

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20,
Commissioners and Staff participate via teleconference.**

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 Community Services Director, Tina Cherry prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

CONVENE: Chair Bank convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:01 p.m., via teleconference, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance were Community Services Director Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager Rebecca Sandoval; Senior Management Analyst Heather Gibson; and Administrative Assistant Adriana Marin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Leos led the Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Commissioners Belden, Leos, Mills, Shepard, Villegas, Vice Chair Iler, and Chair Bank. All members participated via video conference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

YOUTH COMMISSION: To resume in October.

PRESENTATION(S):

PR-1 Overview of the Proposed Playground at Lucinda Garcia Park – Community Services Director Tina Cherry provided background and an update on the project. The project will expand the playground and include two play areas. Ms. Cherry asked the Commission for feedback and answered questions of the Commission. Also announced the Lucinda Garcia Project Community meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18.

RHA Landscape Architects provided slides of the playground designs and concept plan and answered questions related to the playground equipment.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Vice Chair Iler, seconded by Commissioner Villegas to approve the consent calendar. There were no objections and the motion was approved.

The consent calendar consisted of the following items:

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2021

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AR-1 Continuation of the Recreation Marketing and Outreach Discussion – Community Services Director Tina Cherry provided background and discussed staff recommendation to gather data and work with the Commission to develop next steps. Also discussed the survey format and proposed timeline. The launch of the survey is September 20.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

- a. Provided an update on the Canyon Park reopen. The park opened on Monday, August 30 by reservations only. Ms. Sandoval discussed the reservation time slots and park open hours. Also mentioned opening additional reservation time slots.
- b. Introduction of newly hired Park Naturalists Chynna Bailey and Chris Kirby.
- c. Provided an overview of the Fall programs and announced the Youth Sports Opening Day will be held on Saturday, September 25. The program will offer basketball and coed cheer. Also announced upcoming events.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- a. Provided an update on the Plants and Pals: Monrovia Pollinator Program. Ms. Cherry encouraged the Commission to go out to the parks and learn about plants and pollinators.
- b. Provided an update on the Proposed Dog Park Project. The community meeting will be held on Saturday, October 2.
- c. Provided an update on the Community Center Renovation Project. Staff will be meeting with the architect to schedule a kick-off meeting and will update the Commission on concept designs.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Chair Bank – The Clifton Arts Academy will return in October. The Canyon Park Volunteers will host a taco party on Wednesday, September 15. Also announced upcoming events.
- b. Vice Chair Iler – Announced the Monrovia Unified School District received a grant from the Los Angeles County to enhance music programs.
- c. Commissioner Belden – Art in Public Places will be posting an online map to locate art work in Monrovia. Announced Monrovia Association of Fine Arts upcoming events.
- d. Commissioner Leos – The Community Garden will host a Pollinator Workshop on September 18. The MPWP has received donations to fund projects and programs including scholarships and signage at Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve. Also thanked Commissioner Belden for his work and support.
- e. Commissioner Mills – Monrovia Area Partnership kicked off the Fall Adult and Youth Leadership Academy programs.
- f. Commissioner Shepard – No report.
- g. Commissioner Villegas – The Mental Health Consortium discussion was on grant funding.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.