

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

CONVENE: Chair Yuille convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Monroe Room, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance; Public Services Director, Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager, Katie Distelrath; Senior Recreation Supervisor, Lisa Hansberger; Recreation Supervisor, Rebecca Sandoval; Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor, Eugene Suk; Recreation Coordinator, Tobi Scrugham; and Senior Administrative Assistant, Tina Wells.

PLEDGE OF ALELEGIANCE: Commissioner Matthews led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATION(S): None

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Hirsch, and seconded by Commissioner Ulm to accept the consent calendar consisting of CC-1 and CC-2. Commissioners Matthews and Dittmar abstained from the vote on CC-2. There were no objections, and the motion was unanimously approved.

CC-1 Minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

YOUTH COMMISSION: Alejandra Rodriguez a junior at Monrovia High provided an update on current and upcoming activities.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

AR-1 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2017 – Eugene Suk, Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor highlighted the newly improved report format and provided an update on the incidents, maintenance, and public comments related to Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve recorded for the month of January 2017. Moving forward this report will be presented under the Consent Calendar.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Dittmar and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch to receive and file AR-1 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2017.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCR-1 Park Master Plan Update – Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager provided a brief overview of the progress thus far. Introduced Steve Duh of Conservation Technix, the consultant on this project who met with six groups on February 14, 2017; which included, the Boys and Girls Club, a Park Ranger, Kiwanis, Craig Jimenez, Community Development Director, Monrovia Youth Baseball League (MYBL), and Heather Greer, a Monrovia staff, who lives in Monrovia, and brings the perspective of a parent with small children. On April 13,

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a small group meeting will take place with the YMCA, Monrovia Police Department, Senior Group, a Library Board representative, Youth Commission and Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD). Steve discussed the progress in the survey development which is scheduled to be released later this week, and available through the end of March in both English and Spanish. A series of questions were circulated to the Commission for review and input. Steve also demonstrated the interactive on line survey.

SCR-2 Community Center Needs Assessment Update – Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager reported; continuing to collect data, 110 surveys have been returned thus far. The survey will remain open until mid-March. Commissioner Matthews will promote the Needs Assessment with the Monrovia Community Coordinating Council. Other groups to engage include; CERT, MAP, Boys and Girls Club and the Parent Workshop at the High School.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Tina Cherry, Public Services Director

- 1) Depot at Station Square – the Historic Santa Fe Depot is under construction. The promenade will be closed during construction. Pedestrian detour postings have been placed. Construction is expected to take 30 weeks.
- 2) Library Park Playground Surface – due to the heavy use of the playground area the surface needs to be renewed. A quote was received from a vendor to renew the surface. The budget is being reviewed to determine how quickly it can be repaired.
- 3) Homelessness Update – Captain Sanvictores will provide an update at the March 14 meeting.
- 4) Julian Fisher Park Renovations – the subcommittee will meet on Monday, February 27 and review the overall concept. This will be presented to the Commission at the March 14 meeting.

Katie Distelrath, Recreation Manager

- 1) Partnered with the Monrovia Youth Baseball League (MYBL) to laser level Barney Glenn Field. It will be ready for opening day ceremonies on February 25.
- 2) California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference in Sacramento is coming up at the end of the month. Staff will be out of the office February 28 – March 1.
- 3) Dream Tree Recognition - over 1,500 tags were turned in and will be turned into an art project.
- 4) Recognized Mr. & Mrs. Yuille for their efforts during Black History Month.

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Supervisor

- 1) The 626 regional bicycle event is scheduled for Sunday, March 5.

