



CITY OF PINOLE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

**MINUTES**  
**25 January 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Community Services Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M. and was held via hybrid meeting format (Zoom Teleconference and in person-Pinole City Council Chambers).

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Darin Clarke, Bob Kopp, Debbie Ojeda, and Nickolas Teller

Commissioners Absent: Christy Lam-Julian, Laurelle Martin

Staff Present: Leticia Andreas, Public Works Management Analyst and Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director,

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Anthony, resident of Pinole, inquired about the memorial for Dean Allison. He said the City hosted a ceremony but the plaque was not available. He walked the area a few times, but he has not seen the updated plaque. He would like the City to provide an update to the public. He commented that the light bulbs on the light poles throughout Pinole Valley Road and Adobe Road are out. Additionally, a light pole is missing, and it has not been replaced.

Commissioner Ojeda asked if staff could comment and stated that she thought the plaque was updated recently. Director Rogers referred the question the Public Works Department, but an update was not available. Director Rogers and Commissioner Ojeda stated they would ask for an update on the plaque. Staff Andreas noted that the community is calling in for streetlights often and the requests are added to the queue and are attended to as soon as possible. During the rain storms it was impossible and dangerous for staff to replace the light bulbs. Commissioner Ojeda thanked staff for their comments. Commissioner Kopp stated that the light poles have been ordered but there is a delay for shipment, and it could take up to 6 months for them to be delivered.

Rafael Menis, resident of Pinole, asked Director Rogers what the City is looking for from the Community Services Commission. Is it suggestions on what cities they should partner with, suggestions on the types of things the city should be focusing on. For example, scientific, medical, cultural, or logistical exchange. He stated that asking for general input seems like a diffused field of inquiry.

Director Rogers commented that the City is looking for general feedback, broad ideas not specific cities. The Consulate of Ukraine in San Francisco has identified cities



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similar to Pinole. Once the cities are identified and how the relationships will work then he will come back to the Commission for ideas on the partnerships. At this time, he is looking for feedback and the direction the Commission would like to take.

Anthony, resident of Pinole, echoed Mr. Menis comments. He stated two or three Council Members had concerns but voted to explore the topic. Two Council Members wanted to know what it would cost Pinole to implement this program. Pinole is a small city compared to cities like Oakland, San Jose, and San Francisco. Budget, staff time, and resources are limited in Pinole to do it in a positive way. Recommended prioritizing other projects, requested more information and feedback before moving forward with the Sister City program.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Dumpster Day**

Staff Andreas provided the Commissioners with the metrics for the 2022 dumpster day event. The event collected a total of 17.3 tons of trash and a total of eight hauls. The date for this year's event has been confirmed for October 7, 2023.

**B. Community Outreach/Engagement**

Staff asked the Commissioners if they had any updates to provide on community engagement and outreach. Commissioner Kopp stated that he will begin working with Pinole Valley High School once the date for Community Service Day is finalized. Commissioner Teller will provide information to the local schools. Commissioner Clarke will reach out to the schools once Community Service Day is confirmed. Commissioner Ojeda left a message at Collins Elementary School.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sister Cities**

Director Rogers informed the Commissioners that former Mayor Vincent Salimi was interested in implementing a Sister City program. Director Rogers researched the topic and presented to the City Council last month. Council led a discussion on the item and directed Director Rogers to present the item to the Community Services Commission to get their opinion. Staff provided the Commissioners with the same presentation that was provided to Council. Director Rogers led a discussion and asked the Commissioners to provide him with feedback on the Sister Cities program. Commissioner Ojeda thought it would be a wonderful idea and it would be a great feeling to work with a Sister City. Commissioner Kopp said it was his first-time hearing about the program and had no ideas at this time. He would give it some more thought and come up with some ideas to make the project work. Commissioner Clarke loved the concept of the Sister City program. It was his first-time hearing about it, but it seemed like a positive idea, and he would support it. Commissioner Teller thought it was lovely idea, but he did not want it to just be an idea on paper. He would like more details as they became available. Staff will provide the feedback to the City Council.



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**B. 2023 Community Event Schedule**

The event schedule was not attached and will be reviewed at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

**C. 2023 Egg Hunt**

Director Rogers informed the Commissioners that the egg hunt will take place on Saturday, March 25. It is a collaboration with the Police Department. Staff is in beginning planning stages, more information will be available. Commissioner Kopp asked for clarification on how the Commissioners will be involved in the event. Director Rogers clarified that staff would plan the event, but staff is requesting that the Commissioners volunteer if they are available.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m. to the next Community Services Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023|5:00 P.M.

**Submitted by:**

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**Maria Picazo**  
**Recreation Manager**

**Approved by the Commissioners on February 22, 2023**