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**27 July 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Community Services Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M. and was held via hybrid meeting format (Zoom Teleconference and in person-Pinole City Council Chambers).

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Christy Lam-Julian, Laurelle Martin, Debbie Ojeda, and Nickolas Teller

Commissioners Absent: Darin Clarke, Bob Kopp

Staff Present: Misha Kaur, Public Works Capital Improvement and Environmental Program Manager, [Jeremy](#) Rogers, Community Services Director, Maria Picazo, Recreation Manager

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Motion by Commissioner Teller to approve the minutes of June 1, 2022.  
Seconded by Commissioner Lam-Julian. All in favor. Motion passed

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Rafael Menis resident of Pinole thanked the Commission for hosting Community Service Day and stated that the event went well. He appreciated the explanation from Staff Kaur regarding the mulch.

Commissioner Martin thanked Rafael for his comment.

Anthony resident of Pinole requested that staff include the public comment phone number and meeting ID on the screen throughout the meeting to help people who cannot access the website. Additionally, he stated that the information on the Fourth of July fireworks viewing locations was misleading. He stated that half of the show could not be seen from his viewing location in Pinole. He asked the City to reconsider partnering with the City of Hercules for future events. He requested information on the cost of the fireworks show.

Commissioner Martin thanked the Anthony for his comment and informed him that his time limit had been exceeded.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Staff Update**

Staff Kaur introduced herself to the Commission and informed them that she will be supporting with the Coastal Cleanup and Dumpster Day events moving forward. The Commissioners welcomed Staff Kaur.



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Community Services Director, Rogers introduced himself to the Commission and provided some background information. The Commissioners welcomed Director Rogers.

**B. Community Service Day**

The Commissioners debriefed on Community Service Day. The consensus amongst the Commission was that the event went well and there was a good turnout from the community. Commissioner Ojeda noted that it was a beautiful day and the dedication ceremony to Dean Allison was wonderful. Staff Picazo informed the Commissioners that seventy-five people registered for the event but noted that some volunteers went directly to the volunteer site, and they could have been missed in the registration count. The Commissioners discussed items that should be considered for next year's event. The Commissioners would like to see more projects in the City's facilities or local schools. Commissioner Lam-Julian suggested a community survey to engage the community in the projects that are offered. She also suggested a Community Service Week instead of one day of projects. The Commissioners requested that the City provide bark instead of the mulch that was used this year. Staff Kaur explained that the City had to be in compliance with SB 1383 and was required to purchase the mulch that was received this year. The Commissioners appreciated the explanation. Staff Picazo suggested that the Commission consider hosting Community Service Day on April 22 next year to coincide with Earth Day. The Commission would discuss and decide at a future meeting.

**C. Community Events Update**

Staff informed the Commissioners that the events have been well received and participation numbers are higher than previous years. Staff reminded the Commissioners of the remaining summer events: Spider Man on July 29, Country Band-Saddle Cats on August 4, and Grease on August 12.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Coastal Cleanup**

Staff Picazo informed the Commissioners that Staff Kaur will take the lead on Coastal Cleanup and Dumpster Day for all events. Staff Kaur provided the Commissioners with an update and they briefly discussed the logistics for this year's event. The Commission will further discuss event logistics at the August 24, 2022 meeting.

**B. Community Outreach/Engagement**

Staff Picazo informed the Commission that this item was added per their request as it was briefly discussed during the June 1 meeting. Staff asked the Commission to discuss the item and provide direction. Commissioner Lam-Julian led the discussion as she had some suggestions on how the Commission could connect with the local schools through the PTA groups and school community outreach workers. The Commissioners agreed with her suggestions and would like to reconnect with the local



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schools. Additionally, the Commissioners suggested assigning a school to each Commissioner, connecting with local clergies, businesses, and non-profits. The Commissioners directed staff to add this item as a reoccurring old business item to future meetings to allow the Commissioners to further discuss and provide updates.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m. to the next Community Services Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022|5:00 P.M.

**Submitted by:**

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

**Approved by the Commissioners on August 24, 2022**