

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Community Services Commission  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM  
La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, California

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Dean called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present were Commissioners Mike Allmann, Patrick Dean, Darryl Gorham, Ginger Radenheimer, Peter Spiller, Genevieve Suzuki and Marcia Tolin.

Staff members present: Michele Greenberg-McClung, Community Services Manager and Susan Richardson, Director of Community Services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 9, 2016

Action: Motioned by Chair Dean and seconded by Commissioner Radenheimer.

Vote: 7-0-0

Yes: Commissioner Allmann, Chairman Dean, Commissioner Gorham, Commissioner Radenheimer, Vice Chair Spiller, Commissioner Suzuki and Commissioner Tolin

No: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Introduction of new Director of Community Services Susan Richardson. Susan gave her background in Recreation. All Commissioners introduced themselves and provided their involvement in the community and years on the commission.

REPORT: CITY UPDATES – SUSAN RICHARDSON

- Greg Humora was promoted to Assistant City Manager.
- Leon Firsh is the Acting Public Works Director.
- Kathy Tinsley, Supervisor at the Adult Enrichment Center, retired on December 30, 2016.
- OASIS, a non-profit organization, has been operating for 15 years inside Macys in Mission Valley is moving to Grossmont Center. They will have two (2) store fronts which includes: classroom space, kitchen, library and fitness area. Community Services staff met with the Oasis staff to discuss potential class opportunities at the Adult Enrichment Center. Oasis is funded through donations, foundations and corporate sponsors.
- Discussed the various programs offered at the Adult Enrichment Center: Adult Education, drop-in programs and lunch program.
- City staff met with the East County Boys & Girls Club – There are two separate projects, the construction of the Brady Family Clubhouse and the infrasturure phase which will be funded through grants.
- Collier Park – Phase One includes storm water, parking, tree work, new entrance and new trees planted. Construction has been delayed due to the rain. Community Services will coordinate the Grand Opening.
- Vista La Mesa Park - 30% of the design phase is completed. Construction includes: reroofing the restrooms, replacing fixtures, concrete pad eliminated, a walking trail along the edge of the park and adult exercise equipment to be located near the shade pavilion.

- La Mesa Shimmer was held December 1<sup>st</sup> and spearheaded by Community Services along with the City Manager's office. La Mesa City Council celebrated the holiday lighting in the village.
- The former Aging & Veteran's Commission and Human Relations Commission have merged into the new Community Relations and Veterans Commission. A special meeting will be held on January 25, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Adult Enrichment Center.
- La Mesa Municipal Pool is closed for annual maintenance. Sections of the deck are being replaced, the diving board is being replaced and the rails are being resurfaced (powder coated). Part of the pump and water heater are being repaired and locker rooms cleaned. The pool is scheduled to open on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Walkway of the Stars – RSVP Ende had given the city 10,000 volunteer hours and will receive a "Star" on the Walkway of the Stars. He was able to see his star, but passed away the day before the unveiling. His family and grandkids were available and unveiled the star.
- There are 3 other recipients who will have a brick unveiling in the Walkway of the Stars in the next few weeks.

REPORT: CITY UPDATES – MICHELE GREENBERG-MCCLUNG

- Pickleball had its largest turnout with 41 participants over the holidays.
- Spring recreation classes start the week of January 30, 2017. Early Bird online discount ends on January 15<sup>th</sup>. New classes offered spring session are Puppy Play Time, Music & Movement and Parent & Me learning. New camps offered this spring are, All sorts of Sports and Volleyball.
- Currently the department and city is working on the budget for 2017 – 2019.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT-

Commissioner Allman – School District 20/20 Vision, phase one is completed and now looking at Phase two. The district will come back to the public for additional input in order to be on the cutting edge.


Commissioner Spiller – Second semester started at Grossmont. Helix returned from winter break the week before.

Chair Dean – Suggested the Navy should give the City the strip of land for bike paths along Spring Street, La Mesa Trolley to Lemon Grove.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM



Gabriele Willis, Administrative Coordinator