

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

PRELIMINARY: These Minutes are to be considered for approval on May 11, 2022.

Community Services Chair Kempker called the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Garcia, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Schmidt

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Kelly Fujio, Director of Community Services and
Kimberly Albarian, Community Services
Manager

INVOCATION: Chair Kempker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Laveaga

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

II. CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOVED BY Commissioner Surich, seconded by Commissioner Kempker and CARRIED 4-0, TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 16, 2021 WITH THE REVISION OF CHAIR FELIX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM II CORRECTED DATE IS MARCH 16, 2022 AND DATE CORRECTION OF ADJOURNMENT IS MARCH 16, 2022 . Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Schmidt

ABSTAIN: NONE

III. CONSIDERATON ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

MOVED BY Commissioner Laveaga, seconded by Commissioner Rojas and CARRIED 4-0, TO SELECT COMMISSIONER KEMPKER AS CHAIR. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas,
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Schmidt
ABSTAIN: NONE

MOVED BY Commissioner Rojas, seconded by Chair Kempker and CARRIED 4-0, TO SELECT COMMISSIONER GARCIA AS VICE - CHAIR. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas,
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Schmidt
ABSTAIN: NONE

Commission Laveaga nominated Commissioner Rojas as the Vice Chair but there was not a second. There was discussion that Commissioner Rojas will provide support to Vice Chair Garcia should there be a conflict with her schedule.

The following Commissioners read the Oath of Office as their reappointment to the Community Services Commission: Chair Kempker, Vice Chair Garcia & Commissioner Rojas

B. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION TO HELP REVITALIZE THE LA HABRA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Commissioner Rojas gave a presentation on an idea about how the Community Services Commission may better serve the community. In preparation for his interview with the city council, he researched the City's Goals & Objectives for 2022-2023. Goal #5 Objective H is to retain a consultant to help gather documents to establish a La Habra corridor or downtown district. Commissioner Rojas introduced the Love My City concept that was created by author Peter Kageyana. He helps cities create a sense of community and identify "what they love" about their city. Commissioner Rojas shared his experience in the City of Goleta where he was chair of the Parks & Recreation's first Commission.

Further commission discussion identified the following questions and issues:

1. What role does the Commission want to have with the La Habra corridor/downtown project?
2. Should we have a discussion with the City Council?
3. What do developers and the community want in La Habra?
4. Can we conduct community surveys? What do they love about La Habra?
5. Does the Commission want to help facilitate a one-day workshop to start a conversation about what residents love about and want in La Habra? (15 – 150 community members)
6. How do we present this idea to the City Council and Planning Commission?
7. Create a walkable City to reduce traffic.
8. Affordable housing La Habra because the location is in-between Orange County and Los Angeles County.

Director Fujio suggested that the Commission start by hosting an outreach meeting to get community input before approaching City Council.

Vice Chair Garcia suggested that residents provide feedback via surveys this summer at community events and at Love La Habra.

Commissioner Rojas would like to request that the City entertain the idea of hosting a workshop presented by Peter Kageyana. The workshop is not a contract. They will help collect important data to provide information to make future decisions.

Commissioner Laveaga asked if there was a current plan in place that could be shared with the Commission.

Director Fujio recommended that the Commission discuss next steps and bring back recommendations to the May meeting. The Commission needs to make sure the process does not interfere with the purview of the Planning Commission.

C. SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

The Commission reviewed the special events calendar. The following events were discussed:

- Egg Night Hunt
- Easter Eggstravaganza Family Faire
- Volunteer Recognition Reception

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Fujio informed the Commission that the Children's Museum lawsuit trial ended and was in favor of the City.

She informed the Commission that a Park reservation policy is being drafted by staff to be implemented this summer. This will help ensure a fair and safe environment at City parks. The policy will be presented at the May meeting.

The Orange County Head Start program will not be renewed next year. The program will finish this year and end on June 30th. The City can re-apply in the future.

Community Services will provide Summer Enrichment programs for La Habra City School and Lowell Joint school districts. This program will operate from June – July.

Community Services hired a new Community Outreach Homeless Liaison that will start on May 9th. There are 45 identified homeless in La Habra.

There are currently part time recruitments for recreation leaders and case managers.

La Habra Meals on Wheels has relocated to the Hillcrest Health & Wellness Site.

Please stop by the Eggstravaganza Family Fair on Saturday, April 16th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Laveaga invited the Commission to:

- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 5th at the Community Center.
- Coffee with a Cop on April 25th at Corner Bakery.
- The Citrus Fair will take place on April 29, 30 & May 1.
- Candidates Forum for the 64th District on April 28th at the Holiday Inn in La Mirada. There will be a second forum in Norwalk. Councilmember Rose Espinoza is running for Assembly.

Commissioner Garcia asked about updating assignments for the Commission Sub Committees. This will be on the May agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. in honor of Veteran Don Warthen to Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 100 East La Habra Boulevard.

MOVED BY Chair Kempker, seconded by Commissioner Laveaga and CARRIED 4-0, TO AJOURN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Schmidt
ABSTAIN: NONE

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Albarian,
Recording Secretary

APPROVAL: This is to certify that these Minutes were approved by the La Habra City Council on _____.

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
Assistant City Clerk