinator Luna reported on Camp Tiny Tots and Neff Summer Day Camp programs. They provided a slideshow with photos from the programs and attendance data. In summary they reported both programs were well received by children in attendance and their families.

Chairman Spirescu said year after year, the programs continue to provide a great opportunity for youth and families in the community.

Commissioner Cabrera asked if there are any options for low-income families who may need financial assistance for their children to participate in the programs. Community Services Supervisor Castillo responded and said staff recently implemented a payment program to assist families with the registration cost of the programs. He also mentioned that the City offers a free drop-in program for youth at Windermere, Gardenhill and Frontier Park.

Vice Chairman Berry asked if the City offers a scholarship program to cover the cost of attending Neff Summer Day Camp and Camp Tiny Tots. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said staff has not received any requests for scholarships and that the City does offer payment plans for the programs.

Commissioners Alvarez said the variety of excursions offered were great and the photos showed youth participants having a great time.

Commissioner Savage said the programs are wonderful and provide children an opportunity to visit fun places during the summer.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Historical Preservation Advisory Councilmember (HPAC) Marlene Olsen reported that Members of the Historical Preservation Advisory Council would offer tours of the George House during the upcoming Halloweenfest.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Wight reported on opening day ceremonies for sports programs and said there are 1,000 youth participating in sports programs in La Mirada this fall.

Chairman Spirescu reported that July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and she is looking forward to the celebration.

Commissioner Cabrera reported on his attendance at the summer Concerts Under the Stars series. He said the new layout worked well and that the grass at La Mirada Regional Park needs attending to as it is not in good shape. He also reported he recently visited the new La Mirada High School football stadium and said it is a great addition to the community.

Commissioner Cline said she is looking forward to Halloweenfest.

Commissioner Alvarez reported on her attendance at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. She said the Community Foundation would host a free investment workshop and that she is looking forward to attending the All that Dance on September 12.

Chairman Savage reported she enjoyed the summer Concerts Under the Stars series.

Vice Chairman Berry reported she visited the new game store in the La Mirada Theatre Center and the La Mirada Public Library where she received flower seeds and that she is looking forward to planting the seeds.

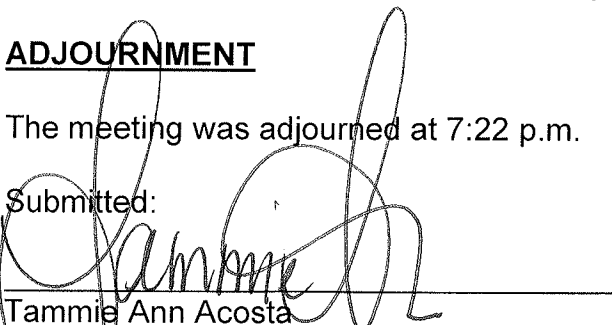
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Director Osuna reported that at the next meeting an agenda item would be added to allow Commissioners the opportunity to provide suggestions for the City to celebrate the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted:



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Attest:



Adriana Spirescu
Chairman