

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

**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, March 8, 2022 at 7:02 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:

Brian Yamaguchi, Monrovia resident. Tina Cherry, Community Services Director, shared comments related to the Monrovia Today brochure.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Youth Commissioner Luca Ammon, 12th grader at Monrovia High School, provided an update on current and upcoming events.

PRESENTATION(S): None

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Belden, seconded by Vice Chair Iler 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 February 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for February 2022

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

CC-1

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

- a. The Youth Sports Program was an eight-week program and included co-ed volleyball games on Saturdays from January 15-March 5. The program had fourteen participants.
- b. Provided an overview of the Spring Programs.
 - i. The Spring Egg Hung and Healthy Kids Day event will be held on Saturday, April 16 and will include free photos, Monrovia Reads Mobile Van, arts and crafts, face painting, and food trucks.
 - ii. Earth Day - Save the Date - Friday, April 22 at Library Park. The event activities include earth day crafts, information booths, and a scavenger hunt.
 - iii. Arbor Day - Save the Date - Thursday, April 28; event details to follow.
 - iv. Monrovia Days will be held on May 13-15. The festival activities will include carnival rides, food, games, live entertainment, parade, pie eating contest, and youth performances by Centre Stage and MUSD students. Ms. Sandoval provided the event schedule of activities.
 - v. The YES Program recruitment timeline was provided.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- a. Provided an update on the Canyon Park restoration including the project timeline. Staff is holding biweekly meetings with the project team to discuss overall approach and project progress. The City Council will award a contract at the March meeting. Staff will provide updates at future meetings.
- b. Provided an update on the Lucinda Garcia Park Improvement project. The City Council authorized staff to issue a notice inviting bids. Ms. Cherry provided a project timeline; the city council will award a contract in May and project construction is expected to start in May or June. Staff will update the website to include a link to the project and will also be conducting outreach in the coming months.
- c. Provided an update on the Monrovia Community Center Renovation project. The subcommittee is working with Undisclosable Inc. on concept designs. Staff conducted a program needs assessment and reviewed the initial site plan. Staff is seeking two members of the Commission to serve on a subcommittee. Commissioners Mills, Belden, and Chair Bank were selected.
- d. The California Parks and Recreation Society State Award and Conference will be held in Sacramento on March 9-11.
- e. Currently conducting an open recruitment for four full-time Recreation Coordinator positions.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Chair Bank – Commented on International Women’s Day. The Monrovia Canyon Park Volunteers event will be held in April.
- b. Vice Chair Iler – The Monrovia Unified School District has appointed Adrian Ayala as new principal at Monrovia High School.
- c. Commissioner Belden – No report.
- d. Commissioner Leos – The Monrovia Community Garden will host a Spring Veggie Workshop on March 12.
- e. Commissioner Shepard – No report.
- f. Commissioner Mills – The Annual MAP Conference will be held on Saturday, April 30 at Second Baptist Church; the conference workshops are being finalized. The Neighborhood

Treasures in partnership with Art in Public Places will host an event to honor Almera Romney on March 19.

- g. Commissioner Villegas – No report.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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