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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta

REGULAR MEETING **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Blakeley, Gordon, La Greca, Shelton, and
Chairperson Biondi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS - INSTRUCTIONS

Members of the public may address the Community Services Commission
(Commission) on any matter listed or not listed on the agenda as follows:

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS can be provided either in-person during the
meeting by submitting 15 copies to the Commission Secretary, it is requested
that this takes place prior to the beginning of the meeting; or can be emailed
in advance to MCalderon@LaQuintaCA.gov, no later than 12:00 p.m., on the
day of the meeting. Written public comments will be distributed to the
Commission, made public, and will be incorporated into the public record of
the meeting, but will not be read during the meeting unless, upon the request
of the Chair, a brief summary of public comments is asked to be reported.

If written public comments are emailed, the email subject line must clearly
state **"Written Comments"** and should include: **1) full name, 2) city of
residence, and 3) subject matter.**

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In accordance with City Council Resolution No. 2022-028, a one-time additional speaker time donation of three (3) minutes per individual is permitted; please note that the member of the public donating time must: 1) submit this in writing to the Commission Secretary by completing a "Request to Speak" form noting the name of the person to whom time is being donated to, and 2) be present at the time the speaker provides verbal comments.

Verbal public comments are defined as comments provided in the speakers' own voice and may not include video or sound recordings of the speaker or of other individuals or entities, unless permitted by the Chair.

Public speakers may elect to use printed presentation materials to aid their comments; 15 copies of such printed materials shall be provided to the Commission Secretary to be disseminated to the Commission, made public, and incorporated into the public record of the meeting; it is requested that the printed materials are provided prior to the beginning of the meeting. There shall be no use of Chamber resources and technology to display visual or audible presentations during public comments, unless permitted by the Chair.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda pursuant to the "Public Comments – Instructions" listed above. The Commission values your comments; however, in accordance with State law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless it is an emergency item authorized by the Brown Act [Government Code § 54954.2(b)].

PRESENTATIONS – NONE

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, MEETING MINUTES, AND REAPPROVE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 13, 2021, MARCH 14, 2022, AND JUNE 6, 2022 QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

BUSINESS SESSION

1. RECOMMEND A RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 SENIOR INSPIRATION AWARD TO CITY COUNCIL

STUDY SESSION

1. DISCUSS ADDING BIKE RACKS AT CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. 40th ANNIVERSARY ART PIECE UPDATE
2. CULTURAL CAMPUS UPDATE
3. FRITZ BURNS PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE
4. CITY EVENTS RECAP
5. CIVIC CENTER ART COMMITTEE PURCHASES

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Community Services Commission will be held on March 13, 2023, commencing at 4:00 p.m., to be held at the La Quinta Chamber, located at 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, California, 92253.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

I, Michael Calderon, Secretary of the Community Services Commission, do hereby declare that the foregoing agenda for the Commission meeting was posted on the City's website, near the entrance to the La Quinta Chamber at 78495 Calle Tampico, and the bulletin boards at the Stater Brothers Supermarket at 78630 Highway 111, and the La Quinta Cove Post Office at 51321 Avenida Bermudas, on December 8, 2022.

DATED: December 8, 2022



MICHAEL CALDERON
Community Services Analyst / Commission Secretary
City of La Quinta, California

Public Notices

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission (Commission) was called to order by Chair Biondi at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Biondi, Commissioner Blakeley, Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner La Greca, Commissioner Shelton

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Resources Manager Calderon and Community Services Commission Secretary Calderon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner La Greca led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

– None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVE JUNE 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Shelton asked staff to revise the June 13, 2022, minutes, to reflect that she abstained from the first vote only on Business Session Item No. 1 regarding the Commission's recommendations to Council on the Pillars of the Community recipients; the submitted minutes state that the motion passed unanimously, which is incorrect.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners La Greca/Blakeley to approve the June 13, 2022 minutes, as amended, as noted above. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23

The Commission waived presentation of the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

Staff noted that there is no limit to the number of times members of the Commission may serve as Chair or Vice-Chair.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Blakeley/Gordon to have Chair Biondi continue her appointment and serve as Chair for fiscal year 2022/23. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made by Commissioners Biondi/Gordon to have Vice-Chair Blakeley continue her appointment and serve as Vice-Chair for fiscal year 2022/23. Motion passed unanimously.

2. RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF ART DONATION

Community Resources Secretary Calderon presented the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed incentives for art donations; the artist Jack Zejac's desire to have his art piece featured in a public place within the community; possible locations in La Quinta to display the art piece, the need to put a platform in place before the piece can be displayed, and associated costs with building the platform and available funding sources.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Blakeley/La Greca to recommend Council acceptance of an art donation consisting of a bronze sculpture by Jack Zajac to be included in the City's Art in Public Places collection. Motion passed unanimously.

