MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

CONVENE: Chair Belden convened the Special Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 9:18 a.m. at the Monrovia Community Center, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance; Community Services Director, Tina Cherry; Recreation Superintendent, Rebecca Sandoval; Management Analyst, Heather Gibson; Administrative Assistant, Adriana Marin.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Commissioners Bank, Iler, Matthews, Mills, Villegas, Vice-Chair Cortina, and Chair Belden.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

DISCUSSION: Review of 2019 Accomplishments and Discuss 2020 Priorities

Tina Cherry, Public Services Director, presented an overview of the 2019 Accomplishments and discussed the 2020 Priorities on a PowerPoint presentation and included the following:

Accomplishments

- Julian Fisher Playground Renovation
- Studied Purpose of the Wilderness Preserve Foundation
- Studied Community Center and Community Needs
- Developed the Facility Naming Policy for City Facilities
- Opening of the HWP Access Points
- Repaired slides at Lucinda Garcia and Rotary Park
- Completion of Canyon Park Entrance Trail Project
- Judging for Community Events
- Developed the Smoking and Tobacco Use Ban Policy
- Led Community Meetings related to the LA County Park Needs Assessment
- Developed a Park Master Plan
- Julian Fisher Park Improvements Phase 2
- Contributed to the Library Enhancement Project
- Participated in discussion related to the Homeless, Monrovia Community Garden Pilot Program
- Hosted a Canyon Park and HWP Volunteers Celebration
- Contributed to the Lucinda Garcia Grant Application

Presentation included the purpose and role of the Commission and Department and an overview of the Hillsides Preserve.

- Native Plant Restoration Garden Trail
- Property Donation
- Trail Repairs
- Potential Property Acquisition
- Cloverleaf / Ridgeside Connection

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- Santa Anita Wash Trail Connection
- Highland/Cloverleaf Bypass Trail Connection

Reviewed Proposed Project Goals

Commission Short Term Goals

- Implement next steps for the Wilderness Preserve Foundation
- Attend Measure K Outreach Workshop
- Provide feedback on Projects for Professional Award
- Receive update on the Community Garden Pilot Program
- Receive update on Monrovia Community Center Feasibility Study Evaluation
- Provide feedback on Program Evaluation Forms
- Review and approve content and design for the Waterfall Trail Head
- Installation of pedestrian and bicyclist counter for the Canyon Park Entrance Trail
- Provide feedback on Park and Facility CIP Priorities
- Coordinate recognition for HWP property donors
- Coordinate trail work with Monrovia High School Mountain Bike Team
- Conduct Outreach for the Canyon Park Parking Fee Implementation
- Conduct Trail Repair on Fire Road
- Deliver Report to the City Council on the Community Garden Pilot Program
- Delivery Report to City Council on the Monrovia Community Center Feasibility Study
- Evaluate impacts of AB5
- Develop content and designs for the Waterfall Trail Head and Interpretive Sign Replacement
- Complete Professional Award Applications
- Explore NRPA Accreditation

Medium Term

- Modify Name, Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws for the WPF
- Conduct Community Outreach to Finalize the Design of the Lucinda Garcia Park Project
- Provide feedback on Feasibility of the Community Center Redesign
- Contribute to Library Enhancement Project Final Design
- Provide feedback on identified Park and Facility CIP Priorities
- Provide feedback on various grant applications
- Receive Year End Report on identified Performance Measures

Staff Medium Term Goals

- Bid Project/Award Contract/Move to Construction Lucinda Garcia Park Project
- Partnership with REI and other stakeholders to seek funding
- Conduct Trail Repair on Bypass Trail at the Cloverleaf Access Point
- Explore Trail Connection to Santa Anita Wash
- Explore Trail Connection between Cloverleaf and Ridgeside
- Develop Year End Report on identified Performance Measures
- Submit application for NRPA Accreditation

Commission Long Term Goals

- Provide feedback on identified Park and Facility CIP Priorities
- Provide feedback on various grant applications.

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Staff Long Term Goals

- Explore trail connection between Cloverleaf and Highland
- Perfect connection to Santa Anita Wash
- Perfect connection between Cloverleaf and Ridgeside

Ms. Cherry provided an update on Measure K and discussed the next steps for the Hillsides Wilderness Preserve Foundation.

The Commission Liaison Assignments was distributed and reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: The special meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

