

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

CONVENE: Vice-Chair Belden convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the Community Center Monroe Room, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance; City Manager Oliver Chi; Deputy City Manager Lauren Vasquez; Public Services Director, Tina Cherry; Council Member Larry Spicer; Recreation Manager, Katie Distelrath; Recreation Supervisor, Heather Sayers; Recreation Supervisor, Jamie Bumia; Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor, Eugene Suk; Management Analyst, Heather Gibson; Recreation Coordinator, Marlene Yang; Recreation Coordinator, Tiffany Peterson; Recreation Coordinator, Ashley Gonzales; Recreation Coordinator, Nathalie Wilcox; Administrative Assistant, Adriana Marin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Matthews led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Commissioners Cortina, Dittmar, Matthews, Mills, Villegas, Vice-Chair Belden, Chair Ulm (absent/excused).

PUBLIC INPUT: None

PRESENTATION(S):

Introduction of newly installed Senior Club Presidents Clifford DeCosta, Peggy Rooney and Jeanett Armstrong

Introduction of newly hired Recreation Coordinator, Nathalie Wilcox

City Manager Oliver Chi provided information on the potential work plan initiative related to sales tax. Los Angeles County has the highest sales tax of 9.5% and is expected to increase. Since 2004, Monrovia did not have enough support to approve Measures R, M, H, and W. Consistently, Monrovia receives 10% on every dollar. Monrovia is concerned with distribution and allocation of money. Los Angeles County is planning a series of upcoming sales tax increases. City Manager Chi discussed the possibility of passing local measure in Monrovia and how the 4.5 million annually could be spent on new community center, upgrading parks, upgrading old town, homeless efforts, and public safety enhancements. The proposed sales tax will need to be approved by August 2019 for the November 19 Election. Outreach meetings will be scheduled in next few months. Discussion followed.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item tabled.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2019

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT: No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Public Services Director, Tina Cherry

(a) Provided an update on the Homeless Count conducted on January 22, 2019 and provided preliminary numbers collected; in 2017, 54 individuals identified as homeless; in 2018, 56 individuals identified as homeless; in 2019, 51 individuals identified as homeless. In 2017, 14 individuals counted; in 2019, 19 individuals counted. Public Services Director Tina Cherry also reported on the innovative approach of the Housing Displacement Response program that helps keep people in homes and was launched in August 2018. It has been a successful program. Discussed and distributed the resource brochure to help support and coordinate assistance for those suffering from homelessness.

(b) Introduced Dominique Striving, from St. Baldrick's Foundation. Ms. Striving provided information on the fund raising efforts including the St. Baldrick's Fuzz Fest on March 15, 2019, at the corner of Myrtle and Lemon, 5-9 p.m. The organization is a local non-profit organization for childhood cancer research.

Recreation Manager, Katie Distelrath

(a) Reported on the CPRS Conference scheduled for March 19-22, 2019. The team will team build, network, and receive an award for the Monrovia Today brochure.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Belden – no report.

- 1) Providers Group
- 2) Youth Commission
- 3) Santa Anita Family YMCA
- 4) Transit to Trails

Commissioner Cortina

- 1) Boys & Girls Club of the Foothills – selected the 2019 Youth of the Year Magita Mejia and will celebrate Youth of the Year on April 11, 2019 at Dave & Busters at the Santa Anita Mall. Also working with the school district to make sure every child attending has access to club tutoring.
- 2) Monrovia, Arcadia, and Duarte Town Council – no report.
- 3) Monrovia Historic Preservation Group (MOHPG)
- 4) Santa Anita Family YMCA

Commissioner Dittmar

- 1) Art in Public Places – the committee met on January 16, 2019 to discuss the next neighborhood treasure located in the Library Park area. The City has initiated a Moments & Poetry program to learn about Monrovia history. The Art in Public Places fund as of September is \$489,000 and is looking at using money to enrich the community of Monrovia.
- 2) Monrovia Association of Fine Arts (MAFA)
- 3) Senior Clubs
- 4) Urban Parks

Commissioner Matthews

- 1) California Association of Park & Recreation Commissioners & Board Members (CAPRCBM) – No report.

- 2) California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) – the Legislative score card is out and we can see how our state legislators that represent our community vote in terms of things that are important to parks and recreation; will forward link to Katie for all commissioners.
- 3) Monrovia Community Coordinating Council – did a presentation to members and is looking at doing one on the community gardens; asked staff for report.

Commissioner Mills

- 1) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – attended meeting on February 25; focus was on Active Shooting
- 2) Mental Health Consortium – next meeting is in March.
- 3) Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) – no report.

Commissioner Villegas

- 1) Canyon Park Monrovia Unified School District – attended meeting on January 9 – Monrovia HS Dance Team won first place at the Regional Competition; Project called “The Work of Education” artwork was commissioned from each of the Monrovia schools to display at the district office; representative from City of Hope is partnering with all school districts for a program called Eugene and Ruth Roberts Summer Student Academy program - recruits minorities to access stem programs called Yes to Success offering workshops and summer camps.
- 2) Mental Health Consortium – no report

Chair Ulm

- 1) Canyon Park Volunteers
- 2) Community Media of the Foothills
- 3) Monrovia Historical Museum Board
- 4) Next Door.com (website)
- 5) Member awards and recognition

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Monroe Room, 119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.