

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
YOUTH COMMISSION AGENDA
Thursday, May 1, 2025**

415 DIAMOND STREET, REDONDO BEACH

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION - 6:30PM

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION - 6:30PM

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA
- E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Blue folder items are additional back up material to administrative reports and/or public comments received after the printing and distribution of the agenda packet for receive and file.

E.1. [BLUE FOLDER ITEMS](#)

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

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F.1. [AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING](#)

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.2. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 7, 2024, DECEMBER 5, 2024, JANUARY 6, 2025, FEBRUARY 6, 2025, AND MARCH 6, 2025](#)

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This section is intended to provide members of the public with the opportunity to comment on any subject that does not appear on this agenda for action. This section is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker will be afforded three minutes to address the Commission. Each speaker will be permitted to speak only once. Written requests, if any, will be considered first under this section.

H.1. [PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS](#)

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

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 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

J.2. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

J.3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

L. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Youth Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 5, 2025 in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

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Administrative Report

E.1., File # YC25-0616

Meeting Date: 5/1/2025

To: YOUTH COMMISSION

From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS



Administrative Report

F.1., File # YC25-0617

Meeting Date: 5/1/2025

To: YOUTH COMMISSION

From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

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Elizabeth Hause, Community Services Director

Date: April 25, 2025



Administrative Report

F.2., File # YC25-0615

Meeting Date: 5/1/2025

To: YOUTH COMMISSION

From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 7, 2024, DECEMBER 5, 2024, JANUARY 6, 2025, FEBRUARY 6, 2025, AND MARCH 6, 2025



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 Kelly Orta, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Edwards, Reeds, Weiss, Taghvaei, Steinburg, Sorgen, Cunningham, Cho, Campisi, Cheves, Flinn

Commissioners Absent: Van Pelt, Felde, Chabot, Bubenicek

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh, Robles

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: Trone

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation, Youth, Senior & Family Services Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Deputy Community Services Director Orta led in a salute to the flag; stated, since no chairperson has been selected yet, she will handle the first part of the agenda until the Commission gets to that item and a chairperson is selected.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Commissioners Van Pelt, Felde, Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

None

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Commissioners Van Pelt, Felde, Chabot, and Bubenicek 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

Alena Rashid, Junior at Redondo Union High School (RUHS), volunteer at Beach Cities Health District, and member of the Alcove Youth Advisory Commission, stated she will give updates to the Commission on what's happening at Alcove. She shared that Alcove is having its second birthday and has three locations and provided background and statistics on Alcove's impact. She announced upcoming events for November including Gender Identity Dialogue on the 19th, Design Your Career on the 13th and 20th, Wisdom Seekers on the 14th, South Bay Young Congress on the 20th, and Amplify on the 22nd and noted these are all on their Instagram and hoped everyone could join.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no additional public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

I.1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta went over what was discussed in the last Commission meeting on the item and announced that she prepared presentations for each item to help the Commissioners focus on their final motions. She asked the Commission to provide feedback or suggestions for future meetings and presented the PowerPoint as follows:

- Election of Officers
 - Conducted annually, usually in October
 - Pushed to November due to absences
 - Available positions:
 - Chairperson – Manages the meetings, maintains decorum, calls on commissioners to speak
 - Vice Chairperson – Fulfills the Chairperson roles in the absence
 - Secretary – Ceremonial position (per RBMC)
- Commissioner Interest
 - Commissioners that are absent but expressed interest in positions: Marley Van Pelt (Chairperson), Rena Felde (Chairperson), and Ziva Chabot (Secretary or Vice Chairperson)

Deputy Community Services Director Orta directed the Commission on how to proceed; asked for any suggestions; stated that there needs to be a motion, a second, and a final vote for each person.

Commissioner Cho voiced her own nomination for secretary.

Commissioner Taghvaei nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Reeds nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Steinburg nominated herself for Secretary.

Commissioner Weiss nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Discussion followed regarding Ad Hoc members running and Deputy Community Services Director Orta verified that they cannot.

Charlotte Edwards nominated herself for Secretary.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta announced no public comments.

The Commission decided to start with the Chairperson position and Deputy Community Services Director Orta announced Commissioner Van Pelt and Felde are the commissioners that were nominated for this role.

