

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

May 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Adriana Spirescu 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 Adriana Spirescu
 Vice Chairman Erin Berry
 Commissioner Cathy Alvarez
 Commissioner Daniel Cabrera
 Commissioner Rebecca Cline
 Commissioner Susan Savage
 Commissioner Matthew Wight

 Staff: Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
 Dustin Balke, Aquatics Supervisor
 Victoria Santana, Community Services Coordinator
 Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary
 Analicia Amaya, Senior Recreation Leader II

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member Jack Miranda spoke about several local non-profit organizations that serve the community and the need for additional funding for organizations. He suggested the City support these organizations. He invited Commissioners to attend an upcoming workshop at La Mirada High School in support of a student's movement to help educate community members on financial security measures.

Resident Rick Cline invited Commissioners to attend the upcoming Memorial Day event to be held in the Civic Center Plaza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF March 4, 2026

Commissioner Wight moved and Commissioner Alvarez seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 2026 EASTER EGG HUNT

Senior Recreation Leader II Analicia Amaya reported on the 2026 Easter Egg Hunt and shared a slide show with photos from the event. She reported 20,000 eggs were distributed to children during the event. She said event festivities included games, crafts, performances by children in the City's Tiny Tots program, a balloon artist, bounce houses, photos with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Community Services Director Oliver Osuna reported on comments received on social media from community members pertaining to the event and specifically the need for inclusion of a sensory component. He explained that staff received the feedback and are identifying ways to better accommodate children with special needs during events. He said that staff members are researching the subject and will aim to incorporate alternatives to best accommodate the needs of the community.

Commissioner Wight said that La Mirada Soccer Association recently incorporated sensory aspects to address the needs of children who require alternative options to participate in large scale events. He also reported on his attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt and said the layout was well crafted and the photo booth options were well received.

Commissioner Alvarez suggested that staff members contact the School District to gain insight from special education teachers regarding ways to better accommodate children with special needs. She also reported on her attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt and said the event was well attended and that staff members did a great job.

Commissioner Savage reported that she enjoyed the event and looks forward to it each year.

Chairman Spirescu asked if attendance was the same as years past. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said it is estimated that some 1,500 community members were in attendance, which he said is similar to years past.

3. MOTHER DAUGHTER BRUNCH

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the Mother Daughter Brunch to be held Saturday, May 9 at the Activity Center. He said the brunch would be catered by Lascari's Restaurant and that attendees would have an opportunity to participate in various games and contests. He said that photo opportunities will also be available during the event.

Vice Chairman Berry asked if the City has considered offering more inclusive events such as a parent and child event. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said that the City has taken note in the change of how families are comprised and noted the change of the Father Son Campout to Family Camp is an example of opening participation to a wider audience. He said that staff has been monitoring the Mother Daughter Brunch over the years and is always aiming to explore new options to allow for more community members to participate.

Commissioner Wight said he has participated in the City's Family Camp which he said was very inclusive.

Commissioner Alvarez said that local schools host a Special Someone event that allows for more inclusivity. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said that the City typically avoids duplicating events that the local School District offers.

4. 2026 BUCCANEER BAY SUMMER PREVIEW

Aquatics Supervisor Dustin Balke reported on the 2026 Buccaneer Bay Preview. He reported the summer season will begin with Passholder Preview Day on Saturday, May 16. He provided a slide show with financial and attendance data as well as information pertaining to events and programs to be offered this summer.

Chairman Spirescu asked if guests can bring in their own food to the Swim in Movie nights. Aquatics Supervisor Balke responded and said that although no outside food is allowed, Splash! offers a variety of food and desert options.

Commissioner Savage asked about the food service provider for this year's season. Aquatics Supervisor Balke responded and said that the City selected Smooth Operator to provide additional food options for this year's season. He said that Smooth Operator has worked with Splash! for several years and the relationship has been positive.

