



REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION – 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Youth Commission was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cheves, Cho, Edwards, Reeds, Weiss, Chairperson Felde

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Secretary Steinberg, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt,

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh, Robles, Trone

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: McCauley

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Felde led the Commission in a salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Reeds, to approve the order of agenda.

Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

None.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to approve the consent calendar.

Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mayor Jim Light thanked the Youth Commission for their letter to the City Council regarding strategic planning. He informed the commission that their concerns are taken into consideration and will be addressed.

There were no further public comments or eComments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

None.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH'S 2025 TEENS IN POLICING PROGRAM

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced Police Department representative, Officer Lofstrom, and his presentation regarding the Teens in Policing Program.

Officer Lofstrom introduced himself as the community-based officer in the Police Department, giving an overview of his job description as running all of the City's community engagement programs, outreach, and administrative duties. He briefly

introduced the outline of his presentation regarding the program's curriculum and shared a YouTube promotion video. Hi gave his presentation, as follows:

- Teens in Policing is a youth program offered through police departments.
- The goals of the program are to educate; form relationships between youth and police officers; create informed contributors to the civic process; guidance, mentorship, instruction on navigating the dangers of the real world; and expose students to the realities faced by law enforcement every day.
- Qualifications and general information for the program include:
 - Youth entering 7th grade through 12th grade enrolled in public/private/home school
 - Program takes place over the summer
 - All participants must pass a background check
 - Parents are welcome to attend any session(s)
- The program's curriculum includes:
 - An opportunity to meet the Police Chief
 - Traffic stop scenarios
 - Overview and demonstration of the department's K-9 units
 - SWAT procedures and overview
 - Tactical Medicine and Stop the Bleed.
 - CSI crime scene investigations
 - Defensive tactics
 - DUI traffic investigations
 - Mock foot pursuit
- Officer Lofstrom shared the following personal takeaways from his participation in the program throughout the last four years:
 - Healthy mutual respect
 - The program is fun, and most students have wanted to retake the course
 - Builds lasting relationships with other participants and officers
 - Development of mentorship, guidance, and further education opportunities
 - Students leave the program with real world tools for safety, become better leaders, and have the knowledge to make better, safer decisions
 - Students gain authentic insight into procedures and the world pertaining to law enforcement
- Participants receive a certificate of completion and honorary pin shaped as a badge

Officer Lofstrom opened the floor for any questions or further input.

Chairperson Felde asked Officer Lofstrom for the average cohort size.

Officer Lofstrom responded that he was not the coordinator for the first class, but there were 8 students, the second class had 9 students, the third class had 18 participants, and the fourth class had 14 students.

Chairperson Felde asked what the maximum capacity was for the program.

Officer Lofstrom replied that he would set the limit at 20 participants, however it has not been needed to be applied yet.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh asked if there are kids using firearms.

Officer Lofstrom replied that there are no real firearms, only blue guns, which are pieces of plastic shaped as a firearm for mock scenarios.

Officer Lofstrom played an informational YouTube video about the Teens in Policing program, and then opened the floor for any further questions and input.

Chairperson Felde asked what the program's primary method of promotion is.

Officer Lofstrom replied that the program currently has a relationship with some school administrators who pass the information on to guidance counselors for career guidance, social media, parent and student interest, neighborhood watch letters, and community programs.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta opened the floor for public comment.

There were no further public comments or eComments.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to receive and file.

Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

J.2. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced the item and opened the floor for Youth Commissioners to share updates.

Commissioner Reeds shared that the Communications Subcommittee had a meeting that included herself and Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh. They drafted social media posts and shared them with staff for posting.

Chairperson Felde asked Commissioner Reeds if both her and Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh are reapplying for the Youth Commission next year.

Commissioner Reeds replied that she was.

Commissioner Cho from the Teen Center Subcommittee shared that she went to the open house with Commissioners Campisi and Edwards. She informed that there was not a big turnout to the event and reasoned that the lack of turnout may be caused by the fact it was on a Monday when students were coming back from spring break and returning to their schedules. She shared that the event was really nice and included Councilmember Kaluderovic as well as other Redondo Union High School (RUHS) teachers. Commissioner Cho further shared that a teacher suggested seniors or RUHS students should volunteer as tutors, and that the Teen Center should utilize the outside basketball courts for sports, and the outside stage for a battle of the bands or event space.

Chairperson Felde asked the Teen Center Subcommittee for an estimate on attendance count to the Open House.

Commissioner Campisi shared that there were 15 kids and 15 adults.

Chairperson Felde asked the Teen Center Subcommittee if there was good feedback from the event.

Commissioner Cho shared there was a parent who was very excited for the Teen Center's reopening.

Chairperson Felde asked if Commissioner Cho knew how old the parent's child was.

Commissioner Campisi responded that the parent's child appeared to be a sixth or seventh grader.

Chairperson Felde asked the floor if there are any other Subcommittee updates.

There were none.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta opened the floor for public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot to receive and file the Subcommittee updates.

Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

J.3. STAFF LIASON REPORT

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission there were two items to address: she thanked those who attended the Teen Center Open House event for their support and noted that staff are excited to begin purchasing and rebuilding the Teen Center; and that applications for next year's Youth Commission are being accepted until May 30th. She advised Youth Commissioners to share the news about open applications and shared that staff are excited to interview potential candidates who are interested in joining the Youth Commission.

Chairperson Felde suggested promoting to the history department at local middle schools and asked if a summer event at the Teen Center would still be possible.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that the Community Services Department is in the process of planning a series of summer pop-up event(s) and advised that the Teen Center will not be fully open until the next school year.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Chairperson Felde asked if the Teen Center should begin to plan for summer events at the next meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta shared that staff would like to meet with the Teen Center Subcommittee prior to the next Youth Commission meeting in case the Teen Center Subcommittee would like to get final feedback from the Youth Commission.

Chairperson Felde opened the floor for suggestions regarding future agenda items.

Commissioner Chabot suggested the main priority for the next meeting should be to finalize all work.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that staff would reach out to the subcommittees in order to wrap up final recommendations. She further informed the Youth Commission that next year's commission would begin where the seated commission left off.

Chairperson Felde asked if final planning and setting up for next year's Youth Commission will be agendized in the next month's meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta assured Chairperson Felde that a future discussion item will be agendized.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:11 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 05, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California.

Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cunningham, Flinn, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Hause
Community Services Director