

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
IN THE MULTI-RESOURCE CENTER, ROOM #314
Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Community and Senior Services Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the MRC Room of West Covina City Hall. Commissioner Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mason, Ogden, Arredondo, Bennett, Kaufman, Kennedy, Lewis, Lopez and Taylor

Absent: Lindquist

Staff Present: Freeland, Smilowitz, Sayers and Shore

CORRESPONDENCE AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Community and Senior Services Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

MOTION

Motion by *Taylor* seconded by *Kaufman* to approve the minutes, of the Regular Community and Senior Services Commission meeting held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. Motion carried by a vote of 8-0-1 (Arredondo abstained)

ADMINISTRATION

1) Update on New Format for Agenda and Minutes

Director Freeland stated that yesterday September 8th the City unveiled a new city website. Director Freeland stated that the website was upgraded with more technology and that with the new website the city is looking for more transparency. So we are changing the commission agenda to a new format which will make our minutes and agenda more streamlined.

2) Commission Allowance Policy

Director Freeland announced that with the adoption of the new budget one of the items that was approved was that the commissioners now get back \$100.00 to attend community events.

NEW BUSINESS

3) Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community and Senior Services Commission

Chair Mason opened the floor for the nominations.

MOTION

Motion by *Chair Mason*, and seconded by *Kaufman* to adopt the nomination of *Vice-Chair Ogden* to seat of *Chair*. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

MOTION

Motion by *Lewis*, and seconded by *Kennedy* to adopt the nomination of *Bennett* to seat of *Vice-Chair*. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

4) Update on Community Service Day

Director Freeland stated that on Saturday, October 4th, the City of West Covina is hosting its 1st Annual Community Service Day. This will be an opportunity for non-profit groups to give back to the City. There will be about 20 non-profit groups participating with about 250 to 300 volunteers. Penske Mercedes-Benz is funding the luncheon that will be about 2:00 p.m. Director Freeland went into more detail about the starting time and other events going on that day.

5) Update on 2015 Walmerado Park Playground Improvements

Director Freeland shared the news that there will be a groundbreaking of the new playground at Walmerado Park within the next two weeks.

6) Update on Restoration of Cory Lidle Sculpture

Director Freeland reminded the Commission that the statue at Big League Dreams was damaged about five months ago. Director Freeland has been working closely with consultant, Lesley Elwood, who helped bring the statue to the City of West Covina. Ms. Elwood is working on the restoration and the City is hoping to have the rededication in 30 to 45 days.

AD HOC REPORTS

1) YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

Community Services Coordinator Sayers introduced Tiffany Dinh, Chair of the Youth Council and Jacob Ramirez, Vice Chair. Both Tiffany and Jacob went over some of the activities that they were involved with over the summer and mentioned any upcoming events. They stated when the next Youth Council meeting will be, September 30th @ 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioners provided an update on the various activities and programs they attended since last meeting.

Commissioner Lewis suggested that we should have a suggestion box at the Senior Center for any ideas or questions they have for the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion by Lewis seconded by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.