

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – April 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Dean called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: none

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 13, 2019. Commissioner Radenheimer motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Allmann. Motion passed, with all in favor.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS:

Assistant Director of Public Works Firsht passed out information on special projects they would like to complete in the next 6-12 months. These projects are in addition to routine maintenance, and will be scheduled when staff and funds are available.

Commissioner Radenheimer asked if La Mesa parks will receive any of the funds from rents received from Westmont Living who have installed a temporary building at Briercrest Park. Community Services Director Richardson anticipates there is no additional rental income, since there is a long term land lease for the development and if any, it might go into general fund. Commissioners recommended that any future use of park land for construction companies are charged a fee to be used towards parks.

STAFF UPDATES:

Assistant Director of Public Works Firsht said that the City has placed a high priority on median upgrades, and proposal is to use some money from parks budget to achieve this goal. Commissioner Brand asked Public Works to delay this shift so that the upgrades are not made at the expense of parks.

CITY UPDATES/EVENTS:

Community Services Director Richardson gave the following updates:

- Dog parks
 - Harry Griffen Regional Park: Canine Corners is requesting to make improvements, most dealing with water and drainage; they will do the fundraising. This item is on the agenda for the upcoming annual Joint Powers Authority Meeting.
 - Formation of a dog park committee for MacArthur Park is forthcoming.
- MacArthur Park
 - Community Center renovations are ongoing.
 - Community Center heater replacement is scheduled for May.
 - Construction of ADA compliant picnic area will begin in middle of May.
 - Master Plan negotiations still underway.
- Livable La Mesa Community Action Planning Sessions have been scheduled in May.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Allmann said the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District will be on break for 2 weeks, so there should be more kids in parks.

Commissioner Radenheimer thanked Assistant Director of Public Works Firsh for addressing issues raised in park inspections.

Commissioner Spiller said a resident is concerned about morning access and use of parks by Grossmont High School students at Harry Griffen Park. The School Resource Officer is aware of it and has contacted park ranger so they can address issues together.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM, to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2019.

Submitted by:


