

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION – 7:00 PM

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Chair Colin, at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Redondo Beach City Council Chambers.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Cota, Gorbin, Hardy, Stumphauzer, Warstadt, Chair Colin

Commissioners Absent: Fernandez

Officials Present: Gary Margolis, Cultural Arts Manager
William Zepeda, Community Services Department

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Colin led in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Cota, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented. Hearing no objections, Chair Colin so ordered.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS - None

E.1 BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

There were no public comments on this item.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

The Consent Calendar was approved without objection.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

There were no public comments on this Item.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. ORIENTATION FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Manager commented that the commission's establishing ordinance and bylaws are included in the agenda package.

Members of the Commission introduced themselves and addressed their backgrounds and experiences in the City of Redondo Beach.

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO A DECEMBER HOLIDAYS EVENT IN HERITAGE COURT TO BE JOINTLY HOSTED BY THE REDONDO BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE MORRELL HOUSE AND THE REDONDO BEACH HISTORICAL COMMISSION AT THE REDONDO BEACH HISTORICAL MUSEUM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 FROM NOON TO 3:00 PM.

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis reported plans for the event are underway.

Commissioner Stumphauzer discussed features and elements of the event.

Discussion followed regarding renting a Santa Claus for the event, the number of necessary Santas, the proposed scavenger hunt and refreshments.

Christina Christian-Kelly, Redondo Beach Historical Society, reported hot cider and cookies will be served and noted the Victorian Carolers will provide entertainment.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding advertising and promoting the event, decorations, using the RBPD Sleigh, having an Officer ride as Santa and directing staff to placing a small artificial Christmas Tree in the Museum.

Chair Colin proposed installing solar string LED lights along the fence at Heritage Court.

Discussion followed regarding promoting the annual event, placing the sleigh and Santa in the lawn area, inviting the RBFD to display one of their Fire Trucks, adding other events (i.e., Hannukah) and the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DISCONTINUATION OR REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES STRUCTURE

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Margolis presented the item for discussion; suggested considering the history of the committee structure and whether they were useful and what types of committees would be helpful, for example an Events Committee.

Chair Colin suggested that Commission Members take their time to review the subject and return with suggestions to the next Commission meeting for discussion. Additionally, he suggested that Members share promotions of the event on their social media platforms.

There were no public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding the current committees and the progress each has had, the possibility of a Heritage Home Medallion program for homeowners of designated historical homes, the jurisdiction of the Preservation Commission, having the Historical Commission recognize/honor the historic value of a home, holding quarterly open houses and movie nights.

J.4. ITEMS FROM STAFF

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Margolis provided an update of activities since the last Historical Commission meeting; discussed recently hired staff; addressed the reopening of regular hours, maintenance, completed and upcoming projects and spoke about partnering with the Library to develop the Historical Museum Collection.

Commissioner Stumphauzer further explained the collaboration with the Library and displayed a Hotel Redondo video she produced.

Motion by Commissioner Warstadt, seconded by Commissioner Gorbin, to reopen Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items. Hearing no objections, Chair Colin so ordered.

Christina Christian-Kelly, Redondo Beach Historical Society, announced the passing of Constantine Karavas; discussed the need to refurbish a previously-existing fountain and suggested installing a plaque in Mr. Kravis's honor, on the fountain.

J.5. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, DIRECTOR

Commissioner Gorbin noted that museum buildings are not labelled properly on Google Maps and the address is not easy to find; suggested adding directional signs and correcting existing signs.

Commissioner Hardy mentioned the computer Wi-Fi and addressed available museum curating software the City may want to consider purchasing.

Commissioner Stumphauzer updating social media platforms specifically for the museum; noted that a Chrome-Book check in system for guests to sign in would be very helpful in developing and maintaining

a visitor database and discussed the possibility of publishing a quarterly newsletter and painting the interior of the museum.

Commissioner Warstadt asked whether a landline is connected in the museum and suggested updating the recorded, outgoing message with accurate information.

Commissioner Cota called the number, and the outgoing message was, "Thank you for calling."

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF - None

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:52 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Cota, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Chair Colin so ordered.

At 8:52 p.m., Chair Colin adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting of the Redondo Beach Historical Commission on December 20, 2023, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, in memory of Mr. Constantine Karavas.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Harding,
Community Services Director