



CITY OF PINOLE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES
28 September 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: Darin Clarke, Bob Kopp Christy Lam-Julian, Laurelle Martin, Debbie Ojeda, and Nickolas Teller

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jamie Aldred, Public Works Specialist/Inspector, Leticia Andreas, Fire Department Management Analyst, Sanjay Mishra, Public Works Director, Maria Picazo, Recreation Manager and Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director,

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motion by Commissioner Kopp to approve the minutes of August 24, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Teller. All in favor. Motion passed

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Anthony, Pinole, commented that he had health and safety issues that he wanted to mention. He wants the City to remediate these issues before it gets worse. The timer on the traffic streetlights on Pinole Valley Road are not timed correctly. There is a lot of stop and go especially during congested hours which produces more emissions. Recommended staff adjust the timers and eliminate some traffic lights. The light bulbs on the streetlights on Pinole Valley Road are out and need to be replaced. He noted that several light posts in the parking lot of the Pinole Senior Center and Pinole Library parking lot are out. Recommended staff replace the light bulbs in the light posts.

Commissioner Martin thanked the caller for his comments and noted that Public Works staff was in attendance and heard his concerns.

Irma Ruport, Pinole, commented that she attended the Coastal Cleanup event, and it was a beautiful day. She stated that in her opinion it was very well attended. However, she suggested that the Commissioners do some outreach with the local schools a week or two before future Coastal Cleanup events to educate the children on how to keep the coastal areas clean. She wants it to be about the community and the kids who are the future. She noted that the photos shown were about the adults and politicians and future photos should include the children. She suggested that the Commission interview the children and include their response in the videos. Irma suggested that the event is promoted sooner than later. She said she has been in Pinole for over forty years, and we can do better for our future and the children. She said it was a wonderful event and thanked the Commissioners for all that they do.



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Commissioner Martin thanked the caller for her comments

Pete Murray, Pinole, commented that the Community Services Commission and staff did a remarkable job with the event. He stated that when this event started in the 1992 it took some time to gain momentum but when it did it was heart fulfilling to see all the different groups and families participating in this event. He said the coastline is cleaner than previous years. He said this year's event was more than he could comprehend. He thought it would be difficult to get participation because of COVID-19 and the group would have to restart their efforts. It was wonderful to see all the people participating in the event and he hopes we can build on this and encourage more community involvement. He said it was rewarding and a beautiful day. He thanked the Commission for their doing an outstanding job.

Commissioner Martin thanked the speaker for his comments and for participating in this year's event.

Irma Rupert, Pinole, commented that community outreach and engagement is a big topic and thanked Christy for her comments. She said she and her husband are hoping to become school volunteers and encouraged others to volunteer at their local schools as well. She also informed the Commissioners that she attended the City's Communication and Engagement Plan Workshop. The consultant group provided a great report, and she encouraged the Commissioners to review the plan and further discuss it at a future meeting. She said communication is very important and encouraged the community to come together as one and work together.

Commissioner Martin thanked the caller for her comments.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Coastal Cleanup

Before starting the debrief a video from the 2022 Coastal Cleanup event was presented. The video was prepared by Commissioner Ojeda using the photos that were taken during the event. Staff Andreas stated that a total of 275 volunteers participated in the event and about 74 of the volunteers were children. The volunteers collected a total of 1,200 pounds of trash and recyclables and cleaned a total of five miles. 30% of the volunteers brought their own reusable tools. They had a contest for the most unusual item. A jar with notes won the contest. Staff Andreas will contact the winner and provide a gift certificate. A BBQ lunch was provided for all the volunteers. The Commissioners noted that this year's participation numbers were the highest they had seen. The Commissioners noted that PVHS Earth Team, Interact Club and St. Joseph's 2nd grade class volunteered at the event. The Commissioners said it great to see all the families and children participating in the event. The Commissioners thanked staff for supporting with the event and thanked all the volunteers who helped prepare the BBQ.



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Dumpster Day

Staff Andreas and the Commissioners discussed the logistics of the event. Staff informed the Commissioners that the Public Works Department will have three staff members at the dumpster location starting at 6am. Staff Andreas noted that it had been difficult to communicate with Republic Services. A total of twelve dumpsters will be available for the event and compost bins will be available for distribution. All volunteers will be required to sign a liability waiver and safety vests will be available for all volunteers. Commissioner Kopp informed the Commissioners that a BBQ lunch will be offered at the end of the event.

B. Community Outreach/Engagement

Staff asked the Commissioners if they had any updates to provide on community engagement and outreach. Commissioner Martin noted that she is working with the principal of Ellerhorst and is developing a relationship. Commissioner Teller stated that he is working with the local faith groups. Commissioner Ojeda asked for clarification on which school she was assigned and how she should interact with the school. Staff and Commissioner Lam-Julian provided clarification. Commissioner Lam-Julian stated that this past week something exciting happened at Shannon, Ellerhorst and Stewart. She stated that there has been a shift from the school district where teachers were pulled from 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes, the classes were collapsed and rearranged. There have been protests across the street from the school district offices, school district board meeting and media coverage on the protests. Parents at the protest were interviewed by local media. The school district was aware that there would be a teaching shortage in May. Parents are upset and frustrated. The school district has met with personnel and parents and allowed them a space to voice their frustrations. Children are upset and are having a hard time with the adjustment. They established a relationship with their teacher and classmates, and they had to switch cohorts and start over. She said it broke her heart to hear the concerns these children had and their concerns of falling behind because of the change. She said it is important to continue the dialogue, provide the children with a space to express themselves, consider what could be done better in the future and continue to work together. The Commissioners agreed to continue the conversation during the October 26, 2022 meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Halloween Movie

Staff informed the Commissioners that the Community Services Department will host a Halloween movie on Friday, October 21 at 6:30pm, Casper will be featured. Treats will be provided. Flyer and details are on the City website and will be shared through our communication channels.

B. United Against Hate Week

Staff informed the Commissioners that the City will recognize United Against Hate week from Nov. 13-19. A proclamation would be issued during the November 15th Council



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meeting. Pinole Stands United Against Hate posters will be distributed at National Night Out and will be available for pick up at City Hall, Senior Center, City Hall, and Police Department. More information on the activities that will be implemented will be available in the upcoming weeks.

Commissioner Lam-Julian requested copies of the flyers via email.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. to the next Community Services Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2022|5:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Maria Picazo
Recreation Manager

Approved by the Commissioners on February 22,2023