

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – February 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Baranoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: Allmann, Baranoff, Brand, Gorham, Radenheimer. Commissioners Absent: Dean and Spiller. Staff Present: Sue Richardson, Community Services Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9, 2019. Commissioner Allmann motioned to approve minutes with correction of spelling to his last name in the “Approval of 2019 Work Plans” section. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Radenheimer. Motion passed, with all in favor.

CITY UPDATES/EVENTS:

Community Services Director Richardson gave the following updates:

- City Council approved the Community Services Commission 2019 Work Plan at the February 12, 2019, City Council Meeting.
- City Council approved moving forward with the MacArthur Park Master Plan. The plan will be contracted with KTUA, the same consultant that drafted the 2018 Opportunities and Constraints survey. Commissioner Brand suggested including a topographic and boundary survey in the scope. All Commissioners expressed interested in having a better understanding about prioritization of all park upgrades (not just MacArthur and Collier) and agreed having a regularly updated list of Council’s priorities and project timeline will benefit the community.
- A collapsed plumbing line in the pool men’s restroom caused a delay for the opening of the pool. The line is being repaired and the pool is scheduled to reopen on February 18.
- No company has expressed interest in rehabilitating, leasing and operating the former MacArthur Park golf course clubhouse after second round of request for proposals went out. In addition to postings at City Hall and on Planet Bid, the Community Services Department reached out to local associations and restaurant groups to gauge interest.
- Canine Corners has decided to focus their efforts on an upgrade plan for Harry Griffen Park’s dog park instead of initiating one at MacArthur Park. Director Richardson said they are looking at forming a community group to help with organization and fundraising to create a dog park at MacArthur Park.
- The Community Center is temporarily closed for renovation.
- The Community Garden committee meeting is tonight, February 13, at the Adult Enrichment Center.
- The Livable La Mesa initiative survey is in its final weeks. Results of the survey will be presented at the March Community Services Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS:

- Commissioner Radenheimer thanked Director Richardson and the Community Services Department for coordinating the Livable La Mesa Focus groups and doing a nice job engaging participants. Commissioner Radenheimer shared a print copy of AARPs “Creating Parks and Public Spaces for People of All Ages”. Director Richardson will email the link to all Commissioners.

- Commissioner Allmann complemented the Community Services Department on the new playground at La Mesita Park. While visiting the park, he talked to several parents who were thankful for the park and really liked the new playground.
- Commissioner Brand shared information about the Urban Greening Grant deadline and the National Fitness Campaign offering cities opportunities to apply for fitness court funding grants.
- Commissioner Baranoff invited commissioners to the Friends of the La Mesa Library's 50th birthday party event at the La Mesa Library on March 9.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Baranoff adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2019 at the Adult Enrichment Center.

Submitted by:

Susan Richardson