3. RECOMMEND ART PIECE CONCEPTS TO COMMEMORATE THE CITY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Community Services Secretary Calderon presented the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed the high-quality of all proposals received and their individual preferences of the proposals in ranking order; expressed general

consensus that the proposal by Artists Jason and Nicole McQuaid featuring 40 cactus spikes, in honor of the City's 40th anniversary, stood out amongst the rest of the proposals; and noted that if McQuaid's piece is selected, the plaque should include language that explains the significance of the 40 spikes.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Blakeley/Gordon to recommend to the City Council consideration of art pieces to commemorate the City's 40th anniversary in the following order:

- 1) First choice – proposal submitted by Artists Jason and Nicole McQuaid,
- 2) Second choice – proposal submitted by Artist Aileen Frick, and
- 3) Third choice – proposal submitted by Artist Erin Hanson.

Motion passed unanimously.

STUDY SESSION

1. COMMISSION ATTENDANCE AT CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS, AND EVENT LINEUP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23

Community Services Manager Calderon presented the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed their availability to attend the events presented by staff, which included the Civic Center Art Purchase Committees during the March and November La Quinta Art Celebrations, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Easter Egg Hunt, and City Picnic.

The Commission reached a consensus for the Commissioners listed below to represent the Commission as follows:

- Civic Center Art Purchase Committee – La Quinta Art Celebration (November 2022) – Commissioners Gordon and Shelton
- Civic Center Art Purchase Committee – La Quinta Art Celebration (March 2023) – Commissioners La Greca and Chair Biondi
- City Picnic – All Commissioners
- Tree Lighting Ceremony – All Commissioners
- Easter Egg Hunt – Pending Commissioner Availability

2. DISCUSS PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY AND DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS AND ATHLETES PROGRAMS' REVISIONS

Community Services Secretary Calderon presented the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department; the Subcommittee, comprised of Chair Biondi and Commissioner Gordon, as consented by the Commission at the June 13, 2022, quarterly meeting, provided an overview

of the subcommittee's findings and recommendations, which were included in the staff report.

The Commission discussed the Subcommittee's recommendations, in particular to discontinue the existing Distinguished Artists/Athletes awards, however, artists and athletes can be nominated as recipients for the new award categories being recommended; separate the Pillars of the Community Award, which is administered by the City, from the Senior Inspiration Award (SIA), which is administered by Riverside County, and no longer have the SIA recipient automatically become a Pillars of the Community recipient; create a new Junior Inspiration Award, as suggested by Council at their June 1, 2022, regular meeting, and create a new Community Services Award; possible confusion between the Senior and Junior Inspiration Awards, the motivation is to provide an opportunity and create a pipeline for younger people to be recognized for their contributions to the community; the proposed revisions to the award programs are intended to broaden the pool of eligible recipients, and in particular the Community Services Award gives the City the ability to recognize a diverse group of individuals for their community contributions without being subjected to age-restrictive accomplishments; creating a pool of people in the community – teachers, local business owners, etc. who can be the Commission's partners in executing and delivering on these awards; consider revising the qualification criteria to not require that a nominated recipient is a La Quinta resident if he/she/they have contributed to the La Quinta community, their efforts should be recognized, regardless of residence; evolution of qualifying criteria for the SIA over the years in order to allow a larger pool of people to be eligible for nominations; requesting that a member of the City Council be appointed to join the Commission's Subcommittee to help provide guidance and direction; and consider renaming the "Junior" Inspiration Award to "Youth" Inspiration Award.

The Commission reached a consensus and directed staff to take the Subcommittee's recommendation for Council consideration and request that a member of the Council be appointed to join the Commission's Subcommittee.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Staff provided verbal updates on the following items:

1. COMMISSIONER TOURS UPDATE

The Commissioners' tours scheduled for September 2022, have been postponed until December 2022. The tours will be led by City staff and showcase City facilities, parks, and amenities.

2. EVENTS UPDATES

Staff reviewed the following upcoming City events:

- October 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Concerts in the Park featuring The Beatunes, a Beatles tribute band
- October 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. – X-Park Grand Opening
- November 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. – Veterans Recognition Ceremony
- November 12, 2022 at 9 a.m. – El Gato Classic at the X-Park
- November 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Concerts in the Park featuring Fake Matthews Band
- December 2, 2022 at 6 p.m. – Tree Lighting Ceremony

3. RENOVATION OF LA QUINTA PARK SPLASH PAD

Public Works recently published a Request for Proposals for renovating the splash pad at La Quinta Park. The proposals will be reviewed by staff and the best contenders will be brought to the Commission for consideration during a special meeting, expected to be held in September 2022.

COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chair Biondi inquired about the updated Art in Public Places, Bike Trails, and Hiking Trails pocket maps. The maps were distributed to the Commission and are also available on the City website.

Vice-Chair Blakeley inquired about staffing levels within the Community Resources Department. Staff explained that while the Community Resources Director position is currently vacant, all other positions are filled and staff continue to move forward with projects as planned.

Chair Biondi reminded the Commissioners about the Fritz Burns Park enhancements survey that is currently available on the City website. The survey seeks to gather input regarding amenities and enhancements the community would like to see at Fritz Burns Park.

Commissioner Shelton commented on the changes that have been made to the City website. Staff explained that the website was updated to make it easier to navigate, however staff is open to feedback from the Commission on ways to make the website more user friendly.

Commissioners La Greca and Gordon commented on the lack of bike racks at City parks and facilities. A consensus was made to discuss expanding the bike rack locations during a future Commission meeting. Staff will connect with the

Economic Development Department to discuss incentives for local businesses and property owners to install bike racks.

Commissioner La Greca inquired about a possible art donation from artist Janice Osborne. Staff will reach out to the artist to get more information and may bring the art donation to the Commission for consideration during a future Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Gordon/Blakeley to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL CALDERON,
Community Services Commission Secretary
City of La Quinta, California



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chairperson Biondi at 3:00 p.m.

This meeting provided teleconferencing accessibility pursuant to Executive Orders N-60-20 and N-08-21 executed by the Governor of California, and subsequently Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361, 2021), enacted in response to the state of emergency relating to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 *et seq.*).

PRESENT: Commissioners Blakeley, Gordon, La Greca, Shelton, and Chair Biondi

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Resources Director Escobedo, Community Resources Manager Calderon, Community Resources Analyst Calderon, and Community Services Commission Secretary Chaudhry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Biondi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. LA QUINTA ART CELEBRATION PRESENTATION BY SCOPE EVENTS

Event Director Kathleen Hughes provided a brief summary of her background, and gave an update on the La Quinta Art Celebration newly added event dates of November 11-14, 2021.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. APPROVE A NEW START TIME FOR REGULAR COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commission waived presentation of the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Office.

The Commission expressed a general consensus and desire to start the Commission meetings earlier than 5 p.m.

MOTION - A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners La Greca/Blakeley to change the start time for regular Community Services Commission meetings, held quarterly in the months of March, June, September, and December, from 5 p.m. to 4 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chair Biondi reminded the Commission to attend the La Quinta Art Celebration, and the Veterans Day Memorial at City Hall either in-person or via live-stream on Facebook; and also noted that the "Brew in LQ" was scheduled for November 5th – 7th, 2021, and nominations had started for the Senior Inspiration Awards.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Biondi adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL CALDERON,
Community Services Commission Secretary
City of La Quinta, California



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission (Commission) was called to order by Chairperson Biondi at 4:14 p.m.

This meeting provided teleconferencing accessibility pursuant to Executive Orders N-60-20, N-08-21 executed by the Governor of California, and subsequently Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361, 2021), enacted in response to the state of emergency relating to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 *et seq.*).

PRESENT: Commissioners, Blakeley, Gordon, La Greca, Shelton, and Chair Biondi

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Resources Director Escobedo, City Clerk Monika Radeva, Community Resources Manager Calderon, Community Resources Analyst Calderon, and Community Services Commission Secretary Chaudhry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Blakeley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Melissa Lundell, Branch Manager of the La Quinta Library provided an update on the library's upcoming programs and events.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Michelle McNeilly, Supervisor of the Creation Station provided an update on the upcoming programs and events taking place at Makerspace.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Sharla Fox, Director of the La Quinta Museum provided an update on the museum's latest exhibits and upcoming events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**
- 2. APPROVE NOVEMBER 1, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Blakeley/La Greca to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

- 1. APPROVE CIVIC CENTER ART PURCHASE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Commission waived presentation of the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed volunteering to serve on the Civic Center Art Purchase Committee; and Commissioners La Greca and Chair Biondi expressed their interest in serving on this Committee.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Blakeley/Shelton to appoint Chair Biondi and Commissioner La Greca to serve on the Civic Center Art Purchase Committee for the March 2022 La Quinta Arts Celebration. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. RECOMMEND A RECIPIENT FOR THE 2022 SENIOR INSPIRATION AWARD**

COMMISSIONER LA GRECA SAID HE WILL RECUSE HIMSELF FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTE BECAUSE HE WAS NOMINATED TO BE CONSIDERED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 SENIOR INSPIRATION AWARD, AND LEFT THE DIAS AT 4:43 P.M.

The Commission waived presentation of the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed that active commissioners are eligible to be nominated and become the recipient of an award if selected; and the nominees history and qualifications.

MOTION - A motion was made and seconded by Chair Biondi/Commissioner Shelton to recommend to Council to nominate Victory Grund as the 2022 Senior Inspiration Award recipient.

Motion Passed: ayes – 4, noes – 0, abstain – 0, absent – 1 (La Greca).

COMMISSIONER LA GRECA RETURNED TO THE DIAS AT 4:53 P.M.

3. APPROVE ADDITIONS TO THE PREQUALIFIED ARTISTS LIST

Community Resources Analyst Calderon presented the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed the existing prequalified artists list; the additional artist proposals received in response to the Request for Proposals published by staff; and adding these additional artists to the prequalified artists list to be considered for upcoming art projects.

MOTION - A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners La Greca/Blakeley to approve additions to the prequalified artists list as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

STUDY SESSION - None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Staff provided verbal updates on the following items:

1. ART MURAL UPDATE

The Cultural Campus Mural “Bird Song” by artist Nate Frizzell is scheduled for completion by December 31, 2021.

2. CIVIC CENTER ART PURCHASE UPDATE

Two art pieces were commissioned for Art in Public Places during the November La Quinta Art Celebration, and both art pieces will be featured at the X Park.

