

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – September 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Allmann, Baranoff, Brand, Dean, Gorham, Spiller

Commissioners Absent: Radenheimer

Staff Present: Susan Richardson, Community Services Director; Leon Firsht, Assistant Director of Public Works

Public: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 8, 2018

Commissioner Spiller motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Allman. Motion passed, with all in favor.

QUARTERLY PARK INSPECTIONS:

Assistant Director of Public Works Firsht passed out information on completed and scheduled actions in response to the Q3 Park Inspection Reports.

PUBLIC WORKS QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Junior High Drive opened to the public on August 29, 2018. This is an engineering project connecting Lowell Street and Orion Avenue east/west to Parks Avenue. Signage and striping was completed yesterday; landscaping is scheduled.

North Spring Street Improvements: A sidewalk will be built on the bridge crossing over Interstate 8, and a return sidewalk will be built on Center Street. Improvements are scheduled to open in spring 2019. Phase 1 is all of the work from the I-8 on-ramp to the north; phase 2 work will cross the trolley tracks south on Nebo Drive. Public Works is working on lane adjustments when driving south on Spring Street.

Scooters: The City has met with Bird Scooters, asking them to reduce the number they leave at each drop location. Per Community Services Director Richardson, the scooter company's main goal is to keep the scooters near trolleys and transit. Data they are collecting will help refine future number of scooters dropped at each location.

CITY UPDATES:

Community Services Director Richardson gave the following updates:

- La Mesa Beautiful is starting a Garden Club that will operate as a subgroup of La Mesa Beautiful. The new club intends to provide gardening classes, projects, and lectures, and encourage support for the MacArthur Park community garden. The Garden Club will meet at the Adult Enrichment Center on the first Wednesday of each month beginning November 2018.

- There will be a public meeting before the MacArthur Park Clubhouse renovation agreement is approved. This should occur by the end of 2018.
- La Mesa City Council meetings are now being shown on Facebook live.
- The next Movie in the Park will be “The Secret Life of Pets” at 7:00 PM on Friday, September 21 at MacArthur Park. Bring chairs, blankets and picnic to enjoy a free movie outdoors on the big screen.
- The Recreation Supervisor position at the Adult Enrichment Center is still open.
- Negotiations are underway to replace a playground at La Mesita Park. The La Mesa Park and Recreation Foundation may have an opportunity to purchase the equipment at below cost.
- Upgrades to Vista La Mesa Park are almost complete, and the grand opening should be in September.
- The MacArthur Park Opportunities & Constraints study is forthcoming; still in draft stage. Striving to present to City Council subcommittee in October.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS:

- Commissioner Brand: October 10, 2018 is Walk to a Park day.
- Commissioner Baranoff: The La Mesa First United Methodist Church is holding a La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board Candidate Forum on Monday, October 1, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:16PM, to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 10, 2018.