

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MONROVIA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

**CONVENE:** Chair McCoy convened the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission on Wednesday, January 13 2026, at 7:02 p.m. in the Community Center Monroe Room, Monrovia, California. In attendance were Councilmember, Larry Spicer; Community Services Director, Tina Cherry; Recreation Manager, Rebecca Sandoval; Recreation Coordinator, Lauren Pagliotti, and Administrative Assistant, Luke Bernacki.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Iler led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Commissioners Castro, Iler, Leos, Martinez, Mills, Vice Chair Schaeffler, and Chair McCoy

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**PR-1** Presentation on Monrovia's One City, One Story Project  
**Staff Reference:** Carey Vance, Library Manager

Monrovia One City, One Story is a citywide reading and community engagement initiative running January–March 2026 that invites residents of all ages to read *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak and participate in shared programs. The initiative builds belonging, civic pride, and literacy while offering accessible events. Books will be distributed through the library and local schools beginning in January, with age-appropriate options available for younger readers. Planned events include: Kickoff at Library Park on Sat. 1/24, Weekly Read-In @ the Park (with events at each city park), nature craft programs for all ages, book club discussions of *The Bear*, Meditation in the Park - Mondays at 6pm, monthly hikes in Canyon Park, workshops with community partners, and a Finale event on Sat. 3/28 at Station Square.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** David Haro, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Clifton Middle School, shared their experiences with the Youth Commission, highlighting his experiences participating in making holiday cards for seniors in the community. The Youth Commission will be assisting with State of the City on February 10.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** The consent calendar was motioned for approval by Commissioner Iler, seconded by Commissioner Mills, and approved unanimously.

The consent calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Monrovia Community Services Commission on November 19, 2025  
**Recommendation:** Receive and File the Minutes of the November 19, 2025 Meeting  
**Staff Reference:** Tina Cherry, Director

**CC-1**

- CC-2** Unadopted Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Monrovia Community Services Commission on December 9, 2025  
**Recommendation:** Receive and File the Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Meeting  
**Staff Reference:** Tina Cherry, Director
- CC-3** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for November 2025  
**Recommendation:** Receive and File the Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for November 2025  
**Staff Reference:** Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager
- CC-4** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 2025  
**Recommendation:** Receive and File the Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 2025  
**Staff Reference:** Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- AR-1** Consideration of Canceling the February 10, 2026 Regular Community Services Commission Meeting  
**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the cancellation of the February 10, 2026 Community Services Commission Meeting due to the State of the City Address.  
**Staff Reference:** Tina Cherry, Director  
The cancellation was motioned for approval by Commissioner Mills and seconded by Commissioner Castro. The cancellation was approved unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

**1. Lauren Pagliotti, Recreation Coordinator**

- a. Senior Programs Update
- Senior Clubs & Lunch
    - Co-Mingle Mondays in 2025 had 58 average participants and a total of 2,586 total participants.
    - New Horizons Club had 74 members, and a total of 1,717 participants in 2025.
    - Gad-A-Bouts Club had 104 members and 1,995 total participants in 2025
  - Senior Program Activities
    - Senior Stretch & Exercise Class is a free program on M-W at 1:30-2:30 p.m. and on Th-F from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The program has an average of 14 participants per class and a total of 3,282 participants in 2025.
    - Community Walking Club takes place on Tuesdays (8:30-9:30 a.m.) and Thursdays (10:30-11:30 a.m.)
    - Excursions
      - 2 trips per month, typically on the third Thursday of the month and one on a weekend. Trips average 25-35 participants.
  - Free Monthly Programs
    - Lunch & Learn: on the second Thursday of the month, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

- Karaoke Day: first Thursday of the month 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Movie Days: last Thursday of the month 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Senior Parties – For special occasions, averaging 60 participants each (ex. Valentine’s Party, Halloween Party).
- AARP Smart Driver Course – Averages 20 participants per course.
- Food ED for Seniors Workshops - first Friday of every other month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Food Distribution (of non-perishable items): first Thursday of the month. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  - Must be a Monrovia resident, an unincorporated area of Monrovia resident, or a New Horizons or Gad-a-bouts Club Member
- Meals on Wheels Program – delivers Monday – Friday

**2. Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager**

- a. Winter Program & Event Evaluations
- Holiday Parade Evaluation: 90 entries and 2,500 participants paraded for a record sized crowd on Thursday, December 4.
  - Holiday Home Decorating Contest Evaluation: Staff highlighted the winners for Commission and discussed potential enhancements for 2026.
  - Noon Year’s Eve & New Year’s Eve Event Evaluation: Noon Year’s Eve pivoted to an indoor grab & go event at the Community Center, featuring interactive lines, themed craft pickups, table art, canyon park ambassadors, and a photo booth. The event had 1,027 participants, drawing in 248 resident and 74 non-resident families. The NYE Event on Myrtle was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather.

**3. Tina Cherry, Community Services Director**

- a. Project Updates
- Satoru Tsuneishi Park Dedication & Ribbon-Cutting – Tuesday, January 13 at 3:00pm.
  - Community Center Renovation Project: Approved for 2025 code cycle, now exploring funding paths and next steps toward opening up the formal bidding process. By June it is expected to be known how long bidding will take place.
- b. Personnel Updates
- Tina Cherry, Community Services Director will be retiring after a 32 year career of public service and 12 years with Monrovia. Rebecca Sandoval, Recreation Manager will be promoted to Community Services Director. Heather Sayers, Recreation Supervisor will be promoted to Recreation Manager.

**COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

- a. **Chair McCoy** – No Report
- b. **Vice Chair Schaeffler** – No Report
- c. **Commissioner Castro** – No Report
- d. **Commissioner Iler** – No Report
- e. **Commissioner Leos** – Tree Pruning Workshop on 1/17. Pollinator Workshop on 1/22 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Compost-palooza on 3/7. Commissioner Leos has stepped down from the MPWR Board but will still be the Community Services Commission liaison.
- f. **Commissioner Martinez** – Baseball season is starting, participation rose 15-20%.

g. **Commissioner Mills** – No Report

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** The next special meeting of the Community Services Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.