

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting June 9, 2021
DRAFT

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m. Commissioners Present: Bohan, Brand, Cabiles, Dean, Duff, Radenheimer, Spiller. Staff Present: Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services.

APPROVAL OF May 12, 2021 MINUTES: Commissioner Radenheimer moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bohan seconded. Commissioner Spiller abstained. All others voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT ON PARKS: Captain Matt Nicholass, La Mesa Police Department, provided an update on park issues and reported crimes. HOME Team along with PATH will be working to address the needs of the homeless population as well as offering services. Captain Nicholass reviewed data on crime reports/incidents at several parks. La Mesita Park is scheduled to be a pilot project for monitored surveillance cameras with one-way audio for enforcement. Additionally, portable cameras are being used in other areas, as needed.

COLLIER PARK RENOVATION PROJECT: Director Richardson reviewed the 30% design. The CIP budget was approved by City Council and allocated funding for Spring House assessment reports. Options for relocation of the historic drinking fountain are being explored.

MACARTHUR PARK UPDATES: Director Richardson is working with the planning consultants for the operational cost estimates for the Master Plan. CIP funds were approved for the environmental studies following adoption of the plan. Director Richardson will meet with the Mayor to update him on the Master Plan status since his appointment to the subcommittee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES:

- Director Richardson will email fliers for upcoming events (summer concerts, movies in the parks)

- July 17 is the La Mesa Rocks fundraiser at Marina Village. Tickets on sale now.
- CIP funds were approved for: MacArthur Park EIR, Spring House assessments, master plan for Waite Dr. (yr 2), dog park fencing at MacArthur Park, Highwood Park court renovations.
- Adult Enrichment Center and Community Center will open June 15. Pool is open. Day camps upcoming. Mask mandate will followed State of California guidelines.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- Cabiles: Did park inspections through the eyes of her children. Assemblyperson Weber has a meet and greet on June 14. See La Mesa Chamber website.
- Spiller: Schools are having some live graduations and proms. School year is nearly over.
- Bohan: Thanked staff for dogs on leash signs in MacArthur Park.
- Radenheimer: Principal of La Mesa Arts Academy is retiring. Another principal was appointed and will be an asset to the school and the community.
- Brand: Requests Public Works refrain from leaving piles of grass and leaves in the parks. It makes the parks look bad and is environmentally unfriendly.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Elections for officers (August)
Presentation on all-inclusive playgrounds

ADJOURNMENT: 7:29 p.m.

Submitted By: _____



Susan Richardson
Director of Community Services