

Community & Library Services Commission Minutes

September 9, 2019

6:30 p.m. Workshop

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Hercules City Hall

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, CA 94547

COMMUNITY & LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION - MINUTES

I. SPECIAL MEETING

None

II. WORKSHOP

None

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

Called to order at 7:00p.m.

Commissioners Campbell-Miller, Chen and Ward-Jackson were present. Commissioner Carpena was absent. And the student Commissioner position is vacant.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

VII. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None

VIII. DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports (June)
2. Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports (July)
3. Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports (August)
4. Library Manager Monthly Report (June)
5. Library Manager Monthly Report (July)
6. Library Manager Monthly Report (August)

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes: June 10, 2019 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Chen moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Ward-Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

X. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Boy Scouts – Karla Andrade (Chair) gave report
The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Troop 76 currently has 15 registered scouts. Two (2) have attained the rank of Eagle Scout: Diego Andrade and Jonathan Ferrari.

- Diego's eagle project involved a winter coat drive benefiting the organization ONE WARM COAT. Over 300 coats were gathered and delivered to the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond on behalf of ONE WARM COAT.
- Jonathan's eagle project involved collecting children's books to help kids in need.

Over the last year our troop has volunteered in many community events such as:

- Placed flags on soldier's graves at Rolling Hills Cemetery for Veterans' Day
- Helped at the kids' expo
- Participated at the Trunk or Treat
- Presented the American Flags at Martin Luther King Jr. library ceremony.
- Community Clean-up Day: helped community members unload their junk.
- Placed flags on soldier's graves at Rolling Hills Cemetery for Memorial Day.
- Holiday Tree Lighting: helped children make ornaments of their own.
- National Night Out Refugio Valley Park
- Will also participate at the Coastal Clean-up coming up September 21.

This year scouts participated in a 3 day 2 night backpacking trip at Point Reyes. They hiked about 16 miles and had a great time!

I would also like to mention other events that the troop volunteers at- Webeloree, a Boy Scout Council District event in which scouts help younger scouts under age 11 learn scout skills and conservation projects at Lake Berryessa, in which we have planted trees, restored stairs and fences. And last but not least, I want to thank the Commission for your continued support.

2. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Hercules Education Foundation
Don Kuehne and Sarah Creeley made the presentation for the Education Foundation. There are 6 other board members in HEF. HEF partners with other groups, they had a booth at the Kids Expo, and they participated in the Clean-up day, Trunk or Treat event, and the Tree Lighting event. In addition, HEF helped with financial support to the Golf Classic, the Bottles and Bites event, and the Health and Wellness Fair/Run/Dogwalk. In total, HEF issued grants for 16 special projects in 2018-19.

3. Nonprofit Group Presentation – West Contra Costa Youth Soccer League (WCCYSL)
Has been operating continuously in Hercules and surrounding cities since 1984 – and celebrated our 35th Anniversary this year! WCCYSL provides organized sports activities for youth in our area through our Spring and Fall Programs. Activities include Matches, Practices, Training and Clinics for players, coaches, parents and referees.

Our Membership for 2019, consisted of 450 total Registered Recreational Players for Fall (ages 4 thru 14). In addition, we had 325 total Registered Recreational Players for Spring (ages 4 thru 14), and 125 Registered in the Competitive (Traveling Team) program. Overall there are 170 Hercules families participating in the programs, along with almost half our referees and coaches living in Hercules.

Field Use: Active Permits for Fall 2019 included Hanna Ranch Soccer Field – weekday practices. League-provided goals year-round. We held our Saturday matches at Hercules High. We had occasional use of Woodfield Park for practices. We'd like to thank Jeff Jew & Christopher Roke (Parks&Rec) for strong working relationships.

2019 Volunteering consisted of 8 WCCYSL Board Members volunteered at Hercules Community Clean-Up Day, there were 3 maintenance days at Hanna Upper, and of course participation in the annual Tree Lighting. We plan to also be at the Trunk or Treat and Tree Lighting events this fall and winter as well. Other Activities and Contributions to “The Dynamic City” include Referee License Classes for both youth and adults, and Soccer Coach Training for adults.

4. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Rotary – President Tita Escalada presented
Rotary participated in many community events this year, including but not limited to:
 - Holiday Tree Lighting event in December. We provided a photo booth and crafts for the children. We also allocated funds for the program.
 - Kids Expo: where we made tissue flowers and had a “spin the win” game, where we gave out prizes to the kids.
 - Heritage Garden Work Days: we held 3 garden work days, earmarked remaining funds to be spent on benches and signage.
 - Community Clean-up day: many Rotarians worked the event.
 - Taste of the World: Cultural flavors and art contest in 4 categories, and gave away world stress balls.
 - 4th of July: attending the planning meetings, helped coordinate the event, MC'd, participated in the parade with a float – and won “Best of Show” award, as well as set up a booth in the park for the event.
 - We plan to be at the upcoming events as well: Coastal Cleanup, Bayfront Health Fair and Run, Citizens Academy, Library Book Sale, Holiday Tree Lighting, and Rotocare Dinners.
5. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Friends of Hercules Senior Center – Sara Garetz

The Friends of Hercules Senior Center (FHSC) hosted and/or participated in a number of events in 2019 including things like Breakfast with Santa, Tree Lighting, New Year's, Valentine's, St Patty's Day Dance, Earth Day, City wide Clean-up day, Membership Drive, 4th of July parade, Ice Cream Social, Turkey Give Away, and more.

In June, the FHSC Club elected a new board of directors including Sara Garetz as President, Robert Humphrey as Secretary, Barbara Hebert is Treasurer, Ruby Ridgle and Morena Abad are At Large Members. As usual, the FHSC is in existence, solely for keeping the doors open of the Seniors Center by helping to raise fund to enable the smooth running of the Senior Center. The Center is vital to the senior residents at the Arbors and Samara Terrace many of whom have no transportation. It also draws members throughout the community.

The FHSC is in the process of revitalizing the organization. They have changed their bylaws to include all Hercules Senior Center members as members of the Friends organization. There is also a push to actively recruit younger members of the community.

As is customary, the FHSC gives money to the HSC to use for other actives during the year. They purchase all of the coffee and tea along with the creamer and sugars, for the lunch's and provide the salt and pepper along with the food handler's gloves, refrigerator filters, and vacuum cleaner bags. They also try to offset the cost of running the center by trying to raise or save the city money annually.

6. Trunk or Treat

The 2nd annual Trunk or Treat event will be held on Friday, October 25, from 6-8pm at the Community Swim Center. Last year we had 14 cars that decorated their trunks and passed out candy to about 70 costumed Trick or Treaters.

Trunk or Treat is a relatively new alternative to the traditional door to door Trick or Treating that happens on Halloween. This year the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event with a Twist. The twist is a movie in the Gym. Costumed kiddos can collect treats from participating car trunks and head in to the Community Center to watch a movie...Hotel Transylvania 3.

XI. COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Sister City
2. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Historical Society
3. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Library Foundation
4. Nonprofit Group Presentation – Friends of the Library

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, October 14, 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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