

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY and SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014
6:01 p.m.**

**West Covina City Hall
MRC Room #314**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Commissioner Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Mason, Ogden, Bennett, Kaufman, Kennedy (6:05) Lewis, Lindquist (6:06), Lopez, Perryman and Taylor

Staff Present: Freeland, Smilowitz and Shore

A. CORRESPONDENCE AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

B. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1) Approval of the minutes of the Regular January 14, 2014.

MOTION

Motion by *Bennett*, seconded by *Kaufman* to approve the minutes of the Regular Community and Senior Services Commission meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0 (with corrections made). Lindquist absent.

C. PRESENTATIONS

None

D. ADMINISTRATION

1) NEW BUSINESS- *Director Freeland*

- a) Director Freeland stopped by to thank CIP Ad-HOC Commission for meeting with him last Sat. March 8th regarding C.I.P. requests.
- b) Director Freeland said that the City Clerk's office wants him to remind the commission not to forget to submit the 700-Forms. Director Freeland cannot stay for this meeting so he's leaving the commission in Manager Smilowitz's capable hands. He has a School Board meeting to attend tonight.

2) OLD BUSINESS

None

3) UPCOMING EVENTS

Ongoing Events at the Senior Center – *(attachment)*

3/7-31	-	Walmerado Park Fundraiser – Partnership w/Macy’s
3/17	-	St. Patrick’s Day Lunch
3/29	-	Cherry Blossom Festival
4/11-13	-	St. Christopher Church Carnival & Fiesta
4/12	-	Egg Hunt Celebration
4/16	-	Easter Luncheon and Egg Hunt
4/26	-	Arbor Day/Earth Day
4/27	-	The San Gabriel/Pomona Parent’s Place 22nd Annual Information Fair & Festival

Manager Smilowitz reviewed and answered questions regarding various events.

E. AD HOC REPORTS

1) SPORTS COUNCIL (Lewis, Lindquist, Taylor)

None

2) CDBG (Lewis, Mason, Taylor)

a) Administrative Assistant Shore relayed a message from Analyst II McDonald that he has sent out the applications to the Public Service Groups. He asked if the CDBG Committee would be available in mid-April for a meeting.

3) CIP (Lopez, Lindquist, Kaufman, Ogden)

Commissioners Kaufman, Lindquist and Lopez reviewed the capital requests on the CIP Report Memorandum. They shared what they learned by touring the locations & facilities. They reviewed and discussed their thoughts and recommendations. The Commission voted on their recommendations. The motion was passed 9-1.

4) Youth Council Update

Manager Smilowitz gave a brief update. This month they will be electing a new board. A new event this year will be an End of the Year Banquet for the out-going board. The Banquet will be on May 10 and the location and time is still to be determined. Coordinator Sayers will be sending out an invitation to the Commissioners.

F. COMMISSIONER REPROTS/COMMENTS 36:05

1) Individual Reports/Comments on Activities

Chair Perryman stated that he attended the City Beautiful Dinner which was well attended and nicely done.

Commissioner Kennedy spoke about his Little League opening that went great. *Commissioner Lindquist* attended the Lucille's BBQ Open House it was a nice place but they got all the orders wrong. It was a mess. She attended the swearing in of the Police Chief Faulkner and was impressed that so many Chiefs and dignitaries from other Cities attended.

Commissioner Taylor stated that she attended the West Covina Beautiful Birthday Celebration which was very nice. Commissioner Taylor did have one complaint, the cost for the dinner was \$35.00 and the City's Birthday. She thought that the City should have paid for the commissioner's dinner or at least paid for half of the meal. Some of the other Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Lopez stated that she attend the opening of Lucille's BBQ and she agreed that service wasn't that good either. She took a tour on Saturday with the other CIP Commissioners of the different areas that requested help. Commissioner Lopez was wondering if there is one place she could go to..... to sign up her son for baseball rather than having to contact each league. She also attend the Chinese Lantern Festival. It was ok. Commissioner Lopez is looking forward to all our future events.

Commissioner Kaufman attended the swearing in of Chief Faulkner and was also impressed with the large turnout. Commissioner Kaufman was also present at the Senior Center when they received LACO Area on Aging Distinguished Site Award. The turnout was great, standing room only. He was very happy to see all the Councilmembers in attendance.

Commissioner Lewis stated he attended the opening of Lucille's BBQ. He had no problem with the service but he felt the restaurant was not large enough, in comparison to the other Lucille's Restaurants.

Vice-Chair Ogden attended the openings of Lucille's BBQ, the L.A. Fitness and Amapola Deli & Market. He was present at the Senior Center when they received their award from LACO. Vice-Chair Ogden attended the swearing in of Police Chief and was happy to see 22 Police Chiefs and 12 Assistant Chiefs from other districts in attendance.

Chair Mason stated she attended the West Covina Beautiful Birthday Celebration and felt it was a very nice and she enjoyed the event. She was at Lucille's BBQ opening but will not return. It was too much food and it really didn't thrill her. Chair Mason attended the memorial for Norma Marx, last year's volunteer of the year recipient. She ran into Commissioner Taylor there. Chair Mason attended the

opening of LA Fitness and attended the Senior Center when they received their award from LACO. She felt they had a wonderful turnout. Chair Mason looking forward to attend the Cherry Blossom Festival.

G. ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED

Commissioner Lewis has been on the Commission since 2009 and feels the City has made no progress on any of the items on the CIP since no funding has been available. He would like to agendize the CIP process and freeze the items that are on the list or get alternative suggestions.

Commissioner Lewis suggests when new commissioners come on board that they get a tour of the City facilities and parks.

Commissioner Lewis would like to request to greater transparency by making mandatory disclosure of Form #990 for each league involved with our Sports Council.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Director Freeland*

I. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion by *Taylor*, seconded by *Lewis* to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
Motion carried by a vote of 10-0.