3. X-PARK UPDATE

The X-park is scheduled for completion early 2022. Staff answered Commission’s questions regarding injury prevention by noting that appropriate safety protocols will be in place and enforced by the X-Park operator, and all participants will complete waivers prior to participation.

4. COMMUNITY WORKSHOP INVITATION

Community Resources Director Escobedo invited Commissioners to attend the City's annual Community Workshop scheduled to be held on January 29, 2022, at the La Quinta Wellness Center.

5. COMMISSION FACILITY TOURS

Staff will coordinate with the Commission to schedule facility tours based on areas of interest.

6. PARK PLAYGROUND – NEW EQUIPMENT

Staff said that new playground equipment will be installed at Seasons Park to replace the previous equipment that was damaged by a fire.

COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Chair Biondi inquired about the status of the SilverRock Event Site restroom mural project. Community Resources Director Escobedo informed the Commission that staff will revisit this project in the near future.

Chair Biondi briefly discussed the Commission Roadmap and encouraged Commissioners to use the roadmap as a resource for prioritizing upcoming initiatives.

Commissioners La Greca/Blakely and Chair Biondi commented on their attendance at the La Quinta Arts Celebration event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Commissioners La Greca/Blakeley to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL CALDERON,
Community Services Commission Secretary
City of La Quinta, California



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission (Commission) was called to order by Chairperson Biondi at 4:02 p.m.

This meeting provided teleconferencing accessibility pursuant to Executive Orders N-60-20 and N-08-21 executed by the Governor of California, and subsequently Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361, 2021), enacted in response to the state of emergency relating to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 *et seq.*).

PRESENT: Commissioners Blakeley, Gordon, La Greca, Shelton, and Chair Biondi

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Resources Director Escobedo, Community Resources Manager Calderon, Administrative Technician Chaudhry, Management Assistant Camarena, and Community Services Commission Secretary Calderon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner La Greca led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVE DECEMBER 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Blakeley/La Greca to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. RECOMMEND DESIGN FOR THE GOLD STAR FAMILY MONUMENTS

Commission Secretary Calderon presented the staff report, which is on file in the Community Resources Office.

The Commission reached a consensus and directed staff to bring forward three design options for Council consideration and noted its preference by ranking them as follows:

- 1) First Choice – Concept No. 2 by Artist Cassandra Burgess; pending modifications to incorporate inclusive family figures such as mother, father, and children;
- 2) Second Choice – Concept No. 3 by Artist CJ Rench as presented; and
- 3) Third Choice –only one concept by Artist Aragorn, as presented.

STUDY SESSION – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Staff provided verbal updates on the following items:

1. FRITZ BURNS PARK ENHANCEMENTS RFP UPDATE

An RFP for the redesign of Fritz Burns Park was published on the City website. Two firms submitted proposals and will be evaluated by the Selection Committee. The project is expected to begin by April 2022.

2. CULTURAL CAMPUS UPDATE

A firm was selected by the Council to provide preliminary concepts for the development of the La Quinta Cultural Campus. Council will review and assess the preliminary designs before executing an agreement for master planning.

3. X-PARK SOFT AND GRAND OPENING UPDATE

The soft opening of the X-Park is scheduled for March 23. The grand opening is tentatively scheduled for late April.

4. NOVEMBER LQAC ART PURCHASE UPDATE

The two commissioned art pieces that were purchased during the November La Quinta Art Celebration were displayed for the Commission; both art pieces will be featured at the X-Park.

COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

Commissioner Gordon commented on the Community Workshop held on March 12, 2022. Community members who attended the workshop identified focus areas they would like the City to prioritize including the expansion of shade structures and water features at La Quinta parks.

Commissioner La Greca requested adding the acquisition of two additional wire sculptures by artist Michael Gard to the priorities list to compliment the wire sculptures that are currently displayed in the Wellness Center.

There was a consensus from the Commission to obtain the list of priorities collected during the workshop to further discuss the areas that fall under the Commission's purview.

Chair Biondi discussed the structure of the Pillars of the Community Awards and suggested modifications to the nomination process including the affiliation with the Senior Inspiration Award. Chair Biondi commented that the City has not received a nomination for the Distinguished Artists and Athletes Award for several years suggesting that the lack of interest in the award is an indication that it has lost its significance to the community. Chair Biondi recommended revisions to the process to restore the award's significance.

Commissioner Blakely expressed her concerns about the Commissioners being tasked with nominating a Pillars of the Community recipient to City Council, as she views this process as a conflict of interest. Chair Biondi clarified that she has been searching for candidates for the Pillars of the Community and Distinguished Artists & Athletes Awards and encouraging others to nominate these individuals, but she herself is not nominating candidates. Staff will provide the Commissioners with the information on how to nominate candidates for the awards so they can distribute the information amongst their friends, social groups, and the organizations to which they belong.

Staff will coordinate a special Commission meeting in April to discuss specific revisions to the Pillars of the Community and Distinguished Artists and Athletes nomination processes for recommendation to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Gordon/Blakeley to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL CALDERON,
Community Services Commission Secretary
City of La Quinta, California



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chair Biondi at 4:02 p.m.

