

Community & Library Services Commission Minutes

March 11, 2019

6:30 p.m. Workshop

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Hercules City Hall

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, CA 94547

COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION - AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL - 6:30 P.M.

Called to order at 6:30p.m.

Commissioners Campbell-Miller, Chen, Ward-Jackson and Nguyen were present. Commissioner Carpena was absent. Staff Christopher Roke, Parks & Recreation Director, was present. Lynn Fissel was in attendance representing both the Historical Society and Sister City groups.

II. WORKSHOP

1. Banner Program

Discussion revolved around the 3 questions captured from the previous Council meeting,

- i. Should there be any limit of use by Non-Profits
- ii. Should there be some type of prioritization for Full Paying Banner customers
- iii. Should Non-Profits be able to displace full pay request.

and the pilot banner rate set by Council for restaurants in Hercules through June 2019. Staff reported that restaurants had yet to participate in the pilot program discount. There was some concern from the Commission that offering a discount to restaurants could have a negative effect, but overall, the conversation was positive.

No action was taken on the item, as the Commissioners wanted to come back next month and continue the workshop.

2. Clean-up Day

The group discussed sending email to the City Recognized Nonprofit groups about the Cleanup day. In addition, it was decided to hold a planning meeting for the Citywide Clean-up Day. The planning meeting has been set up for Wednesday, 4/10, at the Community Center at 6pm in the Press Room.

III. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL - 7:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Called to order at 7:00p.m.

Commissioners Campbell-Miller, Chen, Ward-Jackson and Nguyen were present. Commissioner Carpena was absent.

Staff Christopher Roke, Parks & Recreation Director, and Lynne Noone, Library Manager were present.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. New Recreation Coordinator – Damian Sandholm

Damian Sandholm was present for the meeting. Damian thanked the Commission for the warm welcome and talked about both his past experience in several cities as well as looking forward to learning everything Hercules, including a new program coming up – Belly Flops with Cops.

VI. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

VII. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None

VIII. DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports (February)
2. Library Manager Monthly Report (February)

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes: February 11, 2019 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Ward-Jackson moved to approve the consent calendar, and Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

X. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. Review of the banner program
 - b. Banner Advertisement Policy
 - i. Should there be any limit of use by Non-Profits
 - ii. Should there be some type of prioritization for Full Paying Banner customers
 - iii. Should Non-Profits be able to displace full pay request.
2. Library Storycone Use

Senior Community Library Manager, Lynne Noone, shared a report on the Storycone area of the Library, its purpose and usage. The goal for the Storycone area is to turn it into an interactive inclusive learning space. The Library has secured \$15,000 in grants from the Hercules Community Library Foundation to create the first phase of the project. Moving forward, the library will see additional grants to expand on the initial installation.

The original intent of the storycone was to hold storytimes in an intimate “transforming” space. Over the past several years the library’s storytimes have outgrown this space. The goal is to revamp the area by turning the storycone into an interactive and inclusive literacy play space with a spaceship/space theme that can hold up to rigorous daily play, while engaging all children in a library setting.

MOTION: Commissioner Nguyen moved to approve the concept of the use of the storycone space. Commissioner Ward-Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

3. National Night Out update

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Each year, millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. This year the event will be held on Tuesday, August 6, at 6pm at Refugio Valley Park. Residents, Schools, HOA’s, Businesses and all of the Nonprofit groups are encouraged to attend.

There will be a planning meeting for the National Night Out in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 27, at 6pm, to help define what our event will look like here in Hercules.

XI. COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. County Library Seat update

Commissioner Ward-Jackson was named to the County Library Seat by the City Council at the February 26 meeting. I just wanted to share this news with the Commission and congratulate Commissioner Ward-Jackson on the appointment.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Workshop covering Banner Program
2. Discuss on Banner Program
3. Discussion on Citywide Cleanup Day

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers. A Special Meeting may proceed the Regular meeting in the form of a Workshop at 6:30 p.m. and Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Chair Campbell-Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Brian Campbell-Miller
Attest

Christopher Roke
Parks & Recreation Director