

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

- CALL TO ORDER

Chair Velazquez called the regular meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cheung von Haam.

- ATTENDANCE: CHAIR VELAZQUEZ, VICE CHAIR LUBISICH, COMMISSIONERS CARDENAS AND CHEUNG VON HAAM

Present: Chair Velazquez, Vice Chair Lubisich, and Commissioner Cheung von Haam.

Absent: Commissioner Cardenas

1. PRESENTATION - NONE

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for members of the public to address the Community Service Commission on items of interest that are not on the agenda, but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Community Services Commission or items appearing on the consent calendar. The Commission values your comments; however, pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission cannot answer any questions or take any action until the matter may appear as an item on a future agenda. The Commission will refer matters as appropriate to the responsible department for research, response or to provide further information.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes is considered routine and recommendations will be approved in one motion unless a member of the Community Services Commission or audience requests separate discussion.

- A. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the last Community Services Commission meeting.

Recommended Action: Approval

Minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting of February 12, 2018 were approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL RECAP

The Lunar New Year Festival recap was presented by Tom Boecking.

- *Vice Chair Lubisich inquired about event attendance, which is estimated to be around 10,000 or more during the duration of the event. She also asked whether this year the City used different methods of outreach, and whether the department plans on expanding the event.*
- *Commissioner Cheung von Haam inquired whether the City coordinated their festival date with other cities so that Lunar New Year events were staggered and not held on the same dates. She also asked if the City makes any profits from the event.*
- *Chair Velazquez mentioned that many people from other cities attended the event, and commented that some attendance was due to the event having a popular following on social media platforms like Facebook. She also commented that she and her family were big fans of the children's art display and the chalk art contest.*

B. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tom Boecking updated the Commission on the department's current community partnerships.

- *Vice Chair Lubisich is interested in making community partnerships more visible and apparent to the public (i.e. links to community organizations on City's website). She is concerned that groups (i.e. AYSO) that do not have a brick and mortar presence in the city, do not have the same type of visibility as those that have a space that people can physically visit.*
- *Commissioner Cheung von Haam mentioned that there are silos in the City and she would like to see more connections being made.*
- *Chair Velazquez mentioned that many participants of programs and events come from outside cities.*
- *Lubisich addressed the comment made by Commissioner Cheung von Haam regarding silos and reinforced that she would like to see partnerships being strengthened and made more visible. She mentioned potential grant opportunities when partnering with private or non-profit groups and she commented that most groups are very eager to serve the City.*

5. STAFF ITEMS

A. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tom Boecking provided the Monthly Department Report.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Each commissioner may address the Commission and the public on matters of general information and/or concern, including reports on meetings they attended, as well as upcoming events.

- *Vice Chair Lubisich commented that Marshall Park's grand opening was fantastic. She also mentioned that the quality of the Jefferson soccer uniforms is great. Lubisich also mentioned that she would like to nominate the grapevine in the Grapevine Arbor to the National Registry for the Historical Tree Preservation Program. She also announced the Historical Association will be having their next meeting on 3/17, which will include dinner and a speaker.*
- *Commissioner Cheung von Haam reported back regarding her meeting with the Friends of the Library and mentioned that she would like to have input from the commission regarding library programming. She also announced the LA County-wide book sale will be taking place on 4/7 at the library.*
- *Chair Velazquez requested an update on the Vincent Lugo Park playground. She also inquired about the egg decorating and pumpkin decorating contests. Velazquez also requested the incorporation of more art-centered events.*
- *Commissioner Cheung von Haam reiterated that she would also like to see more art centered events or art components incorporated into existing events (i.e. yarn-bombing at a one of the summer events) She commented that the City needs to have an artistic outlet and mentioned that there are potentially LA County resources available for this.*

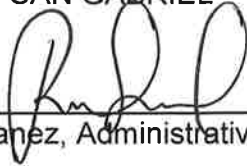
7. DATES TO REMEMBER

Review of attached calendar of upcoming events.

8. ADJOURN COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Velazquez adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm, to a regular meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2018 in Conference Room A located in City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California 91776.

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