Vice Chairman Berry asked if staff has selected the movies that will be shown during this summer's Swim in Movies events. Aquatics Supervisor Balke responded and said that as of today staff has secured the movie Surf's Up as one of the movies.

Commissioner Savage asked if staff anticipates being short staffed this summer. Aquatics Supervisor Balke responded and said that Splash! will be fully staffed this summer and that an additional 15 staff members are being hired to ensure there is no shortage of staff this summer. He noted that staffing shortages are largely attributed to school schedules and staff having alternative jobs in the summer.

5. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Community Services Coordinator Victoria Santana reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Day would be held at Splash! on Sunday, May 17. She said attendees are invited to enjoy a free lunch, ice cream, and entrance to Buccaneer Bay. She said that some 764 community members have responded and said they planned to attend the event.

Commissioner Alvarez said she enjoys the event and that she looks forward to going every year.

6. AMERICA'S 250TH CELEBRATION AND DRONE SHOW

Community Services Coordinator Victoria Santana reported on the upcoming America's 250th Celebration and Drone Show. She said that the event would be held on Saturday, June 6 at the La Mirada Civic Center Plaza. She reported that the event would include live music, food vendors, and a drone show.

Chairman Spirescu asked how the event would be publicized. Community Services Coordinator Santana said that the event would be publicized in the City's La Mirada Living magazine, as well as on the City's social media platforms.

Chairman Spirescu thanked staff for making this event possible and said she is looking forward to the event.

Vice Chairman Berry suggested staff send advertisement flyers to the schools.

Commissioner Cline asked if parking would be available at Biola University. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said that parking at Biola University would not be available due to the drones being launched from the school.

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council Chairman Mary Hall reported on the senior excursion program, upcoming workshops at the Activity Center, Older American's month, the Neighborhood Watch program, and an upcoming All That Dance event.

Historical Preservation Advisory Councilmember (HPAC) Marlene Olsen reported that HPAC members hosted a booth at the Easter Egg Hunt. She reported on tours of the Neff Mansion, an upcoming cleaning of the Neff Mansion, and the historical archive project. She reported on her attendance at the Mayor's Community Breakfast, and an upcoming 102 birthday for a resident at the Vistas.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cline reported on her attendance at the Mayor's Community Breakfast and her participation with the Spring Beautification program.

Commissioner Savage reported on her attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt and said she looks forward to upcoming summer events.

Vice Chairman Berry reported on the success of the production of Mary Poppins at Benton Middle School. She said she was grateful to have been given the opportunity to announce the winners of the Love a Tree poster contest winners at a recent City Council meeting.

Commissioner Cabrera reported on the success of renovations at Behringer Park. He said he sees that it's up and running.

Commissioner Alvarez reported on her participation with the La Mirada Community Foundation, the La Mirada VFW, and the Kiwanis Club of La Mirada. She reported that she recently assisted La Mirada High School students with a college ready program.

Commissioner Wight reported on his attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt and the Mayor's Community Breakfast. He reported on sports programming and said that Behringer Park is being used by community members following the completion of recent renovations.

Chairman Spirescu reported on her attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt and the Mayor's Community Breakfast and invited Commissioners to attend her annual neighborhood event on July 4. She suggested a street banner be added to help advertise the monthly Farmers Market.

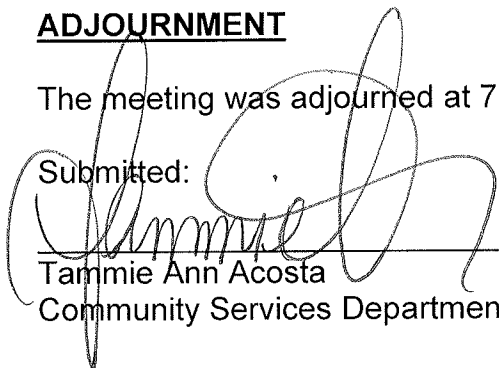
STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Ann Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Adriana Spirescu
Chairman