



**MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2022**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Huerta called the special meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 6:31 P.M. on Monday, July 18, 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 Xie.

**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](mailto: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 Xie to approve the minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting for June 6, 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. PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH**

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item.

Public Comment: None

The Commission inquired about the participation for the summer activities and commented on the departments' utilization of all San Gabriel parks.

##### **B. SMITH PARK RESOURCES DISCUSSION**

Manager Alatorre provided the report.

The Commission suggested a schedule for use of the courts so that both pickleball and tennis players can use it. They also commented on the parking surrounding Smith Park and asked if an impact report would be given to residents. Commission questioned if the Veteran's Memorial would mean one of the playgrounds would be taken out and if there is a cost analysis. They wondered if a band shell is needed at a small park and asked if the veterans would consider Vincent Lugo park. Commissioners also noted there is a landmark tree in the area.

Daniel Acosta, wanted to apologize for not providing context along with the photos of the memorial. He thanked Manager Morales-Stevens and Director Perez for accurately describing their plan. He also addressed Commissioner Cabot and expressed his displeasure with her comments at the June commission meeting.

Alfonso Contreras, stated the pickleball group is growing and therefore need more space to play.

Larry Wang, requested more space to play pickleball in order to teach beginners.

Sonia Lyn, expressed the pickleball group wholeheartedly support staff's proposal for a third court.

Commissioner Cabot thanked the pickleball players for being respectful during their comments. In regards to the veterans' memorial, she does not agree with removing a playground for a bandshell. She does not believe the park needs one since the city uses temporary stages for events.

Vice Chair Huerta likes the idea of a memorial and appreciates their endearment to Smith Park. She supports an area but not a bandshell that would take a large portion of the park. She acknowledged she did not consider that an area of the park is dedicated to the Tongva Gabrieleño and is concerned with the pickleball courts affecting that space.

The Commission also discussed the court striping and asked if it would be difficult for tennis players to play with the dual striping.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Huerta, seconded by Commissioner Cordero to approve staff's recommendation to build additional permanent pickleball court, including community outreach for striping and requests that the coalition consider a smaller, more passive project without a bandshell or move memorial to another park if they want to keep the bandshell.

*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. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item.

No public comments.

The Commission stated that the attendance for the Kids' Day & 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was not as high as previous years but understands there may be several reasons for that.

Commissioner Xie thanked Supervisor Alatorre for inviting her to the pool. She talked about recreation swim, staff shortage and the condition of the facility. She said the pool needs a lot of work and encouraged the other commissioners to visit the pool facility.

**5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

No commissioner reports.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

**A. DATES TO REMEMBER**

Supervisor Alatorre presented this item.

No public comments.

**B. GENERAL STAFF COMMENTS**

No staff comments.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Huerta adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2022:

Cheryl A. Cabot  
Cheryl Cabot, Commissioner