

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MONROVIA OLD TOWN ADVISORY BOARD  
Videoconference  
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020**

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, members of the public were encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely. Public comment was accepted by email to Tina Cherry prior to 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

**CONVENE:** Chair Balsamo convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 9:32 a.m. via teleconference. In attendance, participating via video conference, were City Clerk Alice D. Atkins; Community Services Director Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager Rebecca Sandoval; and Administrative Assistant Adriana Marin.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Boardmembers Ricardo Jurado, Kristin Miller, Dominique Strivings, Vice-Chair Alex Reyes (A/E), and Chair Diane Balsamo.

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED/REAPPOINTED BOARDMEMBER(S):**

City Clerk Alice D. Atkins swore in the following:

Appoint Ricardo Jurado for a two (2) year term ending June 30, 2022

Reappoint Alex Reyes for a two (2) year term ending June 30, 2022

Reappoint Dominique Strivings for a two (2) year term ending June 30, 2022

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Boardmember Jurado, seconded by Boardmember Strivings to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously. The consent calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

**CC-2** Unadopted Minutes of the July 2, 2020 Emergency / Special Meeting

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**AR-1 Reorganization of the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board** – Recreation Manager Rebecca Sandoval presented an overview of the board assignments and appointments.

It was moved by Boardmember Miller, seconded by Boardmember Strivings, to approve staff recommendation to appoint Vice-Chair Reyes as Chair and Boardmember Strivings as Vice-Chair of the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board for the term ending June 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

**AR-2 Follow up on the Emergency Meeting Related to Outdoor Dining in Old Town** – Community Services Director Tina Cherry provided a recap of the July 2 Special Meeting discussion related to the Governor’s revised order and expanding outdoor dining. Staff will work with businesses to expand outdoor dining and study options on short-term parking.

Community Development Director Craig Jimenez provided an update on newly established guidelines and the Temporary Outdoor Business Operation (TOBO) permit to allow businesses to expand into the street.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Betty Thomas expressed support and appreciation to city and staff. Commented on guidelines and banners to promote outdoor dining.
2. Joe Friedman commented on expanding seating and closing parklets with K-rails.
3. Joey, The Diplomat, commented on stage type platform with fencing and planters and suggested lighting on Myrtle.
4. Joe Borrelli, Bella Serra, spoke in favor of street closure on Fridays.
5. Joey, The Diplomat, expressed concern with costs and commented on expansion on the 500 block of Myrtle.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS:**

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director, provided a summary of the public comment input received prior to the 8:30 a.m. deadline.

1. Denise Harvey, Monrovia Travel Service, in favor of expanding outdoor dining.
2. Dawn Sylvers, Monrovia resident, in favor of expanding outdoor dining on Myrtle.
3. Cheryl Medina, Monrovia resident, in opposition of closing Myrtle.
4. Chris Studebaker, Monrovia resident, supports closing Myrtle for outdoor dining.
5. Betty Thomas, Monrovia resident, supports outdoor dining.

**BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Boardmember Strivings commented on festival style tents on the 400-600 block of Myrtle and expressed concern with street closure on the 400 block of Myrtle.

Boardmember Miller provided an overview of the door-to-door visits with business owners and proposed street closure on Fridays. Also suggested closing Colorado Blvd., from Myrtle Ave. to Ivy Ave. Boardmember Jurado opposes closing Myrtle Avenue and expressed concern with costs.

Following discussion, **it was moved by Boardmember Miller, seconded by Boardmember Jurado, to close the 400 block of Myrtle Ave. on Fridays for a one-month trial period and Colorado Blvd., between Myrtle Ave. and Ivy Ave.** The motion carried by a 3-1 vote, with Boardmember Strivings voting no.

**The motion was amended to close the 400 block of Myrtle Ave. on Fridays for a one-month trial period by Boardmember Miller, seconded by Boardmember Jurado.** The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

1. **Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager**
  - a. July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Window Decorating Contest Evaluation - Provided a recap on the event and thanked board members for participating in judging the entries; five businesses were awarded.
2. **Tina Cherry, Community Services Director**

- a. Evaluation of the Friday Night Street Fair Re-Launch - The Street Fair will open on Friday, July 3 with 60 vendors participating.
- b. Update on COVID-19 impacts to Old Town Events – Provided an update on events cancelled for the summer and fall.
- c. Update on Proposed Partnership with Monrovia Chamber of Commerce – Provided an update on the proposed partnership to host a Beer and Wine Walk Festival event.

#### **MONROVIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

1. **Sari Canales, Executive Director**, announced new member Cafe de Olla and upcoming events.

#### **REPORTS FROM BOARDMEMBERS:**

- a. Chair Balsamo – No report.
- b. Vice-Chair Reyes – Absent/Excused
- c. Boardmember Jurado – No report.
- d. Boardmember Miller – Commented on trash bins and outdoor dining costs.
- e. Boardmember Strivings – No report.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Monrovia, California.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Balsamo adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.