

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES – July 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Dean called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Baranoff, Dean, Duff, Gorham, Radenheimer

Commissioners Absent: Brand, Spiller

Staff Present: Sue Richardson, Community Services Director; Leon Firsh, Assistant Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 12, 2019. Commissioner Radenheimer motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Gorham. Motion passed with all in favor. Commissioner Baranoff abstained.

PARK INSPECTION REPORTS:

Assistant Director of Public Works Firsh gave the following updates:

- New park inspection report schedule: June, September, March and December reports will be due from Commissioners by the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month, and Assistant Director Firsh will address reports at July, October, April and January meetings.
- Cleaning three parks is typical for one City employee. This includes bathrooms, trash, and tot lots. Goal is to have parks cleaned by 10:00 AM then go back and do other work as needed.
- Little Leagues are responsible for emptying the trash cans by the fields. They are also responsible for cleaning under bleachers.
- City will be removing barbecues at Collier Park at the end of the summer because trees and branches are being used to start bonfires.
- Commissioner Duff was assigned to inspect La Mesita and Jackson Parks.
- Commissioners will select new park inspection assignments at the August meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

Assistant Director of Public Works Firsh reviewed special projects to be addressed in the next 6-12 months. These projects are in addition to routine maintenance, and will be scheduled as staff and funds are available. He also shared that Public Works is going to all City buildings to jet, camera, and document sewer laterals.

Briercrest Park/Westmont of La Mesa development update: The project is near completion; could start operations late 2019/early 2020. Assistant Director Firsh confirmed that Westmont Development is responsible for repairing any damages they made to the park during construction.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES:

Community Services Director Richardson gave the following updates:

- MacArthur Park:
  - The Community Center is open for use, still has additional renovation work to be completed.
  - ADA picnic area renovations underway.
  - The MacArthur Park master plan will be kicking off soon.
- The Community Garden committee has been meeting and making progress.

- Collier Park Prop 68 grant public workshops are underway. The grant application is due in August.
- New floors, paint, and carpet have been installed in the Adult Enrichment Center.
- Ideas for upcoming presentations to the Community Services Commission include the La Mesa Police Department, the La Mesa Historical Society, geocaching, and Citizen's Homeless Task Force as it relates to the parks.
- The City Council proclaimed July 2019, as Parks and Recreation month. Director Richardson and La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation President John Fonseca accepted Proclamation at July 9, 2019, City Council meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

- Commissioner Baranoff said that she attended the June 27 meeting of the *Live Well San Diego* East Region Leadership team, and shared that the first meeting of the Citizen's Homeless Task Force will be on July 17.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM, to the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 14, 2019.

Submitted by:

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**Susan Richardson**  
**Director of Community Services**