

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION Tuesday, September 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Community and Senior Services Commission was called to order at 6:03 p.m. in the MRC Room of West Covina City Hall. Vice Chair Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked to observe a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bennett, Vice Chair Kaufman
Commissioners Arredondo, Blackburn, Cox, Dinh, Kennedy, Lewis, Stewart

Staff Present: Director Bresciani, Administrative Assistant II Johnston.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. July 12, 2016 Regular Community and Senior Services Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kaufman, second by Stewart to approve the Regular Community and Senior Services Commission meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

ADMINISTRATION

NEW BUSINESS

2. Solar Wrapped Poles for Field Lighting

Presented by Community Service Director Bresciani. Direction was given to research more on the solar wraps and the option of using LED lights. Carried over to next meeting.

3. Appointment of Commissioner to Community Services Foundation to replace Mayor Toma.

Presented by Community Services Director Bresciani. Director Bresciani gave the Commission details of the duties of the person they choose to appoint to the position since Mayor Toma has a conflict of interest. A request for a volunteer was had after clarification of whether it would be a specific Commissioner or the Commissioner who was Chair.

A Motion by Bennett to appoint a specific Commissioner appointed by the commission, second by Kaufman.

A Motion by Kennedy to appoint Kaufman as replacement of Mayor Toma's position, second by Stewart to appoint Commissioner Kaufman to the Community Services Foundation to replace Mayor Toma. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

4. Doing RFP for Independence Day Celebration

Update Community Services Director Bresciani. Status of RFP process for this event was given. No action taken.

5. Approved Funding Plan for Homeless Services

Community Services Director Bresciani updated Commission on City Council meeting on September 6, 2016 Agenda Item #21 that was approved by Council on this date. A homeless plan proposal cost allocation spreadsheet and description of how the program works was given. Discussion was had on various scenarios to this plan. No action taken.

6. Update on City's Municipal Pool

Director Bresciani updated Commission on the status of updates to the Municipal Pool. The School District has put any approval for upgrades to the pool on hold until the bond measure goes through before making a decision to either put more money into the existing pool or build an aquatic facility within the District. Update of the current issues with the pool and the approximate cost of \$500,000.00 just for deck and piping were given to the Commission. This item will be revisited after the November 8, 2016 Election.

7. Chinese Community Center

Presented by Commissioner Arredondo. Commissioner Arredondo requested that staff look into getting more information on EDI standards and the possibility of opening another community center or finding more resources for the non-English speaking residents of the city. Director Bresciani stated that the majority of information is handed out in Spanish but as Mandarin is an increasing language spoken, it's something that the city as a whole should re-evaluate. No action taken.

8. Senior Sub-Committee

Presented by Commissioner Arredondo. Commissioner Arredondo requested more information on how the Sub-Committee should proceed with their meetings, where they should meet and what the specific reason for this Sub-Committee is to meet. Director Bresciani gave further direction on the process of the Sub-Committee, how these meetings should be reported to the Staff prior to the meeting in case staff needs to be present at these meetings. Commissioner Arredondo stated she will email the Sub-Committee regarding the next meeting to be had before the next Commission meeting and will report back at the meeting on November 8, 2016.

9. Standards & Guidelines for replacement of plants at City parks & other landscaped areas

Presented by Commissioner Kaufman. Asked if the plants in public parks and city facilities were being replaced with drought tolerant plants and wanted an update on the standards for these types of plants to help with the drought. Director Bresciani discussed the various regulations that Planning and Building has, water run off as well as retention issues, the status of the medians throughout the city that are currently dirt and recommendations are for plant types to go into the parks and various other landscaped areas throughout the city. Director Bresciani will reach out to the building/planning department to get these items and revisit this at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ADHOC

Commissioner Arredondo update on Sports Council Meeting. They spoke about the scheduling of fields. They are updating and revising their Bylaws.

Commissioner Arredondo update on Senior Council Meeting. Senior Council will be meeting soon and will report to the Commission at the next Community & Senior Services Commission meeting on November 8, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

- Inter Community Emergency Facility room grand opening event was great. They have 23-bed facility that will service the community as a whole. Fantastic machinery and their goal is to serve those coming into the emergency within 10 minutes or arriving. It is a very nice facility.
- Welcomed back Kennedy to the meetings and gave well wishes.
- Welcoming of Commissioner Cox to the Commission by all.
- Moon festival
- Huge thank you to the current staff at City hall for keeping the city up and running during the past few years and cut backs the city has had in those years.
- Accommodations to the Youth council for attending the 4th of July event and summer programs to include movies at the park, grand openings, etc.
- Grand opening of the Dia De Los Puercos event where good food was served.
- Covina baseball will be serving meals at the Senior Center the day before Thanksgiving.
- Request to add the Homes for the Holidays tour to Agenda.
- Clarification of Palm View Park Soccer item. Will be brought back to the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pumpkin Run October 8th, 6-11am at the Senior Center.

Ghoster park October 29, 7-9pm at Galster Park.

Dog Spooktacular October 29, 2-4pm at Del Norte Park (Commissioner Kaufman & Arredondo will judge)

Red Ribbon Rally October 29, 7am-12pm at West Covina High School.

Effective Thursday, September 15, 2016 the Skate Park will be changing hours from 3pm-6pm weekdays.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lewis, second by Bennet. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.