Eugene Suk, Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

- 1) Great Backyard Bird Count will happen this Friday through Sunday, February 17 – 19. Ranger led hikes will be provided during the bird count.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

CSC LR-1 Commissioner Dittmar – No report

CSC LR-2 Vice-Chair Hirsch

MUSD

The Healing Connections Coalition, in partnership with the City, area activists, youth organizations, faith based groups and service providers is presenting the quarterly parent workshop, “Building Bridges, Tearing Down Walls” this Thursday evening at Monrovia High School. Appropriate for families with students of all

grade levels, parents will hear powerful speakers from the League of Women Voters, the Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley, Pacific Clinics, D'Veal Family & Youth Services, PFLAG and RISE, followed by a Town Hall style Q&A period and resource fair. This timely workshop will strongly encourage participants to become aware of their civic duties and become engaged.

Boys and Girls Club

Youth of the Year Awards: Each year BGCF selects strong candidates to be considered for this prestigious award, which was established in 1947. The award recognizes youth who have met obstacles head-on and despite the odds, have met their challenges and given back to their community. They must demonstrate service to the Club, community and family, academic success and strong moral character. Winners receive a \$500 scholarship and go on to compete at the county, state, and national levels. This year's winner will be introduced at the Blue Carpet event on March 16, 5:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel

Santa Anita YMCA

Model United Nations (MUN) program: Middle school students learn about current affairs, politics, economics and diplomacy through weekly meetings. The MUN program is part of the California YMCA Youth & Government program, begun in 2001, which is the largest in the nation.

California YMCA Youth & Government program: Designed for high school students who are interested in learning about how government works, hand-on. The unique program provides teens with a venue and guidance to debate issues, write bills, role play and/or shadow government officials, and run for elected office. The nine month program culminates in Sacramento over President's Day weekend when members of our State government step aside and allow the teen delegates to take over. The program involves more than 2500 youth statewide with almost 1000 from the Los Angeles area making it the largest delegation in the state.

Other Items

Monrovia Reads fundraiser event, "So All May Read", will be held on Thursday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel with buffet dinner, opportunity drawing for a cash prize of \$500, live auction, silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. Event tickets are \$50 per person.

CSC LR-3 Commissioner Matthews

Homeless Count

On Tuesday, January 24, the City of Monrovia participated in the LA County homeless count. Around 60 volunteers participated in the count at the City's Community Center, where all of the volunteers started the evening by watching a training video. Afterwards, a safety recap was provided by Monrovia Police Officer Juarez. Volunteers were then sent out to canvas the City's 13 census tracts to count homeless individuals and families living on the streets, in cars/RV's, and living in make-shift shelters/tents. In the end, 28 individuals were counted as being homeless. This data would not have been available if not for the work of all the volunteers that donated their time to assist with this important point-in-time homeless count!

CAPRCBM – May Education Tour – Hearst Castle

Everyone loves "Americas Castle" designed by the great American architect, Julia Morgan, and built by newspaper magnate, William Randolph Hearst. The story of the castle is told best by Victoria Kastner, in her book *Hearst Castle, the Biography of a Country House*. As you may know, the story of the castle is not just about a "house" but is also a love story. The many treasures exhibited at the Castle are priceless and truly world renown works of art. We will be going behind the scenes on our trip; and, you will be able to observe priceless objects not normally seen by the general public.

Membership Meeting @CPRS Conference
Thursday, March 2, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Sacramento Convention Center Room 316

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Monrovia Community Coordinating Council

February Meeting took place Monday, February 7. Program focused on Non-Profit Resources and featured Melanie Goodyear, Executive Director of Jericho Road. Melanie informed the group about the variety of services available to non-profit organizations including those related to fund development, human resource management and board development.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6 and will feature a speaker from the Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley.

CSC LR-4 Commissioner Mills

Mental Health Consortium

Next meeting will be held Friday, March 3 at the City of Hope

Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP)

The conference is coming up on April 22 from 9:00 – 3:30

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT held their kick off meeting on January 30.

CSC LR-5 Commissioner Ulm - No report

CSC LR-6 Chair Yuille

Youth Commission

The Youth Commission is re-grouping, developing a training program for the youth on how to be good leaders.

Monrovia Changemakers Project

The book project is nearing the end.

Interfaith Council

The group will meet this Friday.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.