

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES – September 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Spiller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Baranoff, Brand, Dean, Duff, Gorham, Spiller

Commissioners Absent: Radenheimer

Staff Present: Sue Richardson, Community Services Director; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 14, 2019. Commissioner Dean motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Duff. Motion passed with all in favor. Commissioner Gorham abstained.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION

Sustainability Analyst Jenny Lybeck presented highlights from La Mesa's Climate Action Plan (CAP) roadmap. Ms. Lybeck manages implementation of the CAP.

- 1) The County of San Diego--including the City of La Mesa--aims to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2035, using emissions from 2010 as the baseline. Most of La Mesa's emissions come from transportation (58%) followed by energy (35%).
- 2) La Mesa's CAP identifies several strategies and actions to pursue to reduce emissions. Ms. Lybeck featured:
  - Green Infrastructure, including planting more trees. The first community event will be La Mesa Park Appreciation Day on Saturday, November 9 from 8 AM - 12 PM to plant 200 trees at Harry Griffen Park.
  - Waste and Recycling, including hazardous waste recycling events.
  - Energy. City Council adopted an ordinance authorizing a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program and a resolution to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement as to form a Regional Community Choice Energy Authority.
- 3) Free DIY Energy Saving and Sustainability Toolkits that residents can "check out" from the City or Helix Water District for two weeks and return when they're done. The kits help residents save money while having cleaner and greener homes. More information can be found online at: <https://www.cityoflamesa.us/1544/DIY-Toolkit>

AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH LA MESA PARK AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

An agreement between the City and the La Mesa Park and Recreation Foundation to operate and maintain a Community Garden at MacArthur Park will be going to City Council for approval. Commissioner Brand, a member of the Committee, shared the Community Garden concept plan which includes a plan for 60 planter boxes.

Commissioner Baranoff motioned that the Community Services Commission make a recommendation the City Council to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Duff. Motion passed with all in favor.

#### LIVABLE LA MESA DRAFT ACTION PLAN

The Livable La Mesa Draft Action Plan is scheduled to be presented to City Council the first week in October, and will be shared with Commissioners when received. Once approved, the Plan will be implemented over the next 3-5 years.

#### MACARTHUR PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The next public input meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 29. We will review findings from the Opportunities & Constraints Study and gather additional public input on desired facilities and programs. Following the October meeting, the next public meeting will be held in early 2020.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES

Community Services Director Richardson gave the following updates:

- Free MTS Transit 101 training sessions will be held September 13, October 11, and November 8 at the Adult Enrichment Center.
- The Fall/Winter 2019 RecGuide is now available.
- The East County Intergenerational Games are coming up on Thursday, October 10.

#### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- Commissioner Spiller said that the local high schools are back in full swing. Grossmont's performing arts center construction is well underway, and Helix is finishing up their gym.
- Commissioner Baranoff let the group know that the next Citizen Task Force on Homelessness meeting is next Wednesday, with Crisis House presenting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Spiller adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM, to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 9, 2019.

Submitted by:



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