

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

CONVENE: Chair Matthews convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Monroe Room, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Public Services Director Tina Cherry, Senior Recreation Supervisor Lisa Hansberger, Recreation Supervisor Rebecca Romero, Senior Administrative Assistant Tina Wells, and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor Eugene Suk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Ulm led the Flag Salute.

PRESENTATIONS: None

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Commissioners Dittmar, Hirsch, Mills, Ulm, Wong, Vice-Chair Yuille, and Chair Matthews.

PRESENTATIONS:

PR-1 Recognition of 2016 Older American of the Year – Natalya Romo, Recreation Specialist presented Clint and Sheli Aresnault as the 2016 Older Americans of the Year.

PR-2 Blue Bird Boxes Update – Karen Suarez, presented a PowerPoint ~ Bringing Back Blue Birds. Also present were Monrovia High School students Cindy Garcia, Lindsey Minett, Amanda Platz and Kailey Valencia who participated in the Blue Bird Box Program.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Vice Chair Yuille, and seconded by Commissioner Mills to accept the consent calendar consisting of CC-1, and CC-2. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Updates for April, 2016

ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT: Alejandra Rodriguez, a sophomore at Monrovia High School provided an update on current and upcoming activities.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mayor Adams thanked the Commission for all their efforts, and shared that the City Council unanimously approved the renaming of Grand Avenue Park to Kiwanis Park at Grand Avenue. The City Council encourages the Community Services Commission to continue working on a Naming Policy for the City's parks and facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AR-1 2014-15 Options Annual Report – Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Supervisor reported; the City maintains lease agreements with Options for use of Rotary Park (since March 1987), and Recreation Park (since April 1989). Options provides an annual report of services provided to the community every year as stipulated in the lease agreements.

The Options Surround Care Program is offered at Rotary Park, provides before and after-school programs for school age children. The Options Headstart Program is offered at Recreation Park and provides early academic and social opportunities for children, as well as a parent education component.

CC-1

Delores Meade, Options Deputy Executive Director/COO, was available, and answered questions from the Commission.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Mills and seconded by Commissioner Wong to receive and file 2014-15 Options Annual Report as outlined in this report. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCR-1 Update on Renaming of Grand Avenue Park and Facility Renaming Policy – Tina Cherry, Director reported; at the May 3 City Council meeting staff presented the activities of the Commission related to the renaming of Grand Avenue Park. The background of what Kiwanis had done at the park, and the history of the organization was also shared. The past practice of renaming the parks was also discussed, including the efforts to obtain feedback from the surrounding community. The result was the unanimous approval to rename Grand Avenue Park to Kiwanis Park at Grand Avenue. The City Council unanimously approved the renaming of Grand Avenue Park to Kiwanis Park at Grand Avenue, and concurrently directing the Commission, and staff to develop a policy for naming/renaming city parks and facilities moving forward.

Volunteers are needed for a sub-committee on the development of a policy for the Naming/Renaming of City Facilities. The Commissioners are; Dittmar, Hirsch, Matthews, and Yuille. This is a majority of the Commission, as such; these meetings will need to be noticed.

SCR-2 Parks Needs Assessment – Tina Cherry, Director reported; close to finalizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Park Master Plan. Will send out information to the Commission to obtain feedback.

SCR-3 Community Center Needs Assessment Update – Tina Cherry, Director reported; next step is to tour facilities. The facilities identified are: Arcadia, Duarte, Claremont, Diamond Bar and Rancho Cucamonga. Two dates are suggested for touring; Saturday, June 4, and Saturday, June 11. From there, the next step is gathering community feedback.

SCR-4 Smoking Ban Ordinance Update – Tina Cherry, Director provided the Commission with the City Attorney's draft of the Smoking Ban Ordinance. The Smoking Ban Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, May 31 to discuss.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Tina Cherry, Director

- 1) Personnel updates:
The new Recreation Manager will start next week - Katie Distelrath comes to us from the City of Claremont. A new full-time Recreation Coordinator will also come on board soon.
- 2) Monrovia Day's Update – Reviewed the events scheduled for this weekend.
- 3) Boards and Commissions Recruitment - Commissioners Ulm, Hirsch and Wong seats are open. Eight applications have been received. Interviews will be scheduled. Appointments will be made at the first City Council meeting in June. The Commission will reorganize at our meeting in June, and the new Chair will be seated in July.
- 4) Boards and Commissions Recognition Event will be held on Wednesday, May 18 in the Library Community Room. Will be unable to attend.

- 5) Update on Hillside Wilderness Preserve Access Points – Recently installed signage, and in escrow for the easement. The access point will not be open until the gates have been perfected, and continuing to interface with those most impacted by the gates.
- 6) County Park Bond Measure Update – Together with Chair Matthews will attend a meeting that Supervisor Antonovich is holding. The County is working on a measure to be placed on the ballot for the November election. Provided information on how the bond would affect Monroviaans.

