

**MINUTES OF THE
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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 Villegas convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:02 p.m., via teleconference, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance were Community Services Director Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager Rebecca Sandoval; and Management Analyst Heather Gibson.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Iler led the Flag Salute

PUBLIC INPUT: None

YOUTH COMMISSION: Luca Ammon, an eleventh grade student at Monrovia High School provided an update on current and upcoming activities.

PRESENTATION(S): None

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Matthews, seconded by Commissioner Bank 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 December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 2020

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

**CONVENE MONROVIA
WILDERNESS PRESERVE FOUNDATION, INC. (WPF)
WITHOUT ADJOURNING COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING**

WPF CONVENE

President Villegas

WPF ROLL CALL

Vice President Bank, Boardmembers Belden, Blackburn, Cherry, Iler, Leos, Mills, Matthews, and President Villegas

WPF CONSENT CALENDAR

None

WPF PUBLIC INPUT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCR-1 Update the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation Donations and Fundraising Efforts – Boardmember Belden provided an overview of fundraising efforts and an update on donations received by Foundation. The Website and donation page launched the first week of November, and the Holiday Ornament/keepsake donations went live on December 14, 2020. The Foundation received \$985 in general donations and \$2,010 in Holiday Ornament donations, for a total of \$2,995.

WPF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

WPF AR-1 Presentation and Vote of the Slate of Candidates for the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation Board Members – Boardmember Blackburn presented the slate of Candidates for election to the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation Board of Directors. The nominating sub-committee put forward a slate of nominees to be voted on as whole for approval or disapproval. The slate of candidates consisted of; 1 year term: Giangelos Leos, Julie Bank, Chris Zeigler and 2 year term: Edward Belden, Donna Baker, Brian Ulm. The election of Officers within the Board will take place at the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Matthews, seconded by Boardmember Blackburn to approve the slate of candidates as presented. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

WPF ADJOURNMENT

**RECONVENE MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING**

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

- a. Provided an update on winter program evaluations and updates on holiday programs including; Santa’s Workshop, Santa Tours and Holiday Parade at Home, 12 Days of Recreation, Winter Wonderland Family Adventure at Home, Home Holiday Decorating Contest, New Year’s Day Fly Over, and Winter Walk and Rock.
 - I. Winter Wonderland Family Adventure at Home - 36 families participated.
 - II. Home Holiday Decorating Contest - 49 home entries participated, and 8 awards were given out. Participating families and award winners were featured on the City Holiday Map and Social Media.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- a. Provided an update on Canyon Park and Bobcat Fire Recovery Efforts.

- i. The first rain event on December 28, 2020 brought minimal flows. Staff continues to monitor the sediment flow, rock slides and unstable trees along the trails.
- ii. Staff is also working on a video of a hike to the waterfall, to capture the condition of that trail.
- iii. The City of Bradbury has donated \$7,200 for two bottle filling/water fountains for Canyon Park; one will be installed in the lower lot and the other will be installed near the Nature Center.
- iv. Staff continues to work with FEMA and other entities for eligible re-imbursements incurred by the Bobcat Fire.
- v. Trail Crew Volunteers have been activated on a limited basis.
- vi. Staff continues to work with LA County Flood Control and the Public Works Department on K-Rail installation.
- b. Update on Lucinda Garcia Park Renovation Project - The Subcommittee will be meeting on January 19, 2021.
- c. City of Monrovia State of the City Event – The State of the City will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00pm.
- d. Update on Planned Neighborhood Meeting Potential New Development
 - i. Potential donation of park land on property in conjunction with the development of Chik fil A
 - ii. Community Meeting tentatively scheduled to discuss proposed development on February 4, 2021 at 6:00pm.
- e. Proposed Annual Goal Setting Meeting – Each year in January or February, the Community Services Commission meets to review the previous year and set goals for the coming year. Staff will work with the Commission to identify a date for a Public Meeting.

COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- a. Chair Villegas – The Mental Health Consortium will be meeting on January 28, 2021 at 11:00am.
- b. Vice Chair Bank – Community Media of the Foothills (KGEM) – Kgem will be participating in the State of the City Event.
- c. Commissioner Belden – Provided an update on the last Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Inclusion meeting.
- d. Commissioner Iler – No Report.
- e. Commissioner Leos – The Monrovia Community Garden will be hosting a Fruit Tree Care Workshop on January 16, 2021 from 9:00am-10:30am.
- f. Commissioner Matthews – The Monrovia Coordinating Council will be meeting on February 1, 2021 at 7:30am. Commissioner Matthews and Commissioner Iler will be meeting with Representatives from Monrovia High School to pull together mental health resources that are available to our youth.
- g. Commissioner Mills – The Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) will be meeting on January 23, 2021 from 11:00am -1:00pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:16p.m.