

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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, April 12, 2022 at 7:02 p.m., via teleconference. In attendance, participating via video conference, were Community Services Director Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager Rebecca Sandoval; Senior Management Analyst Heather Gibson; 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, 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. Community Services Director Tina Cherry shared comments related to the city webpage.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Youth Commissioner Andres Leon, 6th grader at St. Andrew's School, Pasadena, provided an update on current and upcoming events.

PRESENTATION(S):

PR-1 Recognition of the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation for Volunteer Work Day - Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor Eugene Suk provided a presentation on the work completed at Canyon Park with invasive plant species. Mr. Suk thanked the Foundation for coordination of the Volunteer Work Day on March 26.

PR-2 Recognition of the 2021 Canyon Park Volunteers of the Year - Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor Eugene Suk thanked the Canyon Park volunteers and recognized the Canyon Park volunteer awardees Ed Cunningtham, Doug Elson, and Bonny Hidas.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Mills, seconded by Commissioner Shepard 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 March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

CC-1

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AR-1 2021-2022 Options for Learning Annual Report – Recreation Manager Rebecca Sandoval reviewed the agenda report and answered questions of the Commission.

It was moved by Vice Chair Iler, seconded by Commissioner Villegas to accept and file the 2021-2022 Options for Learning Annual Report. There were no objections and the motion was approved.

AR-2 Evaluation of the Monrovia Community Garden Pilot Program - Community Services Director Tina Cherry provided an overview of the Community Garden Pilot Program. Discussed the program background, accomplishments, program impacts, and shared impactful stories and testimonials. Also discussed next steps and options to expand the program. Discussion followed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Villegas, seconded by Commissioner Mills to approve recommendations to City Council on the Community Garden Pilot Program. There were no objections and the motion was approved.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

- a. The Older American of the Year application deadline is Friday, April 1. The Older American of the Year luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 28.
- b. The Community Services Department is onboarding three new Recreation Coordinators.
- c. The welcome back reception for the Monrovia Community Services Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. The open recruitment for Boards and Commissions will close on Monday, May 2.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- a. Provided an update on the Lucinda Garcia Park Improvement project and an overview of the project timeline. The City Council will award a contract in April.
- b. Provided an overview on the discussion related to “social services” and what it means as an organization. Also discussed ways to support community and promote resources.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Chair Bank – Announced Clifton Middle School and Centre Stage will present 13 The Musical on May 4 and May 6.
- b. Vice Chair Iler – No report.
- c. Commissioner Belden – The City Council Candidate Forum will be held on April 20.
- d. Commissioner Leos – The Community Garden will host a workshop on All Things Tomatoes on April 23. The Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation will host an online silent auction.
- e. Commissioner Shepard – No report.
- f. Commissioner Mills – The Annual MAP Conference will be held on Saturday, April 30 at Second Baptist Church.
- g. Commissioner Villegas – No report.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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