

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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: Vice Chair Bank convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:03 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 Belden led the Flag Salute

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

PUBLIC INPUT: None

YOUTH COMMISSION: Gesette Soto-Reza, a seventh grade student at Clifton Middle School provided an update on current and upcoming activities.

PRESENTATION(S): None

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Iler, seconded by Commissioner Matthews 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 April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

CC-1

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

- a. Provided a recap of the 10K Virtual Family Fun Walk/Run event held May 3-9. The event included a race bag, shirt, medal, and certificate.
- b. Provided a recap of the Earth Day event. The event activities included an activity pack, arts and crafts, seed packets, and information on recycling.
- c. Provided a recap of the Arbor Day event. The week long event included activities at home, arts and crafts, story time, arbor day kit, and educational videos.
- d. Announced May is Older Americans Month. The award recipient will be honored at the Los Angeles County Recognition event on Thursday, May 27.
- e. Provided an update on the Yes Intern program. The YES interns will start on June 14 for an eight week program.
- f. Provided an update on the Commission and Board recruitment. The selection committee will meet to make a selection for the vacancies.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- a. Provided an update on the Community Center reopening plan. The community center opened to the public in accordance with safety protocols.
- b. The Monrovia Days celebration will be held May 14-16 and will include park pods and signage on safety guidelines. The event activities include family adventure at home, community art project, and Old Town Decorating Contest. Ms. Cherry provided an overview of the program schedule.
- c. Provided an update on the proposed July 4th celebration. The City Council approved a contract with Pyrospectaculars at the May 4 Council meeting.
- d. The MAFA Artist Alley Gallery reception will be held on July 25.
- e. Provided an update on the Canyon Park restoration. The City Council has approved contracts for work related to the restoration. Funding to replace trail signs and cleaning of facilities was approved. Staff is working with FEMA and Cal OES and continues to evaluate replacement of damaged guardrails and removal of trees.
- f. Provided an update on the Lucinda Garcia Park Renovation project. The City Council approved a contract with RHA Landscape Architects. Staff will provide regular updates to the Commission.
- g. The Recreation Marketing presentation and discussion is scheduled for July 13.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Chair Villegas - (A/E)
- b. Vice Chair Bank - The Canyon Park Volunteers continue to meet monthly. The Monrovia Boys Scout Troop 66 will hold a flag retirement ceremony on May 30 at Library Park.
- c. Commissioner Belden - The MAFA Art Walk will be held on June 26. The Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Inclusion - Planning has provided an Environmental Justice General Plan.
- d. Commissioner Iler - Monrovia Unified reopens and will hold a graduation ceremony on June 9.

- e. Commissioner Leos - The Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation website includes information on project funding and silent auction in July.
- f. Commissioner Matthews - Provided an update on workshops and events in April and thanked staff for work with Healing Connections. The Art in Public Places meeting will be held on May 12. The Sidewalk Poetry Contest application deadline is June 4.
- g. Commissioner Mills - Announced May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Congresswoman Napolitano hosted a roundtable meeting that focused on the impact of COVID on families. Provided a recap of the annual Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Conference.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.