

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
NORWALK COMMUNITY PROMOTION COMMISSION
April 10, 2017**

Chair David Ang called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. in the U.S. Constitution Room #4 of City Hall. Responding to roll call were Vice Chair Brammer and Commissioner Garamoni. Commissioner Sanchez was absent. Also present were Commission Liaison Vickie Yoshikawa and Commission Secretary Margie Reyes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Garamoni moved and Vice Chair Brammer seconded to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017. **There being no objection, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Home and Business Beautification Contest

Liaison Yoshikawa informed the commission that the contest applications are available on the City's website and at all City facilities, and that the Chamber of Commerce also included them as an insert in their monthly Chamber Newsletter. The application will be distributed at the Easter Event held on April 15 at the City Hall Lawn. The contest is being promoted in the April and May editions of the *Norwalk Now*, on the City's cable channel, City Hall and Social Services marquees, and social media pages. Ms. Reyes reported on the number of entries received with two entries in the Home Beautiful category and one entry in the Home Improvement category so far.

Appreciation Luncheon

Liaison Yoshikawa shared that, after speaking with staff from each agency, nearly all of the law enforcement/first responders had positive feedback on the Appreciation Luncheon. Most captains and department heads said that their staff was truly grateful for the appreciation shown and that they enjoyed the event, as it gave them an opportunity to sit down and spend time with one another. They also mentioned that, in order to include the most employees, two or more months' notice would allow time to fill in staff positions for the luncheon. Commissioners discussed tentative dates for the event:

Tuesday, July 11
Wednesday, August 16
Wednesday, August 23
Wednesday, August 30

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Liaison Yoshikawa will talk with Council Secretary and with the Friends of the Norwalk Sheriff Station to see which date works best.

Commissioners agreed, if a different format were decided upon, it would be best to wait until 2018 to begin planning.

Commissioner Garamoni recommended a casino fundraiser or luncheon event. Tickets could be sold for the fundraiser, which would include live entertainment, casino tables and a sit down meal. The expected attendance would be 150-200. To keep costs down, availability and feasibility of use of one of the City facilities may be considered.

Commissioners discussed a "Mardi Gras" theme for this year's event.

STAFF COMMENTS


Liaison Yoshikawa reminded the commission of the April 11 Council Re-Organization. She gave a report on her findings regarding the exit and entrance to the 105 freeway on Studebaker Road and an update on lighting on Hoxie Street.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioners thanked Vice Chair Brammer for her 16 years of service to the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



David Ang, Chair
Community Promotion Commission