

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

PRELIMINARY: These Minutes are to be considered for approval on March 8, 2023.

Community Services Vice Chair Garcia called the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission at 6:30 p.m. at the La Habra Council Chambers.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Garcia, Laveaga, Schmidt

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kempker, Rojas

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Kelly Fujio, Director of Community Services, Kimberly Albarian, Community Services Manager, Susan Kim, Director of Community & Economic Development, Miranda Cole-Corona, Housing & Economic Development Manager, Susan Louie, Housing Specialist, Sonya Lui, Planning Manager and Michael O'Toole, Assistant Planner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Natalie White and Marilyn Huff, La Habra Woman's Club

INVOCATION: Commissioner Laveaga

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Schmidt

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Community Services Commission Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2023.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LAVEAGA, seconded by COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT and CARRIED 3-0, TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2023. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

III. CONSIDERATON ITEMS

1. Proposed Park Name for 200 West Greenwood Avenue

Michael O'Toole, Assistant Planner made a presentation on naming the new park site. Through the proposition 68 Statewide Park Development Program, the City of La Habra obtained a grant for the development of a new neighborhood park at 200 West Greenwood Avenue. The new park site was formerly occupied by the clubhouse for the La Habra Woman's Club; however, the building has been demolished due to its dilapidated condition. Subsequent to the demolition of the building, the subject property was purchased by the City for development of a public park.

The proposed names include:

- Las Reinas Park
- Las Doñas Park
- Las Soñadores Park
- Las Damas Park
- Jardin de Las Damas

Natalie White, La Habra Woman's Club President spoke on behalf of the organization. The Club would like to stay involved and help with the maintenance of the new park. The names that the Woman's Club selected in order of preference:

1. Las Reinas Park (Queens Park)
2. Las Donas Park (The Ladies Park: Donas is a term for a woman that indicates seniority)

Commissioner Laveaga asked who is the first woman club president.

Vice Chair Commissioner indicated that the City's Centennial Celebration is in 2025 and there may be a way to tie the name into the new park name.

Natalie White, La Habra Woman's Club President said their Club is celebrating their 125th anniversary.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, seconded by COMMISSIONER LAVEAGA and CARRIED 3-0, TO RECOMMEND THE NAMING OF NEW PARK AT 200 WEST GREENWOOD AVENUE BE NAMED LAS REINAS PARK AND LAS DONAS PARK AS AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Community Services Special Events Community Calendar 2023

The Special Events Community Calendar was reviewed for receive and file.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR GARCIA, seconded by COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT and CARRIED 3-0, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE SPEICAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2023. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Funding recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for fiscal year 2023 – 2024.

Commissioner Schmidt provided a brief overview on behalf of the CDBG sub-committee. The Commission recommendation is in the table below and will be submitted to the City Council for a recommendation to approve in March or April.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT Estimated Allocation - \$630,000

Carryover - \$0

Total Estimated Available Funds - \$630,000.00

Projects	2022-2023 Funding	2023-2024 Request	Commission Recommendation
Public Services (Limited to 15% - \$94,500.00)			
Community Services Graffiti Removal	\$58,554.00	\$58,554.00	\$58,554.00
Community Services - La Habra Community Employment Program	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$13,446.00
Children's Museum Sponsorship Program	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Fair Housing Foundation	\$8,593.00	\$9,000.00	\$8,750.00
Mercy House	\$9,300.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,750.00
Total Public Services	\$95,447.00	\$96,554.00	\$94,500.00
Grand Total	\$1,020,313.00	\$726,054.00	\$220,500.00

STAFF COMMENTS:

Kimberly Albarian, Community Services Manager welcomed Anthony Clark, Management Analyst II. He is working in the Community Services Department and learning about the different divisions.

- La Habra 5K Groovy Races – Saturday, March 11
- Updating Community Calendar for 2023

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 100 East La Habra Boulevard.

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