

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 13, 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 Villegas convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:04 p.m., via teleconference, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance were Community Services Director Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager Rebecca Sandoval; 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, Iler, Leos, Matthews, Mills, Vice Chair Bank, and Chair Villegas. All members participated via video conference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

YOUTH COMMISSION: Camille Alaras, an eighth grade student at St. Monica Academy provided an update on current and upcoming activities.

PRESENTATION(S): None

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Belden, seconded by Commissioner 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 March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AR-1 Receive a Report from the Selection Committee and Recommend to City Council an agreement with a Consultant for Professional Design Services to complete the Design of the Lucinda Garcia Park Improvement Project

Community Services Director Tina Cherry reviewed the agenda report on the Lucinda Garcia Park Improvement project and answered questions of the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Belden, seconded by Vice Chair Bank to recommend to the City Council an agreement for professional design services related to the Lucinda Garcia Park Improvement Project with RHA Landscape Architects.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

- a. Provided an overview of the Spring programs that included Youth Sports Fitness Camp, Hippity Hoppity Spring Photo-Op, Spring and Fitness Challenge Family Adventure. The new Spring Stop & Hop Drive thru EGG-stravaganza program had 700 participants. Ms. Sandoval shared photos of the event.
- b. The congratulations video for the 2020 California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) Service Award of Excellence Champion of the Community will be available by the end of the week.
- c. The 2021 Monrovia Days Celebration, in partnership with Monrovia Unified School District and Centre Stage, is scheduled for May 14-16. The event will focus on celebrating youth and will include community performances, horse drawn carriage rides, free photo booth, a picnic pavilion, a community art project, Old Town Window and Home Decorating Contest, story times, and a Family Adventures at Home.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- a. Provided an overview on the proposed Pollinator Program to be hosted in city urban parks in partnership with Food ED. Dr. Kristin Ritzau, Food ED, provided a presentation on the Plants and Pals Program and answered questions from the Commission.
- b. Provided an update on the Canyon Park restoration. Proposal to City Council on April 23 to award contract to Bellfree Contractors, Inc. to conduct repairs and trail restoration.
- c. Provided an update on a potential dog park. Staff surveyed existing parks, conducted site visits, and identified Recreation Park for the proposed dog park. Ms. Cherry also discussed possible next steps.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Chair Villegas - The next Mental Health Consortium meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6 at 10 a.m.
- b. Vice Chair Bank – The Community Media of the Foothills (KGEM) meeting held on April 12 focused on the change of board members. Canyon Park Volunteers - The next meeting will be held May 20.
- c. Commissioner Belden - The Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Inclusion meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 6 p.m.
- d. Commissioner Iler - The reopening of in-person instruction begins on Monday, April 19.
- e. Commissioner Leos – The Monrovia Community Garden will host a Spring Veggie and Irrigation Zoom Workshop on April 24.
- f. Commissioner Matthews – The Mental Health Taskforce meetings focused on list of mental health services and programs and services not offered.
- g. Commissioner Mills – The 11th Annual MAP Neighborhood Conference will be held on April 17.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.