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PRESENT IN-PERSON: Commissioner Blakeley and Chair Biondi

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Commissioners Gordon, La Greca, and Shelton

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Resources Director Escobedo, Community Resources Manager Calderon, Acting Deputy City Clerk McGinley, and Community Services Commission Secretary Calderon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Blakeley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS CV LINK UPDATE PRESENTATION

PUBLIC SPEAKER IN-PERSON: Jonathan Hoy, Transportation Director with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) – introduced himself, provided a detailed presentation on the development progress and anticipated construction schedule of the CV Link regional project, spearheaded by CVAG, a planned 40-mile, multi-modal pathway that can accommodate pedestrian,

bicyclists and low-speed electric vehicles, that will run continuously throughout the Coachella Valley cities, from Desert Hot Springs to Coachella.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVE MARCH 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Blakeley/Shelton to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. RECOMMEND PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY AND DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS AND ATHLETES NOMINATIONS

Community Services Analyst Calderon presented the staff report which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed the novelty of adding distinguished artists and athletes categories alongside the established pillars of the community award recognition program; considering a discussion on a “distinguished community” award category when deliberating on Business Session Item No. 2 of the agenda, which could incorporate artists, athletes, dancers, etc., to create two separate and distinct categories to recognize both seniors and distinguished community members, as well as evaluating the nomination process for these award recognition programs; and prior Commission discussion about providing broader opportunities for the citizens.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners Gordon/La Greca to recommend Council approval of Karen Devine and Victory Grund as Pillars of the Community Award recipients for 2022. Motion passed: ayes – 4 (La Greca, Gordon, Biondi, and Blakeley), noes – 0; absent – 0; abstain – 1 (Shelton).

General discussion followed regarding the lack of nominations for the distinguished artists and athletes categories in the past.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Commissioner Blakeley/Chair Biondi to recommend Brandun Lee and Emmi Von Scherr as Distinguished Athletes Award recipients for 2022, and Jason and Nicole McQuaid as Distinguished Artists Award recipients for 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

2. RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY AND DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS AND ATHLETES NOMINATION PROCESS

The Commission waived presentation of the staff report which is on file in the Community Resources Department.

The Commission discussed Council's deliberations at the June 1, 2022, regular meeting regarding the nomination process for this award recognition program; the connection between distinguished artists and athletes categories which recognize younger community members, who could be recognized as pillars of the community in the future; the Senior Inspiration Award is administered by Riverside County; the City could consider implementing a Junior Inspiration Award program; the Distinguished Artists and Athletes Award programs were introduced in 2002; 2013 was the last time the Distinguished Artist Award was awarded to Andy Williams, and 2012 was the last time the Distinguished Athletes Award was awarded to Tyler Brown, and the City has not received any nominations for these categories since that time; and the need to promote these award categories and to communicate their importance to the community.

The Commission expressed unanimous support to create a subcommittee, comprised of Chair Biondi and Commissioner Gordon, to come up with recommendations to build-up, strengthen, and convey to the community the importance of the Distinguished Artists and Athletes award programs.

Commission discussion followed regarding considering a Distinguished Community award that would encompass categories such as dance, athletics, culinary, philanthropy, leadership, innovation, etc., with a focus on diversity, health, and wellness; because the Senior Inspiration Award is a separate program administered by Riverside County, the city may consider introducing a Junior Inspiration Award; additional opportunities to recognize and celebrate the recipients via a coffee with the Commission where the recipient can be accompanied by their families; the importance of making this a "big deal" and have it advertised as amply as possible in The Gem, newspaper, other media, TV, etc.; consider introducing a Junior Pillar of Community award category as well; and the Commission should submit their recommendations to staff to be compiled and included in the subcommittees review.

STUDY SESSION – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Staff provided verbal updates on the following items:

1. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ROAD MAP

The Commission was reminded of the Commission's Road Map which provides guidance on key focus areas that fall under the Commission's purview. The Commission will continue to focus on art, events, and recreation initiatives within the City.

2. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

The City continues to focus on enhancing the Art in Public Places (APP) program by bringing new art installations and projects to the community. A design for a Gold Star Family Monument has been approved, a Call to Artists has been issued for the City's 40th Anniversary Commemorative Art Piece, the APP pocket map is being updated, and the Art@Fifth website has been improved.

3. LA QUINTA ART CELEBRATION

The La Quinta Art Celebration (LQAC) was held March 3-6 and experienced record attendance. The Art Selection Committee purchased one art piece at LQAC that is now part of the APP collection. The art piece is currently installed at Fritz Burns Park.

4. LA QUINTA X PARK

The X Park is operated by contractor Action Park Alliance (APA) who oversees day-to-day operations, programming, lessons, and events. APA plans to host the El Gato Classic and Hot Wheels Superchargers Fueled By Nitro Circus in the Fall.

5. SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Information regarding X Park, Wellness Center, and Fritz Burns Pool summer programming is being shared with residents. A postcard featuring QR codes was recently mailed to residents to further promote summer programs.

6. CULTURAL CAMPUS

Staff is working with a vendor to continue master planning the Cultural Campus.

7. FRITZ BURNS MASTER PLANNING

Staff is working with a vendor to continue master planning the Fritz Burns Park enhancements which include amenities such as shade, additional parking, and a splash pad.

8. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PROTOCOLS

The Commission was reminded of protocols and procedures and how to contact staff to discuss questions or concerns.

9. JOINT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WORKSHOP

The Commission was provided a recap of the presentation that was delivered during the Joint Boards and Commissions Workshop held on March 28, 2022.

10. COMMUNITY WORKSHOP PRIORITIES

During the Community Workshop, residents identified focus areas they would like City staff to prioritize. Staff will work with the Commission to address the focus areas that fall under the Commission's purview including park enhancements, additional Concerts in the Park, and more shade shelters at City parks.

11. COMMISSION TOURS

In the Fall, staff will coordinate park and facility tours with the Commission to further identify focus areas specific to each park and/or facility. Staff will announce the tour dates once the Commissioners' availabilities have been confirmed.

COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

The Commissioners reported on the events they attended since the last Commission meeting including the City Picnic, Community Workshop, Joint Boards and Commission Meeting, and Concerts in the Park.

The Commission discussed the bike rack locations throughout the City. Commissioner Gordon commented that it may be beneficial to install more bike racks in public places such as Civic Center Park and the La Quinta Museum. Evaluation of the City's bike racks will be included during the Commission tour to determine opportunities for enhanced bike rack locations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Commissioners LaGreca/Shelton to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL CALDERON,
Community Services Commission Secretary
City of La Quinta, California

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING: December 12, 2022

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: RECOMMEND A RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 SENIOR INSPIRATION AWARD TO CITY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend a recipient of the 2023 Senior Inspiration Award to City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Riverside County's Senior Inspiration Award (SIA) Program recognizes and honors outstanding senior citizens for volunteer service.
- Each Coachella Valley city nominates a resident and/or volunteer for this program.
- City staff requested nominations and received 5 nominees.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Each year, the County of Riverside and Coachella Valley cities select a senior citizen, 65 or older, to be recognized for their volunteerism and active engagement in their community. Staff solicited nominations (Attachment 1) from Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, La Quinta Historical Society, La Quinta Rotary Club, Friends of the La Quinta Library, La Quinta Cove Neighborhood Association, Friends of the Desert Mountains, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, FIND Food Bank, Desert Classic Charities, Riverside County Sheriff (La Quinta Police), Riverside County Fire, La Quinta Library and La Quinta Museum. A call out for nominees was also done through social media. The following nominations were received:

- Ernest Cisneros, nominated by Lt. Andres Martinez, Riverside County Sheriff Department
- Peter Gasporni, nominated by Alejandro Mireles, Riverside County Fire Department
- Ada Nuckels, nominated by Tammy Martin, Friends of the Desert Mountains

- Marge Dodge, nominated by Kathleen Hughes, SCOPE Events LLC.
- Phil La Greca, nominated by Kathleen Hughes, SCOPE Events LLC.

All nominees meet the criteria for the award and a brief synopsis is provided (Attachment 1). The award will be presented at the SIA luncheon held on March 30, 2023, at Fantasy Springs Casino in Indio.

ALTERNATIVES – None.

Prepared by: Michael Calderon, Community Resources Analyst
Approved by: Christina Calderon, Community Resources Manager

Attachment: 1. SIA Nomination Forms

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SENIOR INSPIRATION AWARDS
2023**

NOMINATION FORM

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Official Nomination Form Deadline: November 18, 2022

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- Be at least 65 years old
- Reside and/or volunteer in the Coachella Valley or Palo Verde Valley
- Be actively involved in community affairs for a lengthy period of time
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- Personify a healthy, active, and contributing attitude and lifestyle

Nominee

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Organization Individual Volunteers With _____

Years with Organization _____

Nominator

Name of Nominator _____ Phone _____

City or Organization _____ Email _____

Reason for Nomination _____



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CHAD BIANCO, SHERIFF**

TO: Caroline Doran

DATE: October 20, 2022

FROM: Lt. Andres Martinez #3590

SUBJECT: 31st Annual Senior Inspiration Awards 2023

Ms. Doran,

This memorandum is written in nomination of Ernest "Ernie" Cisneros for a Senior Inspiration Award.

On April 13th, 2020, and amid a worldwide pandemic forcing citizens into isolation, social distancing and evolving precautions, Ernest "Ernie" Cisneros became a member of the La Quinta Citizen's On Patrol (COP) program to take an active role in his community. But, due to imposed restrictions and in abundance of caution, Ernie's efforts and service to his community began in October of 2020.

To date, Ernie has volunteered 600.50 hours of his own time to patrolling the city of La Quinta, engaging with community members, assisting La Quinta deputies with DUI Checkpoints, road closures, traffic collisions and supporting city events such as Iron Man, Toy Drives and Shop with a Cop. Ernie can be relied on in short notice and is always eager to help.

Ernie embodies the Sheriff's motto, "Service Above Self". Through his commitment to his community and the COP program, Ernie undoubtedly enhances the effectiveness of La Quinta deputies, creates positive community engagement experiences, and serves as an inspiration for all to follow.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Martinez #3590".

