

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES – April 11, 2018

1. **Call to Order** at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Peter Spiller
Commissioners Present: Ginger Radenheimer, Daryl Gorham, Michael Allmann, Peter Spiller, Patrick Dean, Genevieve Suzuki
Commissioner Absent: Bonnie Baranoff

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Allmann, Second by Dean
Vote: 6-0-0

4. **City Report** – Susan Richardson, Community Service Director

MacArthur Park: Caretaker began in April. The biggest challenge with the park has been people with their dogs off-leash, especially with the time change being light later. Animal control will be ticketing people if off-leash. Working on an agreement with Canine Corners and a local engineer has offered to design the dog park. Commissioner Dean expressed interest in being the Commission representative on the dog park committee.

Garden is also making progress with a steering committee meeting. The restaurant decided not to participate, but the proposer is bringing in a different operator to continue negotiations.

Ms. Richardson distributed new marketing materials for City Parks & Urban Trails.

Collier Park: Staff has applied for two grants for Collier Park renovation phase II. There will also be federal block grant funds and a matching grant from the La Mesa Park and Recreation Foundation that will go towards the project.

Vista La Mesa: Construction began at Vista La Mesa. Projected completion is expected for August.

Adult Enrichment Center: Ashley Josephson has begun work as the supervisor at the Adult Enrichment Center. In addition, she is spearheading the community garden, overseeing Rides4Neighbors program and planning the parade.

New Park Assignments: The commissioners selected new parks to inspect. Commissioner Park Reports are due May 1.

Allmann: La Mesita, Jackson

Suzuki: MacArthur, Aztec

Spiller: Northmont, Harry Griffen

Gorham: Collier, Highwood

Baranoff: Sunset, Rolando

Dean: Sunshine, Vista La Mesa

Radenheimer: Porter Park/AEC, Lookout/Legacy, Briarcrest

5. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Allmann: Over spring break, there was a special study session by La Mesa-Spring Valley School District focusing on safety and active shooters. There were multiple law enforcement agencies, staff and parent groups. The Sheriff's Department and Fire Departments are providing additional support.

Gorham: Mr. Brady may come to the next meeting to discuss the Boys and Girls Club.

Dean: La Mesa Beautiful is having a plant sale May 5, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and May 6, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Spiller: GUHSD has only 9 weeks left of school.

6. **Adjournment at 6:50 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Susan Richardson', written over a horizontal line.

Susan Richardson,
Community Services Director