



MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Huerta called the regular meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 6:40 P.M. on Monday, June 6, 2022, with Commissioners and staff 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 Cabot.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Anne Cabot, Catherine Cordero, Theresa Huerta, and Ting Xie.

Commissioners Absent: Bronwyn Velazquez

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Alatorre provided information for the public on how to submit comments, and how to request meeting agendas. If you wish to address the Community Services Commission, email all public comments to CSCCommission@sgch.org.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

The Agenda Order was approved by the Commission.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabot, seconded by Commissioner Cordero to approve the minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting for May 2, 2022.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0-1 as follows:

AYES: CABOT, CORDERO, HUERTA, XIE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: VELAZQUEZ

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Xie, seconded by Commissioner Cabot to submit the work plan to City Council.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0-1 as follows:

AYES: CABOT, CORDERO, HUERTA, XIE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: VELAZQUEZ

B. SELFLESS VOLUNTEER AWARD

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item.

The Commission was presented with the option to move forward with the application that was received for the award or to extend the deadline in hopes to receive more submissions.

The Commission asked if the deadline were to be extended, if advertising would be increased to promote the program. The Commission is concerned how an extension would be perceived.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabot, seconded by Commissioner Cordero to move forward with the current application and not extend the deadline.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0-1 as follows:

AYES: CABOT, CORDERO, HUERTA, XIE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: VELAZQUEZ

C. SMITH PARK RESOURCES DISCUSSION

Manager Morales-Stevens presented this item.

Daniel Acosta, U.S Army Veteran, spoke in favor of a memorial at Smith Park to honor veterans. He shared that a San Gabriel resident died on D-Day, his name was Ranier Aguirre.

Daniel Tovar, San Gabriel Memorial Coalition, spoke about the culture at Smith Park, all ethnicities are welcome at the park. He shared that a resident, Fermin De La Rosa Jr, was a Purple Heart recipient and highly decorated. He explained that it is embarrassing that there is no memorial in the city.

Fred Rudometkin, resident, spoke about pickle ball. He would like permanent nets at Smith Park.

Lynn Rabin, pickle ball player, shared she would like permanent nets set up at the park so that pickle ball would be available all day, every day of the week.

Mitch Borgeson, resident, wants to continue to play pickle ball in the city and does not want to need to drive 30 minutes to another city in order to play. He said pickle ball brings people of all ages together.

Kamen Lai, non-resident, loves playing pickle ball and says the court at Smith Park is very crowded. He urges the city to place a permanent net so that people can have fun all day long.

Ganda Suthivarakom, non-resident, feels a great sense of community because of this game.

Sonia Lyn, pickle ball player, has sign in sheets of names of people who have attended pickle ball play. She says the city should not worry about losing tennis courts because they could gain so much more.

Raymond Diaz, resident, expressed there is a lack of space for pickle ball. He suggested using Vincent Lugo Park to create 4 -6 pickle ball courts.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was temporarily paused.

A motion was made by Chair Huerta, seconded by Commissioner Xie to have a health break.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0-1 as follows:

AYES: CABOT, CORDERO, HUERTA, XIE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: VELAZQUEZ

The Commission thanked the speakers for their comments. In regards to pickle ball, they stated they would like more data regarding the usage of the tennis courts. They would also like feedback from tennis players to make sure both groups are represented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabot, seconded by Vice Chair Huerta to continue the discussion at the next meeting when they have more information.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0-1 as follows:

AYES: CABOT, CORDERO, HUERTA, XIE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: VELAZQUEZ

The Commission inquired about the Capital Improvement Project.

The Commission discussed the comments regarding the Veteran's Memorial proposal. They thanked the speakers for their comments and expressed their support of the Veterans and the importance of recognizing them in the community. The Commission reviewed the plans and shared their concerns regarding the size and material. The Commission would like a smaller option presented. Commissioner Xie liked the plan that was presented but will need more information and time to review. Commissioner Cabot suggested that the veterans consider contributing to the Smith Park pool and making the pool a memorial. The Commission inquired about the cost and how the area would be maintained.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Huerta, seconded by Commissioner Cordero that staff gather more information regarding the size and scope of the memorial and other related data.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 4-0-0-1 as follows:

AYES: CABOT, CORDERO, HUERTA, XIE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: VELAZQUEZ

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item.

No public comments.

5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Cordero is on the scholarship committee for Kiwanis and attended their banquet. She commented that it was great to see students receive their scholarships.
- Commissioner Xie attended the Cinco de Mayo event and enjoyed the music and seeing the community together again. She also went to the Fire Service Day at Station 52. Xie thanked the fire fighters and veterans for their service.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

A. DATES TO REMEMBER

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item.

No public comments.

B. GENERAL STAFF COMMENTS

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item. She presented the commission with the option to reschedule the July meeting for a special meeting or to cancel due to the holiday.

The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting for July. The date is to be determined.

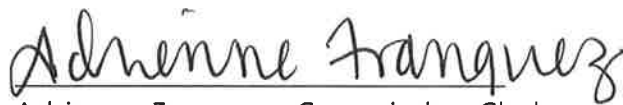
7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

The Community Services Commission special meeting to be held on July 18, 2022 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776, at 6:30 pm.

Next regular meeting held on August 1, 2022 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Adrienne Franquez, Commission Clerk

Approved this 18th day of July, 2022:



Theresa Huerta, Commission Vice-Chair