

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting April 14, 2021

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m. Commissioners Present: Bohan, Brand, Cabiles, Duff, Radenheimer, Spiller. Absent: Dean. Staff Present: Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services and Cesar Romero, Assistant Director of Public Works.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2021 MINUTES: Commissioner Duff moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bohan seconded. All Commissioners voted to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATION: LA MESA BRANCH LIBRARY: Haley Zamora, Interim Librarian for the La Mesa Library gave a presentation on the San Diego County Library system focusing on the current services in relation to Covid-19. Included in the presentation were the Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros story trail project at Briercrest Park in April and Vista La Mesa Park in May.

PARK INSPECTION REPORT/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE: Cesar Romero, Assistant Director of Public Works reviewed the March park inspection reports submitted by Commissioners. Homeless issues in the parks continue, as does vandalism. New rule signage was placed Sunshine, Sunset and Rolando parks. Additionally, 15 new trees have been planted at La Mesita Park.

COLLIER PARK RENOVATION PROJECT: Consultants are working on park construction designs. Community Services Director Richardson said the goal is to have a draft presented at the next meeting.

MACARTHUR PARK UPDATES: Community Services Director Richardson reported that applications have been accepted for garden beds at Community Garden. Off leash dogs are still an issue. Working on a small ADA dog park area to be able to designate another dog park area in the park. She is researching municipal code language to allow a dog park. Netting at Kuhlken Field was delayed from the April installation date and will be scheduled to be completed after the Little League

season is over. The consultant continues to work on the final draft of the MacArthur Park plan.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES: Community Services Director Richardson shared that the Earth Day Festival and the Flag Day Parade are cancelled. Alternative Covid-safe activities will be offered.

The Community Relations and Veterans Commission will be hosting another Livable La Mesa Community Conversation on April 28, 2021 to gather input on how communication with the public may be improved.

The City school time day camp is winding down because of lower need and participation as schools resume in-person learning. Small indoor events of up to 25 people may now be held. Outdoor events up to 50 people are now permitted. The Adult Enrichment Center is working towards opening on June 15, 2021 if regulations allow.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Bohan: Glad activities at pool, and little league are starting back up again.

Cabiles: Inquired whether La Mesa had any other Covid vaccination sites besides super sites such as Grossmont Center.

Duff: Parks are being used a lot more right now.

Spiller: Reported that the Urban Forest Plan Working Group is promoting a grant from Tree San Diego to provide street trees for residents. Their goal is to increase tree coverage throughout the City. A presentation will be provided to the Commission in the future. Grossmont Union High School will have in person graduation ceremony this year. A new mural for Joe Musgrove was installed at Grossmont High days after he pitched a no-hitter game for the Padres.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Radenheimer requested 5 minutes at the May meeting to report on her visit to a Chula Vista park containing all-inclusive play equipment.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 p.m.

Submitted By: Susan Richard Date: 6/9/21