

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**

**Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20,
Commissioners and Staff participated 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, October 12, 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; Recreation Supervisor Heather Sayers; Recreation Coordinator Christopher Escobedo; and Administrative Assistant Adriana Marin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Mills led the Flag Salute

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Teresa Vasquez, Monrovia (via zoom) commented on the Dog Park project and opposed the project.
2. Dorothy Dudley, Monrovia (via zoom) commented on the Dog Park project and what will be missed.
3. Rosemary Gividia, Monrovia (via zoom) in favor of the Dog Park project.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Youth Commissioner Stefin Bank, 8th grader at Clifton Middle School, provided an update on current and upcoming events.

PRESENTATION(S):

Recreation Supervisor Heather Sayers introduced and welcomed new Recreation Coordinator Christopher Escobedo.

PR-1 Measure K Update – City Manager Dylan Feik provided an update on the sales tax revenue from Measure K and invited the Commission to provide spending suggestions for the new sales tax revenue. The community and business owners were encouraged to provide input and comments at CITYOFMONROVIA.ORG/MEASUREK.

PR-2 Overview of the Environmental Justice Element for the City's General Plan – Craig Jimenez, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the Environmental Justice Element for the General Plan. Discussed the general plan and the mandated elements. Mr. Jimenez also provided environmental justice background, goals, and communities.

Planning Division Manager Sheri Bermejo provided a summary of the environmental justice goals, objectives and policies.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Mills, seconded by Commissioner Belden 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 September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

- a. Provided an update on the Canyon Park trail reservation system. Staff has implemented a Rain Day Park Closure policy. Canyon Park will close during inclement weather. Hillside Wilderness Park is working with the Girl Scout Troop 2851 on a project to install trail markers; the project will be completed by November. Ms. Sandoval also discussed grant funding from the National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs).

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- a. Provided an update on the Lucinda Garcia Park Renovation Project. A community meeting was held on September 18; RHA Landscape Architects and RecWest provided an overview of the playground design. Ms. Cherry shared feedback received from the community and provided an update on the project.
- b. Provided an update on the proposed Dog Park Project. A community meeting was held on October 2. Ms. Cherry shared feedback received from the community. Also discussed the next steps.
- c. Provided an update on the Participant Data Survey. The survey launched on October 1 and will close on November 30. Staff will provide an update to the Commission at the December meeting.
- d. Provided an update on the Monrovia Community Center Renovation. The agreement was finalized with Undisclosable Inc. Ms. Cherry discussed a Sub-committee for the project.
- e. Announced Supervisor Barger Award of funding for a Portland Loo at Library Park.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Chair Bank – The next Canyon Park Volunteers meeting will be held on October 20.
- b. Vice Chair Iler – (A/E)
- c. Commissioner Belden – The Monrovia Association of Fine Arts will host the Chalksgiving event on November 25-28.
- d. Commissioner Leos – The Monrovia Community Garden will host a pop-up event on October 13 and a Fall and Winter Garden workshop on October 30. MPWR Foundation will host a donor event on November 10.
- e. Commissioner Shepard – No report.

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- f. Commissioner Mills – The Mental Health Consortium meeting topic was on suicide prevention.
- g. Commissioner Villegas – No report.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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