

**Minutes of the Wednesday, November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
of the La Mesa Community Services Commission**

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bohan at 6:02 PM. Commissioners present: Alo, Bohan, Dean, Duff, Spiller. Commissioner absent: Radenheimer. Commissioner late: Brand. Staff present: Director of Community Services Richardson, Management Analyst Thompson.

Approval of minutes from October 13, 2021 regular meeting. Commissioner Spiller motioned, Alo seconded. Commissioner Alo, Bohan, Dean, Spiller in favor, Commissioner Duff abstained, Commissioners Brand and Radenheimer absent.

Public Comment: None

2022 Work Plan: (Commissioner Brand joined meeting.) Discussed draft 2022 Commission work plan and made recommendations. Director Richardson will bring back updated document for approval at December meeting.

Collier Park Renovation Project Update: Engineering is working with consultant on finalizing 100% design with added project elements due to increased available funding. Recommended additives include a small amphitheater, sidewalk from Spring House to 4th St., rebuilding fountain at Train Depot, enhanced creek, and a nature trail. Members discussed possibility of adding a small off-leash area in eastern portion of park at History Hill or at top by parking lot.

Heritage Architecture has been selected to perform the Spring House Historic Structure report. Following that, staff will solicit some sort of public input for the future re-use of Spring House based on recommendations.

MacArthur Park Update: Director Richardson is working with consultant to have draft Master Plan presented at December Commission meeting, then post for a public comment period before presenting to City Council. Engineering is preparing design specifications and cost estimates for restroom at Kuhlken Field. Renovation of Nan Coutts Cottage is listed as a future capital improvement project (currently unfunded). SDG&E work on the installation of electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Community Center parking lot continues. Park Appreciation/Earth Day Event was held on November 6, 2021, at MacArthur Park. The Community Garden is hosting a social event on November 20, 2021. Yoga in the park will be offered through November. Annual winter pool maintenance closure will be late November through mid-January 2022.

Community Services Updates:

- The City acquired land for a storm drain channel project at 69th Street and Boulevard Drive at the west border of La Mesa. There is a potential for a pocket park as part of the project. Envision La Mesa is interested in altering the Urban Trail route and creating walking paths in that area from University Avenue to be along the University Creek channel which includes mostly private property, (multi-family housing, single family homes and the back of commercial properties that face University.)
- Engineering is working on a Complete Streets grant project along University Avenue and east La Mesa Blvd. A walk audit and presentation was held during the City's weekly walk on November 10, 2021.
- The Waite Drive property Master Plan consultant agreement will be completed soon; public input sessions will be scheduled for 2022.

Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Alo enjoyed Earth Day event at MacArthur Park.
- Commissioner Brand: Reminded staff to consider Public Works projects be completed to ensure accessibility.
- Commissioner Bohan: Asked for update about status of Humane Society contract. Director Richardson noted that it is expect to be approved in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM to the next regular meeting on December 8, 2021.

Submitted by: _____



December 9, 2020