

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting September 8, 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: 6:00 PM. Commissioners present: Bohan, Cabiles, Radenheimer, Dean, Duff, Spiller, Brand (arrived late). Staff present: Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services and Misty Thompson, Management Analyst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for August 11, 2021: Commissioner Radenheimer moved to approve minutes with corrections, second by Dean. Bohan, Cabiles, Duff, Radenheimer, Spiller in favor, abstention by Dean, Brand absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PARK IN-LIEU & IMPACT FEE STUDY PRESENTATION: Carlos Villarreal and James Edison of Wildan Financial Services presented information on the upcoming park development fee study. There was discussion on the Quimby Act and Mitigation Fee Act as to allowable use and collection of fees. Commissioners asked questions for clarification about methodology for determining fees and how different communities approach fees. They recommended that the building industry also be consulted to get buy-in/support. Questions about new ADU laws for split lots and multi-family housing that would need additional park facilities were also suggestions for consultant to consider.

QUARTERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Police Chief, Ray Sweeney reported on the frequency of activity within parks requiring police intervention. He remarked the department has contractual assistance for homeless services through the HOME program and is also working on the use of bridge housing for homeless.

COLLIER PARK RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE: Director Richardson reviewed the 60% plan for Collier Park. The Spring House will have a Historic Structure study done that will provide estimates for mothballing or repairs needed to preserve the building. Construction for the park will likely take place beginning early 2022. Some discussion was had regarding requests from the pickleball community for additional courts and parking, however, Director Richardson reminded Commission members that there is limited space in this neighborhood park, there will be one tennis/four pickleball combination court. Two additional pickleball courts are planned to be added at Highwood Park/La Mesa Arts Academy pending approval of amendment to the Joint Use Agreement with the District.

MACARTHUR PARK UPDATES: Staff has received the draft Master Plan document and will review. Will tentatively schedule a presentation at October Commission meeting after review with consultant, and Council Subcommittee. It will then be put on website for public comment and finally forwarded to City Council for approval/adoption. Locations for small restroom at Kuhlken Field funded by Assembly Member Weber's state district allocations are being explored.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES: Director Richardson announced that Council directed staff to work on a municipal code update to establish an Arts and Culture Commission. Planning to present to

Council in late September then will start to recruit members once approved. Currently, Community Services staff is assigned to serve as the new Commission's liaison.

The Urban Forest Plan is open on the website for public comment. There will be a tree planting on Friday, September 24 at 10:30 AM at Aztec Park.

There is a survey on the Public Works webpage for a "complete streets" grant funded project to make walkability improvements on La Mesa Blvd, University from Spring to Jackson and a second phase from Jackson to Grossmont Center.

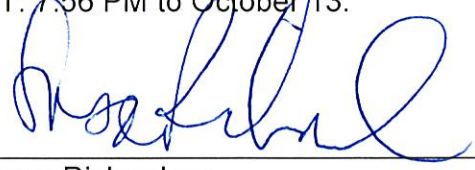
Commissioners were reminded that park inspections are due this week to be reviewed in October.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Brand: Running for City Council

Bohan: Enjoying new park inspection assignment and method of rotating each year.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM to October 13.



Submitted by: _____

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