

CITY OF POMONA
Community Life Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

August 24, 2021
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM (webinar)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Houston called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M. via Zoom. Vice-Chair Houston presiding and the following Commissioners present:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Houston led Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT via Zoom: Vice Chair Donna Houston, Mayor Appointed
Commissioner Lidia Manzanares, District 1
Commissioner Lorraine Canales, District 4
Commissioner Brian Mundy, District 5

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Crisantos-Guerrero, District 2
Chair Christina Jimenez, District 3
Commissioner Jeanette Ellis-Royston, District 6
(Joined meeting at 7:15 PM)

STAFF PRESENT via Zoom: Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director
Tracy Byl, Management Analyst

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho and City Clerk Rosalia Butler: "Fundamentals of Serving as a Commissioner".

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Community of Life Meeting Minutes.

City of Pomona Upcoming Events

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It is recommended that the Community Life Commission approve the Consent Calendar items on agenda for August 24, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Mundy, second by Commissioner Mundy to approve Consent Calendar of August 24, 2021.

**Motion carried 5-0
Absent 2-0**

DISCUSSION

Engaged Compassion as a City of Pomona Core Value

1. Staff Report to CLC Commission to recommend to City Council to incorporate Engaged Compassion as a City of Pomona Core Value.

Motion by Commissioner Ellis-Royston, and second by Commissioner Manzanares to accept the recommendations from the Community Life Commission to City Council to incorporate “Engaged Compassion” as a City of Pomona Core Value.

**Motion carried 5-0
Absent 2-0**

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Ellis-Royston

NAACP Pomona Valley Branch COVID-19 testing site. Mall manager at PUSD to designate an area within the parking lot. Executive order for regular testing put forth by Hilda Solis.

Commissioner Mundy

Attended and participated in the installation of A Little Library at Powers Park. Part of the project was broken and stolen.

Pomona Re-Imagining committee is working with Pomona leadership network on proposed forum on Affordable Housing.

Compassionate Pomona meeting-Affordable Housing; Basic Needs Committee-Affordable Housing

Championing to join forces to be a louder and stronger voice

Commissioner Canales

Attended Pomona Optimist Awards honored police officers and 2 firemen; wreaths were distributed to 42 schools

Commissioner Manzanares

Latina Roundtable Event-Dedication project collaboration;

Virtual LA CO Parks assessment of East San Gabriel valley; better access to Bonelli Park.

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Visit District 1 parks.

Co-Chair Healing Pomona's Promise in collaboration with the DA to bring Lola the Lion to Pomona for October and November.

STAFF ITEMS

Benita DeFrank

City in process of applying for an Outdoor Equity Program Grant; Community input meetings Saturday-Ralph Welch in person; Wednesday-Zoom Meeting; contribute to conversation to include as the community speaking.

Pomona Connect – Website updated; Call Center now open; (909) 620-2453);

- 400 people attended
- 172 out of 400 surveyed – 70% stated that food and groceries were the number one need; Utility assistance was the second need and rental/housing assistance

35 people vaccinated; 24 people tested; planning on doing event quarterly

Commissioner Crisantos-Guerrero resigned her position as Commissioner for District 1; Councilmember Victor Preciado is aware and will be appointing someone soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Houston adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

The City of Pomona Community Life Commission is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 26, 2021 starting at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Tracy Byl
Community Life Commission Secretary

Vice-Chair Donna Houston for
Chair Christina Jimenez