

CITY OF SAN GABRIEL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lubisich called the regular meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Lubisich, Vice-Chair Mullen, Commissioner Chen, Commissioner Hopkins

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Velazquez

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Councilmember Sawkins

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: San Gabriel Unified School District Representative,

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Community Services Director, Tom Boecking, Commission Secretary, Raiza Ibañez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Chen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

NEW BUSINESS

1-A. Youth Programs (Written Report)- Boecking reported on the department's youth programs' consistency. The numbers of participants in the after school programs have remained steady, with attendance being especially high on Wednesdays. The new Youth Basketball League has begun and has about 50 participants, students ranging from grades 1-8. The department is working with the City of Alhambra, the Monrovia YMCA, and the Youth Care League to schedule games, as there were not enough sign ups to have an inter-city league. He stated that this is a building year for the brand new program. Lubisich inquired about forms that were sent home with students at Jefferson last week. Boecking explained the forms were for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) data collection. As a requirement of the grant, client intake forms must be collected in order to secure federal grant money. Though all income levels are serviced, grant funds are specifically designated for low to moderate income clients, and there must be a minimum number met. The information goes into the LA County Database. Boecking also informed that the Pentathlon (Saturday, March 19th) will have the same structure as last year, with 5 basic events.

1-B. Department Monthly Report (Written Report)- Boecking presented the report, mentioning that Winter contract classes are going well and the department is rapidly preparing for both Spring

and Summer sessions. The LA County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Community Meeting was held at the CHEC Building on January 26th at 6pm, with a great turn out. About 25 residents attended and made great contributions. The 2nd Annual Lunar New Year Festival will be held on Saturday, February 6th from 11am-11pm in the Mission District. About 43 vendors, a lot of both traditional and contemporary entertainment, 14 food vendors, 11 community groups, and 11 sponsor groups will be present. New additions include a chalk art contest, with some very well-known chalk artists, and a children's art contest with students from San Gabriel Elementary Schools and Dewey Elementary, grades k-6. The art contest will be held in the Padillo Room, along with a display from the San Gabriel Art Association. There will also be a wine bar and a beer garden. It is expected to be a great festival, with about 5,000-10,000 people anticipated to attend. The department is also working with Kiwanis preparing for the Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt, which will be on Saturday, March 26th. Lubisich inquired about whether the department's older adult trips are planned internally or booked through an outside company. Boecking explained that the trips are mostly contracted through outside tour companies (Travel Time Tours and Inland Empire) that specialize in day trips and overnight trips. Hopkins asked how the Marshall Park project is going. Boecking responded that the park plans are currently at a stand-still in the Department of State Architecture. The department is hoping that the plans will be released soon.

1-C. Commissioners Report- Mullen reported on the Historical Association's meeting, which was well attended and mentioned that the Women's Foundation is considering ideas for events this year. Lubisich commented that the LA County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment meeting was much better attended than the last one and that it was great to see members of the community getting involved and interacting with each other regarding issues they care about. She also expressed her continued desire for a meeting to be set up between community groups and Recreation Supervisor James Lara to have open dialogue. Hopkins agreed it would be a good idea to have a space in which different groups could talk about what each group is doing, cross-promote, and get to know each other on a more personal level. Boecking stated that the department is hoping to be able to organize a meeting sometime soon. Mullen announced that the Historical Association is planning several events to fundraise money to have the Hayes House repainted. Lubisich mentioned that the Mission Playhouse's nomination to the National Register of Historical Places is moving forward. Lubisich also stated that Friends of La Laguna was contacted by a local middle school that has incorporated the works of Benjamin Dominguez to their art curriculum.

1-D. Dates to Remember- The Lunar New Year Festival will be on Saturday, February 6th from 11:00am to 11:00pm in the Mission District. The next Commission Meeting will be on Monday, March 7th. The All-City Pentathlon will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 8:00 at Jefferson Middle School. The Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 26th at Smith Park.

COMMENTS BY STAFF: None

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS: None

**Chairperson Lubisich adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
to a regular meeting on Monday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

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The complete text of the Community Services Commission meeting minutes is available on tape and may

be reviewed within 90 days after the meeting in the Community Services office during regular business hours.

Senya Lubisich, Chairperson
San Gabriel Community Services Commission

ATTEST: _____

Raiza Ibanez

San Gabriel Community Services Commission Secretary