

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES – August 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Dean called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Richardson, Community Services Director

Public: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11, 2018

Commissioner Radenheimer motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Spiller. Motion passed, with all in favor except Allmann who abstained.

CITY UPDATES:

Community Services Director Richardson gave the following updates:

- Kathleen Brand is officially a member of the Commission.
- The Community Services Department is still seeking to fill the Recreation Supervisor position.
- The East County Intergenerational Games will be held on Thursday, October 11 at La Mesa Arts Academy.
- The Annual La Mesa Safety Fair will be Saturday, August 11, at the La Mesa Police Department Parking Lot.
- There have been two movies in the park this summer: 270 enjoyed a “dive-in” showing of “Moana” at the La Mesa Municipal Pool on July 20, and approx. 150 watched “Coco” at La Mesita Park on August 3. The next Movie in the Park will be a showing of “The Secret Life of Pets” at 7:00PM on Friday, September 21 at MacArthur Park.
- Citizen-led stair painting beautification project by Stanford Ave. and W. Point Ave. The citizen had a permit to do project, but there has been concern from some neighbors that they weren’t surveyed prior to start of project. Overall, the majority of the feedback has been positive.
- Vista La Mesa Park- The planned open date for Vista La Mesa has been delayed. Grand opening should now be in September. Upgrades include a new playground with a shade structure, adult exercise equipment, and a new walking path around the perimeter of the park.
- The soft opening of the Brady Family Boys & Girls Club Clubhouse will occur soon, with the official grand opening in October. The street is open now and features reverse-angle parking.
- MacArthur Park-
 - a. The Opportunities & Constraints study is forthcoming. Goal is to get to MacArthur Park subcommittee, Community Service Commission, and City Council in September.
 - b. Negotiating with proposed operators of restaurant at old clubhouse continues.

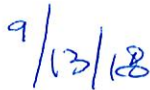
- c. ADA trail and picnic area will go to bid this fall along with Boy Scout projects for trail fencing.
- d. Working on the Community Garden partnership with La Mesa Beautiful with new Garden Club
- Collier Park - phase 2 includes raising the whole park, new bathrooms and a new playground. The future of the Spring House (a historical building) is TBD; it's not considered in phase 2. Project is pending funding.
- An amendment to the fee schedule for commercial use in parks will be on next City Council agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

- Commissioner Allmann shared news that the LMSVSD school board welcomes new Superintendent Feliciano. August 9, is first day for kids back in school.
- Commissioner Spiller said Grossmont High School students go back to school on Aug 14 and that the parking lot solar project should be finished by then.
- Commissioner Baranoff suggested the Commission partner with La Mesa Park & Rec Foundation and the GUHSD and/or LMSVSD to find students to research and write narratives on why La Mesa Parks are named as they are, and share the information online on the city and Park & Rec foundation websites. Commissioner Brand suggested this could be a senior project. Commissioner Baranoff also noted that Lookout/Legacy Park is not listed on the City or Foundation websites but is showed listing in the La Mesa Parks & Urban Trails brochure.
- Commissioner Radenheimer asked to correct spelling of Briercrest Park on Interoffice Memo dated August 3, 2018 with park assignments and raised idea of sponsorship or naming rights of our parks, e.g., the Junior Seau Sports Complex, or Viejas arena at SDSU as revenue generator for La Mesa's parks.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM, to the next regular scheduled meeting on September 12, 2018.





Submitted by

Date