

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019**

CONVENE: Chair Ulm convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:05 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; Management Analyst, Heather Gibson; 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:

Councilmember Gloria Crudginton announced the Monrovia Historic Preservation Tour will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Also announced the Watershed Management Program plan was approved. Monrovia was complimented for transparency and being a model for all of Los Angeles County.

PRESENTATION(S):

PR-1 Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager provided an update on the 2018 California Park & Recreation Society's (CPRS) "Award of Excellence" in the category of Marketing and Communications at State level. Thanked the Commission and stated this award is a testament of the great work. The award will be on display at the Monrovia Community Center.

Ms. Distelrath thanked The Sauce and partnerships with Monrovia businesses. Discussion followed on printing costs and distribution of the Monrovia Today.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director, distributed postcard and brochure of all the winners at conference and shared a video of the award presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Belden and seconded by Commissioner Matthews to approve CC-1 and CC-2. There were no objections and the motion was approved.

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

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

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED

CC-1

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT: Youth Commissioner Christian Conde, 10th grader at Monrovia High School provided an update on current volunteer and upcoming activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- 1) Reported on the National Recreation Area (NRA) – After a meeting discussion on April 2, 2019 at City Council, Monrovia remains in opposition of legislation. Ms. Cherry will forward link with information.
- 2) Announced the Canyon Park & HWP Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Jake’s Roadhouse.
- 3) Announced upcoming events:
 - a. Community Garden Informational Meeting - April 13 at 9:00 at the Library Community Room. Also commented that interest in community gardens was heard from the community at the Community Fair.
 - b. Board and Commission Recruitment – deadline to apply is May 1; encouraged everyone to apply.
 - c. Save the Date Invitation – Board and Commission Reception is May 6, at 6 p.m. at Sena on Myrtle.

Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager

- 1) Youth Program Updates
 - a. Youth Sports – Football & Cheer Opening Ceremonies Recap - The program had 15 football participants and 15 cheer participants; Opening Ceremony was held on March 30; sponsors included Wendy’s, The Sauce, and Starbucks; Closing Ceremony will be held May 4, 2019 at Recreation Park.
 - b. Canyon Park – Earth Day Event – April 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Activities will include face painting, information booth, and hike.
 - c. Arbor Day – April 26, at 4:00 p.m. at Recreation Park – event is hosted by the City of Monrovia, Youth Commission and the Boys and Girls Club. Will be working with Public Works in planting new trees.
 - d. YES Internship Program Update – The program is open for youth that live in Monrovia or attend Monrovia Unified School District. Eighteen applications have been received. The program offers young adults, 9-12 graders, training and life experience. Program information provided on Twitter, Facebook and Press Release.
 - i. Recruitment began April 4
 - ii. Program dates – June 10 to August 10
- 2) Older American Award Update
 - a. Recognition Luncheon – Thursday, April 25, at 11 a.m. at the Monrovia Community Center. Four nominations were received and the winner will be announced at the luncheon.
- 3) CPRS Conference Update – honored to receive award and represent Monrovia.

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Superintendent

- 1) Updates on upcoming special events:
 - a. Old Town Monrovia Wine Walk – April 13 at 6 p.m.; event will have 21 stops and 3 non-alcoholic stops; check-in from 6-9 p.m. at Library Park
 - b. Spring Egg Hunt & Healthy Kids Day – April 20 at 10 a.m.
 - c. Bunny Photos at Library Park – April 20 at 12:00 p.m.; bunny photos is scheduled from 1-3 p.m.
 - d. Fountain to the Falls Run/Walk – May 11 at 7 a.m.; check-in at 6:00 a.m. All participants receive a medal. Fire Service Day – Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for the same day.
- 2) Monrovia Days Update - May 17-19; May 17 is kick off day. Activities will include Friends of the Library Book Sale, live music performances, Parade celebrating our Scholars and Champions, carnival rides, food, and the Merengue Bakery's pie eating contest.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Belden – No report

Commissioner Cortina

1. Boys and Girls Club – Youth of the Year will be held on Thursday, April 11.
2. Santa Anita Family YMCA – renovated the pool and they are ready for summer programs.

Commissioner Dittmar

1. Art in Public Places – reviewed applications, at special meeting, for plaque honoring Japanese Americans Internment program; location to be determined.

Commissioner Matthews

1. California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners & Board Members (CAPRCBM/California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) - next meeting is scheduled for May 6; new board elected and sworn into office in June.

Commissioner Mills

1. Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) - celebrated its 10th Annual Conference at the Second Baptist Church. The event, sponsored by the City of Hope, had 350 participants. All workshops were well attended. Thanked Sheila, Ariel, Kerri and Neighborhood Services Intern Aleks Akopyan.

Commissioner Villegas

1. Mental Health Consortium - attended meeting and mentioned new program for veterans with chronic illness.

Chair Ulm

1. Canyon Park Volunteers – attended the quarterly meeting.
2. Community Media of the Foothills – they have a new Executive Director.
3. Next Door.com (Website) – asked if anyone had anything for posting, please reach out to Chair Ulm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Monroe Room, 119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California.

CC-1

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:48 pm p.m.

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