

**MINUTES OF THE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION**

**MONTCLAIR SENIOR CENTER
5111 BENITO STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wells called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Rangel led those present in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Diane Wells, Vice-Chairperson Richard Escalante, Commissioners Darlene Ferraro, Alex Hernandez, Laurie Milhiser, Arturo Padilla Rosa Rangel, and City Council Liaisons Bill Ruh and Corysa Martinez

Excused: None

Also Present: Director of Human Services Marcia Richter
Human Services Specialist Adriana Navarrete-Campos
Human Services Temporary Assistant Karina Romero

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rangel made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Community Activities Commission on May 4, 2022. Commissioner Milhiser seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Richter shared that Congresswoman Norma Torres gave the City of Montclair and Montclair High School a Certificate of Recognition for the Memorial Day Program and Senator Connie Leyva also gave a Certificate of Recognition for the Memorial Day Program to the Montclair Community Activities Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Memorial Day Program

The Memorial Day Program was held on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden adjacent to City Hall.

Chairperson Wells mentioned that the Memorial Day Program was fantastic. Commissioner Milhiser commented that the event was incredible and enjoyed The Band of the California Battalion's costume and spirit. Ms. Richter mentioned that the band is from Long Beach and was recommended to her by Recreation Supervisor Fernando Saltos, who learned about the band while attending a concert share group meeting. Commissioner Milhiser inquired what the cost was to hire the band for their performance. Ms. Richter responded the cost was \$1,400 for a one hour program. Commissioner Milhiser commented that the price was reasonable because of the larger number of band members and the quality of their performance. Ms. Richter also mentioned the band volunteered their time once they exceeded their one hour limit. She also announced that The Band of the California Battalion is confirmed to play at next year's Memorial Day Program. The Commission Members were generally pleased with the event and had no suggested improvements.

B. Home Beautification Program

Home Beautification judging was completed during tonight's meeting. Following the Commission's review of the agenda in the Senior Center Dining Room, Chairperson Wells, Vice-Chairperson Escalante, Commissioners Ferraro, Hernandez, Milhiser, Padilla, and Rangel, and City Council Liaisons Ruh and Martinez, Ms. Richter, Ms. Navarrete, and Ms. Romero boarded the Golden Express bus at approximately 5:45 p.m. for the Judging Caravan.

Seventeen addresses were on the list of homes to be judged. The bus stopped in front of each home long enough for Chairperson Wells, Vice-Chairperson Escalante, Commissioners Ferraro, Hernandez, Milhiser, Padilla, and Rangel, to select a score of 1-10.

The homes judged are listed below:

- 10120 Monte Vista
- 10169 Columbine Ave
- 4641 Grand Ave
- 4277 Rudisill St
- 4285 Berkeley St
- 9084 Surrey Ave
- 9074 Surrey Ave
- 5425 Harvard St
- 5381 Rosewood
- 9982 Lindero Ave
- 4935 Denver St
- 10261 Vernon Ave
- 4307 Clair St
- 4510 Flora St
- 4545 Rudisill St
- 4892 Olive St
- 5495 Bonnie Brae

When the judging caravan concluded, the Golden Express bus returned to the Senior Center.

Dinner and score tallying was held at Black Angus Steakhouse, 9415 Monte Vista Ave, Montclair, CA 91763 – 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson Wells, Vice-Chairperson Escalante, Commissioners Ferraro, Hernandez, Milhiser, Padilla, and Rangel, City Council Liaisons Ruh and Martinez, Ms. Richter, Ms. Navarrete, and Ms. Romero met at Black Angus Steakhouse in order to tally-up the final scores for all seventeen homes. Ms. Richter and Ms. Romero added up the final scores for all seventeen homes; the nominees with the highest score will be recommended for an award. One winning home was selected for each category, Home of the Year: Traditional and Home of the Year: Drought Tolerant. Each winner will be announced at the City Council meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022 and Chairperson Wells agreed to read the presentation. The dinner and judging concluded at 9:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of the CAC Year of Activities

Ms. Richter gave a brief review of next year's Calendar of Events and welcomed the Commission to suggest any changes or additions they would recommend to the scheduled activities.

Ms. Richter listed the following anticipated calendar events: Candidate's Forum, Halloween (October), Holly Jolly Holiday (start planning in October and the event is in December), Holiday Home Decoration, Community Benefits Funding, Volunteer of the Year, Memorial Day, Home Beautification and the Military Banners.

Commissioner Milhiser commented that the anticipated scheduled events are enough since some of the events have not been able to be done due to the pandemic. She also mentioned she hopes that more people will attend after seeing how successful the events have been this past year.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Wells adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karina Romero
Human Services Temporary Assistant