Lisa Hansberger, Senior Recreation Supervisor

- 1) Fountain to the Falls Update – Held Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 a.m. A total of 265 registered, and 240-245 actually ran the race. This was the first year where *Day Of* registration was offered. Received 25 *Day Of* registrations.
- 2) Station Square Activities for the summer (Summer at Station Square) have been programmed ~ they include;
 - a) Summer Reading Club Kickoff – June 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - b) Family Dance Party – Thursday evenings, June 23 – July 28, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 - c) Tribute Band Collective – 4 different tribute bands will perform
 - July 14 – The Who Show
 - July 21 – Journey Tribute Band
 - August 4 – Fleetwood Mac
 - August 18 – Doobie Brothers

Sponsorships have been received for these concerts from the MAD Town Council, and Supervisor Antonovich's office.

- 3) Night Hikes at Canyon Park – one hike each month; June 30, July 28, and August 11. Eugene Suk, Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor will be the facilitator for these hikes.
- 4) Brews and Books – June 23 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Supervisor

- 1) Summer Concerts in the Park – are held on Sundays, beginning July 10, and running through August 28 at the Rotary Club Bandshell in Library Park. Requested Commissioners assistance with sponsorship presentations.
- 2) Fees and Facilities Usage – Provided an overview of fees and usage for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Staff is not recommending any fee increases for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

CSC LR-1 Commissioner Dittmar

- 1) Art in Public Places - Discussed the possibility of funding for signage at each of the City parks.
- 2) Urban Parks – Spoke on the Governor's water conservation program, and the loss of trees due to the drought.

CSC LR-2 Commissioner Hirsch

- 1) Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD)
 - MHS: AP (Advanced Placement) tests May 2 – May 13
 - MHS: Career Day & Resource Fair May 19, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Event Center & Friendship Circle

- MHS Graduation: June 7, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 - Alternative Schools Graduation: Canyon Oaks High and Mountain Park Independent Studies June 3, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Monrovia Historical Museum
 - Monrovia Community Adult School Graduation: June 1, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Monrovia Community Center
 - Bradoaks Elementary School Open House: May 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 - MUSD LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) Community Meeting: May 10, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., District Office Board Room
 - MUSD Board of Education Meeting: May 11, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 2) Boys & Girls Club
 - For the Love of Youth Fundraising event: Derby Day @ Santa Anita Race Track, Baldwin Terrace ~ 12:00 p.m. the Running of the 142 Kentucky Derby ~ Derby Day attire encouraged!
 - 3) Santa Anita YMCA
 - Interim Director Paul Parzik announced FREE summer passes for area youth! Youth can obtain a free one-day pass now to try out the various activities, and return without cost all summer long!
 - Summer Day & Residential Camp opportunities available.

CSC LR-3 Chair Matthews

- 1) CAPRCBM next meeting will be held on May 21 at the CPRS offices in Sacramento.
- 2) Monrovia Community Coordinating Council – next meeting is Saturday, June 4.

CSC LR-4 Commissioner Mills

- 1) CERT participated in Fountain to the Falls, and will also be at Monrovia Days.
- 2) MAP – approximately 250 people turned out for the MAP event on April 23. Quarterly meeting will be held on May 23 at the EOC, and will deal with Code Enforcement. The Summer Movie Series will again be offered. Features for the summer are: Antman, Hotel Transylvania 2, Star Wars ~ The Force Awakens, and Good Dinosaur.
- 3) Mental Health Consortium – Medow World Peace (Lakers player) will speak at the El Monte Airport on May 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. sponsored by Congresswoman Napolitano’s office.

CSC LR-5 Commissioner Ulm

- 1) Canyon Park Volunteers – A speaker from Heal the Bay was at the last meeting.
- 2) KGEM – Budget concerns and looking for new clients.

CSC LR-6 Commissioner Wong – No report.

CSC LR-7 Vice–Chair Yuille

- 1) Monrovia Change Makers Project – the group is working on a book with stories of Monrovia change makers who worked to eradicate all forms of bigotry and prejudices in Monrovia ~ in the area of politics, education, faith and economics.
- 2) May 5 was the International Day of Prayer.
- 3) Youth Commission
 - April meeting - Working on taking the Youth Commission to the "next level". Re-examining recruitment, and personal as well as group goals, infusing the activities with the spirit of service, commitment and fun.
 - Reviewed expectations: attendance, code of conduct, attire during events. Distributed new polo shirts.
 - The need to revisit end of year outing option for the future.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next meeting of the Monrovia Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2016 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 9:04 p.m.