

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

PRELIMINARY: These Minutes were approved on July 13, 2022 at the Commission meeting.

Community Services Chair Kempker called the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Garcia, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas, Schmidt

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Kelly Fujio, Director of Community Services and Kimberly Albarian, Community Services Manager

INVOCATION: Chair Kempker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Garcia

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

II. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Community Services Commission Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2022.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, seconded by COMMISSIONER LAVEAGA and CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2022. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas, Schmidt
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

III. CONSIDERATON ITEMS

1. Community Services Special Event Calendar

That the Community Services Commission review the Special Events Calendar.

Staff gave an update on the following programs: Cool Cops, Concert in the Park, Movies in the Park, READY S.E.T. OC, Summer Enrichment and Day Camp.

Vice Chair Garcia asked about having a more contemporary or current band at Concerts in the Park next summer.

2. For Love of Cities Community Engagement

Community Services Director Fujio gave an update. City staff met with the City Manager and presented the For Love of Cities Community Engagement proposal. It was decided that the consultant should be hired first and that the recommendation should come from the Community Development & Planning Department and/or Planning Commission. A new director was hired in December and she is currently reorganizing the department so we need to give her time.

However, the Community Services Commission can still promote community engagement through current special events and programs. Ideas include the bus shelters, essay or coloring contents, Love La Habra day of service and community survey. Love La Habra will take place on Saturday, September 17th. The Commission can participate in an existing City booth and help plan activities.

Commissioner Rojas was disappointed that he was not invited to the meeting with the City Manager. He will think about next steps regarding this concept.

3. Community Services Commission Sub-Committees

The Commission will appoint members to each sub-committee at the July 13th meeting. An updated list will be sent to the Commission in advance for review.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Schmidt took her granddaughter to the Charlie Brown show at the La Habra Depot Theatre.

Commissioner Laveaga invited the Commission to attend the annual Award & Installation lunch at the Community Center on June 22 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30p.m. On June 9th, the Chamber office will host an Active Wear cheese and crackers event. The lunch MOB is back every third Wednesday of the month. It's important to patronize the local restaurants.

The June 15th lunch is at Plates Kitchen at the Row on Harbor Blvd. Also, please help support Grocery Outlet and participate in their scavenger hunt and use their coupons to receive big savings! Over \$300 in coupon savings. Commissioner Laveaga is disappointed that Commissioner Rojas' idea is not moving forward but understands it's not in the Community Services Commission purview. Community Services Director said the Commission can do any type of event as long as expenses are covered and that we do not overstep the Planning Commission's authority.

Vice Chair Garcia read the Commission's mission statement from the City website. She would like to come up with another idea and make a recommendation in the future.

The City is starting to plan for the Centennial Celebration. City staff will develop an event plan and start recruiting members to serve on the community. Initial \$10,000 seed money was not approved as part next year's budget. However, the City Manager has been planning ahead for this event and is putting funds aside.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if Commissioner Rojas' idea will be presented at a later date? Community Services Director said that the idea needs to be further developed so that it fits within the scope of the Community Services Department and Commission. Vice Chair Garcia would like to be part of the City's Centennial Celebration. Chair Kemper thinks the City needs to build up the Centennial Celebration and involve corporations and the community. City staff is researching other city celebrations and are learning what works well and lessons learned. The bus artwork bench program is going to start soon! This will be a wrapped bench with youth artwork from the local schools.

Commissioner Rojas gave an update on the La Habra Outdoors program. The committee is struggling with recruiting middle school participants. A beach and nature exploration field trip are scheduled for June 25th at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Center. State park beach staff will talk about aquatic safety and career exploration opportunities. LH Outdoor sponsors will be invited to attend this event. The campout is scheduled for July 12 – 14 but registration and participation has been very slow. City staff may need to regroup and design a plan B. The La Habra Youth Committee, Teen Leader program, Boys & Girls Club and Leo's Club have been invited to participate. City staff will reach out to the Girls & Boys Scout troops. Chair Kempker has a potential volunteer that is bilingual and may be interested in the program.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 100 East La Habra Boulevard.

MOVED BY Chair Kempker, seconded by Commissioner Laveaga and CARRIED 5-0, TO AJOURN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas, Schmidt
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Albarian,
Recording Secretary

APPROVAL: This is to certify that these Minutes were approved by the La Habra City Council on _____.

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
Assistant City Clerk