

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

CONVENE: Chair Yuille convened the meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Monroe Room, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Recreation Manager Katie Distelrath, Senior Recreation Supervisor Lisa Hansberger, Recreation Supervisor Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Coordinator Brooke Putich, Recreation Coordinator Tobi Scrugham, Recreation Specialist Vanessa Ibanez, Senior Administrative Assistant Tina Wells and Recreation Leader Alexis Corral.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice-Chair Hirsch led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Commissioners, Mills, and Ulm, Vice-Chair Hirsch and Chair Yuille. Commissioner Dittmar absent/excused, Commissioner Matthews absent/excused.

PRESENTATION(S): Recreation Leader Alexis Corral introduced the newly installed Senior Club Presidents: Janet Alvarez, New Horizon Club and Irma Robles, Gad-A-Bouts.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Mills, and seconded by Commissioner Ulm to accept the consent calendar consisting of CC-2. CC-1 will be held for the February meeting. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting
CC-2 Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Updates for December, 2016

ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: CC-1 was pulled and held for the February 2017 regular meeting.

YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

Pauline White, Monrovia: Provided information about the LA Law Library, and an available video which highlights people who have overcome adversity, and experienced success. The video can be viewed on the LA Law Library website at www.lalawlibrary.org/adversity ~ Overcoming Adversity – Community Stories.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCR-1 Park Master Plan Update – Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager reported; Steve Duh from Conservation Technix will be in attendance at the February meeting. Topics will include; Vision, Values and Goals. What it means to have recreation and wellness, as well as any concerns that the Commission may have. He will also facilitate the small group meetings and various individual meetings.

SCR-2 Community Center Needs Assessment Update – Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager reported; Continuing to promote the survey, 80 responses have been received to date. The survey will remain open until the end of January beginning of February. Staff is also e-mailing customers who have participated in a contract class or have rented a facility, and send them a link to participate in taking the survey on line. Hard copies of the survey are available at city counters as well.

SCR-3 Cultural Sensitivity Discussion: Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager; discussed cultural inclusion.

CC-2

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager

- 1) Dream Tree Project (Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.) – Encouraging the community to dream about the future for and with our children. The idea is to have community members write their wishes/dreams on cards. Boxes to collect the cards will be available at the Community Center, elementary schools, middle schools and the high schools. The dreams/wishes will be tied to one of six trees displayed in front of the Library. The dreams will be collected and a collage created. The trees will be planted in Recreation Park.
- 2) Black History Month – February
 - a. Black History Month Updates provided by Chair Yuille; many agencies collaborate with the Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association. This year the theme will be *Jazz with a taste of New Orleans*, February 4 at the Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - b. The Library has a beautiful display celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.
 - c. Annual Black History Month Luncheon – Professor from USC Tim Conley is the scheduled speaker.
 - d. Homeless Count – January 24, 2017. A flyer was provided on ways to volunteer for the count.
 - e. Hillside Wilderness Preserve Update – A new report will be developed and rolled out next month.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

CSC LR-1 Commissioner Dittmar – Absent/excused

CSC LR-2 Vice-Chair Hirsch Hirsch –

- 1) Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD)
 - a. As previously reported, MUSD has entered into a partnership with “Code to the Future,” a program recognized by the White House for excellence, bringing computer science to our students in grades K-12. With students now fully engaged in the program, Monrovia is one of the first districts in LA County to be selected for this unique approach to education. The approach, which uses games like “Minecraft” to help students learn everything from math to language skills, is provided through an immersion program at two elementary schools, Plymouth and Mayflower, where every student in grades K-5 have the opportunity to develop coding skills as part of their daily curriculum.
 - b. Early College is another new program at Monrovia High School. A partnership between MUSD and Citrus College beginning this month, allows enrolled students to earn both high school and college credits for the specified courses in which they are registered. This marks another giant step toward creating state-of-the-art programs for our students that address not only the current learning trends that our students need, but the cutting edge skills that are required in today’s competitive school and work arena.
 - c. The new Wellness Center at Monrovia High School offers MHS students and families community-wide a place to find every imaginable support to ensure their success. Though community and county partnerships the center includes on-site therapists, behaviorists, a school psychologist and probation officer, plus intensive academic and/or social-emotional intervention for our students who struggle to find success. Group sessions are offered for targeted students who have displayed specific social-emotional needs, such as anger management, substance abuse and an innovative approach that uses art therapy to address issues. In addition, parents receive much needed support through the “Educate, Equip & Support” program, offered in both English and Spanish, plus the Healing Connections Third Thursday Workshop series (offered quarterly) addressing key issues to help parents navigate life with their student(s) in our rapidly changing society.
 - d. MUSD Board of Education Meeting: Wednesday January 25 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Boys & Girls Club

- a. "Project Mentor" is currently seeking adults who may be interested in serving as mentors to students who are identified as not thriving at the level of their potential. Contact Susan Hirsch if interested in exploring the possibilities @ (626) 471-2776

Santa Anita YMCA

- a. "Make Mondays Matter" offers individuals and families the opportunity to join the YMCA with no registration fee on Mondays throughout January. This is a great chance to take advantage of the numerous classes and programs available.
- b. Youth and Adult Basketball leagues are forming again, playing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Contact the Y now to sign-up for the start date of January 17th.
- c. The Santa Anita Delegation to California Youth & Government submitted a proposed Bill on December 15 that would designate Voting Day as a state holiday. This was proposed in an effort to increase voter participation and a deeper understanding of how our government operates.

CSC LR-3 Commissioner Matthews – Absent/excused

CSC LR-4 Commissioner Mills

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- a. Training will again be offered on three consecutive Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18 at First Station 102.

Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP)

- a. MAP Conference is coming up on April 22 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The theme is Building Better. MAP will hold their quarterly Ed meeting on January 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. The topic is Homelessness.

CSC LR-5 Commissioner Ulm

Canyon Park Volunteers - held their member potluck in December.

KGEM – No meeting.

CSC LR-7 Chair Yuille – No report

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next meeting of the Monrovia Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017 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 8:15 p.m.