

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

CONVENE: Chair Ulm convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:04 p.m. in the Community Center Monroe Room, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance; Community Services Director, Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager, Katie Distelrath; Recreation Superintendent Rebecca Sandoval; 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 Gonzalez; 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, and Chair Ulm

PUBLIC INPUT:

Julie Bank extended an invitation to the Mayflower Elementary School PTA celebration on April 27, 6-10 p.m. at the Santa Anita Golf Course. The event is to raise funds for the Monrovia PTA.

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT: Youth Commissioner Leo Sanchez, from Clifton Middle School, provided an update on current volunteer and upcoming activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PRESENTATION(S):

PR-1 Community Garden Update - Public Services Director, Tina Cherry provided an update on the pilot program. Debra Smith, from Mountainside Communion, provided an overview of the community garden site plan located on Colorado and Magnolia. Kristin Ritzau, Garden Director, provided an overview of the program as well as extended an invitation to an Informational Meeting on April 13 at the Library Community Room, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

PR-2 Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor Eugene Suk provided an update on the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Canyon Park Trail maintenance completed to repair damaged areas due to weather. Mr. Suk extended an invitation to a recognition dinner on Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., at Jake's Roadhouse.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Mathews and seconded by Commissioner Dittmar to accept CC-1 and CC-2. Chair Ulm abstained. There were no objections and the motion was approved.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

CC-1

It was moved by Commissioner Mills to pull CC-3. It was moved by Commissioner Dittmar and seconded by Commissioner Mills to accept CC-3, with amendment to liaison report to read CERT will have a meeting on February 25, and CC-4. Chair Ulm abstained. There were no objections and the motion was approved.

CC-3 Unadopted Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

CC-4 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for February 2019

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Tina Cherry, Public Services Director

- 1) Reported on upcoming commission recruitment and encouraged all to apply. Applications are available online and will be accepted through May 1, 2019. An informational meeting is scheduled for March 27, at 6 p.m. and the Annual Boards and Commissions Recognition Dinner is scheduled for May 6.
- 2) Reported on the Sidewalk Vendor Regulations – California passed AB 946. The City adopted a new sidewalk vending ordinance with areas of focus on requirements for business licensing, regulations to operate on sidewalk and penalties for violations. Announced that the Community Development team has created an informational sheet that outlines requirements and restrictions to vendor.
- 3) Provided an update on the National Recreation Area Update – an overview of the proposed Legislation and discussed the overall purpose of the bill and the impacts on Monrovia. Also mentioned the City Council has not taken a position on the bill.
- 4) Commission Liaison Assignment Update – the liaison assignments list was provided for review and changes to assignments.

Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager

- 1) Reported on the Monrovia Today – will be accepting an award at the CPRS Conference and will provide an update at the April meeting.
- 2) Announced the 2019 Older American Award – application deadline is March 15. The purpose is to honor and encourage older individuals to remain active in the community; the Senior Recognition Luncheon will be held on April 25 at the Community Center; 54th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day, May 23 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.
- 3) Announced upcoming events - Wine Walk event on April 13, in Old Town, 6-9 p.m.; Spring Egg Hunt and Healthy Kids Day on April 20 at Recreation Park, 10 am-1 pm; Arbor Day on April 26 at the Mary Wilcox Center.
- 4) Provided update on Youth Sports – the co-ed volleyball program concluded with 18 participants; season ran from January-March; Parent Meet and Greet took place on January 7. Also provided season highlights. The Co-Ed Flag Football and Cheer season starts March 18 through May 2 at Recreation Park.

CC-1

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Belden – No report

Commissioner Cortina – No report

Commissioner Dittmar – No report

Commissioner Matthews

- 1) Land and Water Conservation Fund - 40 percent of the funding will go to state assistance programs. Prop 68 - round three of the statewide park program deadline is August 15.
- 2) CPRS Conference is in Sacramento next week. The Conference will be in Long Beach next year and an opportunity to attend the Expo for free.
- 3) Monrovia Community Coordinating Council is scheduled for April 1, 2019.

Commissioner Mills

- 1) Mental Health Consortium – next meeting is scheduled for March 15 at City of Hope, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Topic is chronic illness and emotional well being.
- 2) MAP – 10th Annual Conference is scheduled for April 6 at Second Baptist Church; topics include housing rights, history of black churches, dementia friendly Monrovia and top ten resources in Monrovia

Commissioner Villegas

- 1) Monrovia Unified School District – will attend the next meeting on March 27.
- 2) Mental Health Consortium - will attend the next meeting on Friday.

Chair Ulm

- 1) Community Media of the Foothills - will move to quarterly meetings. They had a training session with 17 attendees and established a partnership with the Boys Scouts. The new Executive Director is David Palomares

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 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 9:18 p.m.