Lt. Andres Martinez #3590



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Nominee

Name of Nominee Peter Gasperni Gasperoni Phone 760 -831 6842

Mailing Address 42414 Adams Street, Bermuda Dunes, CA. 92203

Email Peter.gasperoni @ verizon.net

Organization Individual Volunteers With Eisenhower George and Julia Argyros Health Center

Years with Organization 12 years

Nominator

Name of Nominator Alejandro Mireles Phone 619-379-9748

City or Organization Riverside County Fire Dept. Email Alejandro. Mireles@ fire.ca.gov

Reason for Nomination _____

Peter has been volunteering at EMC health Center for 13 years I have known him 5 years, Peter is not only a the first warm face you see when you visit the health center as a patient he's also a integral part of are responses

Nomination information from Alejandro Mireles of Cal Fire

Peter Gasporni, went from high school into the military where I believe he was a combat medic and he won the Silver Star for bravery, which he stated, " I don't like to brag about that", after his military career he went to college graduating from Brown he went into pharmaceutical sales and always spent time in hospitals and emergency room, after he retired he found himself volunteering in hospitals, EMC Urgent was, " his fit" as he's told me, he enjoys being close to his community and neighbors, we actually run into Pete around LA Quinta all the time not just at EMC Urgent care where he's a vital member of our responses to medical aids and ringing alarms.



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Nominee

Name of Nominee Ada Nuckels Phone (760) 409-9107

Mailing Address 41-080 Woodhaven Dr E, Palm Desert CA 92211-8182

Email adanuckels@gmail.com

Organization Individual Volunteers With Friends of the Desert Mountains

Years with Organization Total= 11 years

Nominator

Name of Nominator Tammy Martin Phone (661) 886-4772

City or Organization Friends of the Desert Mountains Email tmartin@desertmountains.org

Reason for Nomination Ada has amassed over 10,000 volunteer hours with Friends of the Desert Mountains. Many of those hours involve the removal of invasive plant species, trail clean up/restoration, and leading interpretative hikes in the city of La Quinta. Ada has also recruited countless new volunteers, who continually enrich the community of La Quinta through their tremendous volunteer efforts. Ada embodies the true definition of a volunteer: driven, passionate, and always ready to help no matter the circumstance.

Nominee: Senior Inspiration Awards, Ms. Ada Nuckels.

Leads and Coordinates Interpretative hikes:

Moon light hikes –family hike to enjoy the outdoors and share knowledge that people are stewards of the environment to enjoy for many years. Moon light hikes are offered to families throughout the valley.

Guided hikes – i.e., partnered with Housing Coalition to bring in children from East valley to experience nature. Included during the hikes is sharing information on the importance of honoring the environment by staying on the trails, importance of habitat for endangered animals (big horned sheep, fringe toed lizards,

Organizes groups such as:

Weed Warriors. Control and remove invasive weed species that threaten sand dune habitats, including Saharan Mustard, and Fountain Grass and Saharan Mustard (invasive weeds consume scarce water and overrun native plants that desert animals feed on.

Trails Preservation – complaints are called in to Ms. Nuckels will forwards to the appropriate department at Friends of the Desert Mountains. Volunteers are organized to clean up graffiti and maintain and rebuild trails damaged by storms to maintain safety for trail users.

Ada Nuckels began hiking at age 66. By the age of 67, she was leading people of all ages into the many and varied trails in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. One of her favorite adventures is taking groups on Moonlight Hikes in the La Quinta Cove. In addition to planning, scheduling, coordinating and essentially masterminding the whole program, Ada takes the love she has for our local mountains and trails and pours it into the people who are fortunate enough to follow her into the wild. For the past decade, Ada has studied the plants, the animals, the geology, the history, and the trails, and she readily shares her knowledge with anyone willing to learn. Ada makes the desert come alive, and allows people to see what she sees and love what she loves. Many people return again and again to experience the connection to the land that Ada makes possible.

Ada's dedication does not end there, however. She has spent countless hours--day and night--educating children and adults, removing invasive weeds, cleaning up trash, assisting with wildlife surveys, scouting and maintaining trails, and creating new ways for more people to connect to the land. Most importantly, Ada also dedicates a great deal of time while off the trail to recruiting, encouraging, supporting and inspiring other people to volunteer their time to do all of these things and more. Friends Volunteer programs thrive because Ada has been there, behind the scenes, making sure that things happen.

When you encounter the beauty of our local mountains, you recognize why people choose to spend time here. And whether you know it or not, all of our continued enjoyment of these mountains, whether it is for an evening, a weekend, or a lifetime, is in no small part due to Ada's work.



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Nominee

Name of Nominee Marge Dodge Phone (760)564-9329

Mailing Address 79-305 Toronja, La Quinta, CA 92253

Email margedodge1@aol.com

Organization Individual Volunteers With La Quinta Arts events (La Quinta Arts Foundation and SCOPE Events)

Years with Organization Total = 18 years

Nominator

Name of Nominator Kathleen Hughes Phone (760)777-9823

City or Organization SCOPE Events, LLC Email Kat@scopeevents.org

Reason for Nomination Marge Dodge is value leader for La Quinta Arts Celebration; Board of Directors (BOD), Friends of College of the Desert Library (COD) 2009-present; COD Foundation BOD, 2013-present; National League of America Pen Women, BOD 2004-present; Muses & Patrones Circle of McCallum Theater, BOD 2014-2021; Literary Society of the Desert, Advisory Board 2021-present; Old Town Artisan Studios, Advisory Board 2021-present; supporting other non-profits for women and education.

