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24 May 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Community Services Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. and was held via hybrid meeting format (Zoom Teleconference and in person-Pinole City Council Chambers).

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bob Kopp, Laurelle Martin, Debbie Ojeda, Irma Ruport, and Nickolas Teller

Commissioners Absent: Darin Clarke

Staff Present: Maria Picazo, Recreation Manager and [Jeremy Rogers](#), Community Services Director

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the minutes of April 26, 2023 meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Rafael Menis, resident of Pinole, thanked the Commissioners for hosting Community Service Day. Additionally, Rafael offered to help with the Pride event. Director Rogers welcomed his help and invited anyone interested in volunteering at the event to contact staff for more information.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Community Service Day

The Commissioners thanked staff for their support with the event. They would like to be more involved next year, and support staff as needed. Staff asked the Commissioners to debrief and provide feedback on the event. Staff led the discussion with Commissioner Martin. Staff informed the Commissioners that a total of thirty-nine volunteers took part in this year's event. The number was lower than previous years. Despite low participation, four projects were completed. Commissioner Martin noted the low participation could have been caused by conflicts of calendar. The Commissioners suggested hosting the event earlier in the year. Staff proposed the idea of hosting the event on Earth Day and collaborating with other local groups. Commissioner Ruport suggested including Public Work staff in the planning meetings. The Commissioners would like to revise the lists of projects and include indoor projects. Commissioner Ojeda noted that there was large community event in Crockett and some Pinole groups took part in that event. This was the first year that the event was held in Crockett. Commissioner Martin will follow up with the Crockett organization to discuss their event date for 2024. Commissioner Martin requested adding additional signage in key locations for next



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year's event. The Commissioners discussed ways to improve event promotion in the future. Director Rogers thanked the Commissioners for their support with the event. Additionally, he thanked the volunteers and local organizations who volunteered at the event.

B. Community Outreach/Engagement

Staff asked the Commissioners if they had any updates to provide on community engagement and outreach. Commissioner Martin stated that she attended a meeting with the Lions Club with the principal from Stewart. The school is interested in starting a garden and the Lions Club will help them get started and they will reach out to the Rotary Club if needed. She also worked with the students from St. Joseph. Commissioner Ojeda stated that the Pinole Rotary Club is hosting monthly cleanups and they recently started joining with the Pinole Creek group. Commissioner Ruport stated that the outreach and engagement with the community is very important and would like to provide information at the Pinole Farmers Market. Commissioner Martin asked Commissioner Ruport to take the lead and promote future events at the Pinole Farmers Market.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pride Event

Staff informed the Commissioners that the City will be hosting the first-ever Pinole Pride event on Sunday, June 11 from 12pm-3pm at Fernandez Park. Which will celebrate all things pride, the City's 120th birthday as well LGBTQ PRIDE Month and Juneteenth. This is a FREE family-friendly event where all are welcome. There will be food trucks, children's activities, arts & crafts, face painting, balloon twister, petting zoo, musical performances, and more. Director Rogers shared the marketing plan for the event. Additionally, staff asked the Commissioners to distribute the flyers in the community and with their contacts. Director Rogers invited the Commissioners to volunteer at the event and asked them to share the event with any local organization who provide services to the Pinole community.

B. Summer Events

Staff informed the Commissioners that the department will be implementing a variety of summer events starting with the 4th of July fireworks show. The summer concert and movie series will start on Friday, July 7th and will end on Thursday, August 10th. More information will be available on the website and a postcard will be mailed out to all residents by the first week of June. Director Rogers also invited the Commissioners and the community to participate in the Filipino Impendence Day celebration that will be led by Councilmember Sasai on June 17th.

C. Summer Meeting Schedule

Staff asked the Commissioners to discuss their availability for June and July. In previous years the Commission has taken a break because a quorum was not available.



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The Commissioners discussed and agreed to reconvene on August 23, 2023. Staff will post cancellation notices on the City's website.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M. to the next Community Services Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023|5:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Maria Picazo
Recreation Manager

Approved by the Commissioners on August 30, 2023