Nominee Senior Inspiration Awards: Ms. Marge Dodge, Leader

La Quinta Art Events (La Quinta Arts Foundation and SCOPE Events)

Ms. Marge Dodge a Volunteer Leader who manages the entry gates for the Art Events and entails many duties listed below:

- Cash handling at the front gates – train volunteers
- Choosing, training volunteers to work at the entry points
- Consistently knowledgeable on how many guests, vendors, artist, volunteers, and workers are at the event at a given time (anyone can audit event and Marge can give an accurate account of all participants.
- Handles ticket processing with Art Celebration finance- volunteers and staff
- Volunteered her home for the Artist Home Hosting Program: artist stay at Marge's home without cost during their participation in the Art Event. Note: last two years the Artist Home Hosting did not take place.

Ms. Marge Dodge is a volunteer with a myriad of organizations included on the nomination form.



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Nominee

Name of Nominee Phil La Greca Phone (760) 774-1086

Mailing Address 78-865 Via Trieste, La Quinta, CA 92253

Email pdlagreca@gmail.com

Organization Individual Volunteers With La Quinta Arts Events (La Quinta Arts Foundation and SCOPE Events)

Years with Organization Total= 9 years

Nominator

Name of Nominator Kathleen Hughes Phone (760) 774-1086

City or Organization SCOPE Events, LLC Email Kat@scopeevnts.org

Reason for Nomination Phil La Greca is a valued leader for La Quinta Arts Celebration, a Commissioner for the Community Services Commission, City of La Quinta; a California Naturalist from UC Riverside; a Certified Tourism Ambassador for Coachella Valley visitors Bureau; a shuttle driver for Coachella Valley Horse Rescue Mission's fund raising, and Desert Adventures Guide.

Nominee for Senior Inspiration Awards: Mr. Phil La Greca, Captain

La Quinta Art Celebration (La Quinta Arts Foundation and SCOPE Events) Captain for 9 years.

Mr. Phil La Greca is the Volunteer Captain for 9 years who coordinates the Golf Cart logistics servicing food vendors, volunteers, electricians, staff, and security during Art Events.

- Artists arriving were assisted with setting up their art pieces.
- Security use of carts
- Food vendors received their needed items without a large truck travelling in the event site.
- Confirmed those using carts were insured

La Quinta Community Services Commissioner—current 2019–2023

- One of 5 members appointment by Council
- Analyzes Community Services programs effectiveness and needs
- Recommend fees (facility fees) and operation policies
- Make recommendations on community issues

Mr. Greca is a Volunteer with a myriad of organizations in the Coachella Valley. Dates pending more information from Kat.

California Naturalist from UC Riverside

Certified Tourism Ambassador for Coachella Valley Visitors Bureau

Coachella Valley Horse Rescue Missions Fund Raising – Shuttle Driver

Desert Adventures Guide

City of La Quinta

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION: December 12, 2022

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: DISCUSS ADDING BIKE RACKS AT CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss adding bike racks at City parks and facilities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Bike racks are installed at several City facilities and parks including City Hall, La Quinta Park, and Fritz Burns Park.
- The Commission is interested in adding more bike racks at City facilities and incentivizing businesses to install bike racks at their storefronts.

FISCAL IMPACT – Cost of bike racks range from \$230-\$815 per rack.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

As a bike friendly city with plenty of public amenities for the community to enjoy, it is beneficial for City facilities and parks to provide adequate bike racks to accommodate cyclists. The Commission will work with City staff to assess the City's current inventory of bike racks and identify opportunities to add more bike racks at select City owned facilities and parks. In addition to bike racks at City facilities, the Commission would like to discuss offering incentives for business owners to install bike racks at their store fronts.

Current Bike Rack Locations:

Location (City)	Amount
Bear Creek Trail	Four (one at each of the shade structure)
Cove Oasis	One (picnic area)
Fitz Burns Park	One (in front of pool building)
La Quinta Park	Three (two near ball field, one near skatepark)
Sports Complex	One (near front entrance)
La Quinta Library	Two (near front entrance)

Wellness Center	One (near front entrance)
City Hall	One (main entrance – Calle Tampico)
La Quinta Museum	One (near front entrance)
Location (Businesses)	Amount
La Quinta Liquor	One (5 bike slots)
Enzo's	One (5 bike slots)
L.Q. Smoke Shop	One (5 bike slots)
Cali Rosina	One (5 bike slots)
Shadowrock Church	One (2 bike slots)
Century Theatre	One (6 bike slots)
Eisenhower Health Center	One (3 bike slots)
C.V.S. Pharmacy	One (2 bike slots)
I.H.O.P.	One (3 bike slots)
Farmers Insurance	One (2 bike slots)
Pho Vu Restaurant	One (2 bike slots)
Harry S. Truman Elementary	One (10 bike slots)

Prepared by: Michael Calderon, Community Resources Analyst
Approved by: Christina Calderon, Community Resources Manager