Motion by Commissioner Cho, seconded by Commissioner Taghvaei, to elect Commissioner Felde as the Chairperson for the Youth Commission. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Commissioners Van Pelt, Felde, Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta read the names of the commissioners nominated for Vice Chairperson, including Commissioners Van Pelt, Taghvaei, Reeds, and Weiss; asked if any of the commissioners running wanted to speak on their behalf.

Commissioner Reeds stated she is a sophomore at RUHS and gave background on clubs she is a member of. She noted that she understands parliamentary procedure and feels that she would be able to lead the Commission efficiently and productively.

Commissioner Weiss gave some background on herself and mentioned that she is an ASB member and part of the National Charity League. She stated that she practices parliamentary procedure and is the secretary for Redondo's Interact Club.

Commissioner Taghvaei stated she is a sophomore at RUHS and gave background on clubs she serves as a member. She noted that she is the Co-Founder/Co-President of Homes for Help, where they help the homeless.

Motion by Commissioner Cho, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to elect Commissioner Van Pelt as the Vice Chairperson for the Youth Commission. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Commissioners Van Pelt, Felde, Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta read the names of the commissioners running for Secretary, including Commissioners Cho, Taghvaei, Steinberg, Edwards, Reeds, and Chabot. Deputy Community Services Director Orta opened up the floor for anyone wishing to speak.

Commissioner Steinburg stated she is a sophomore at RUHS and provided background on clubs she is a member of and won awards for. She noted that she is the president of Walk for the World that participates in fundraising for various charities.

Motion by Commissioner Sorgen, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to elect Commissioner Steinburg as Secretary for the Youth Commission. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, and Commissioners Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta announced that Commissioner Felde was elected Chairperson, Commissioner Van Pelt as the Vice Chairperson, and Commissioner Steinburg as the Secretary of the Youth Commission. Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated since Chairperson Felde and Vice Chairperson Van Pelt are absent, she will continue to run the meeting.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW MCCAULEY TO THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta summarized the requirements of being considered for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and provided a presentation which included requirements and the role of serving on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Additionally, the following information regarding Matthew McCauley was shared:

- Senior at RUHS
- Considers mental health and traffic safety very important
- Needs for teens are safety, substance abuse awareness, and e-bikes
- Participates in extracurricular sports at RUHS
- Founded a nonprofit youth program for special needs and physically challenged.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta turned over the discussion to the Commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Weiss seconded by Commissioner Cho, to appoint Matthew McCauley to the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, and Commissioners Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRIORITIZED LIST OF PROJECTS AND CRITICAL FOCUS AREAS FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION'S 2024-25 TERM

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A TEEN CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO REPRESENT THE COMMISSION DURING STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS REGARDING SAFETY AND ACCESS AT REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that this item is a carryover from the previous meeting and explained that the City wants the Commission to determine what its goals and focus will be for the 2024-2025 term. Deputy Community Services Director

Orta presented a PowerPoint that included the role of the commission, per the Redondo Beach Municipal Code; policies and procedures outlining the development and implementation of subcommittees; recommendations to develop a Teen Center Subcommittee and Safety and Access at RUHS Stakeholder members; and recommended the development of the commission's goals.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no public comments.

Following discussion of the commission, the following prioritized list of projects and goals were developed:

1. Substance abuse
2. One-stop shop (critical teen-focused information) – easily accessible
3. Social media for RB teens – Instagram, coordinate with One-stop Shop
4. Survey – frequency of surveys, determine subject matter and questions, recommendations for distribution
5. Teen and family event nights – frequency

Deputy Community Services Director Orta spoke about developing subcommittees for each of the five goals and confirmed commissioners can serve on multiple subcommittees.

Commissioners Sorgen, Weiss, Taghvaei, Cho, Reeds, Flinn, and Cheves volunteered to serve on the Substance Abuse Subcommittee.

Commissioners Huynh, Steinburg, and Campisi volunteered to serve on the One-stop Shop Subcommittee.

Commissioners Reeds, Taghvaei, Steinberg, Robles, and Cunningham volunteered to serve on the Social Media Subcommittee.

Commissioners Campisi, Huynh, Sorgen, and Steinburg volunteered to serve on the Survey Subcommittee.

Commissioners Reeds, Cho, Cunningham, Weiss, and Robles volunteered to serve on the Teen and Family Event Nights Subcommittee.

Discussion followed on removal or changes to subcommittees.

Motion by Commissioner Cho, seconded by Commissioner Reeds, to create the prioritized list of goals with the subcommittees and members as presented. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, and Commissioners Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

Commissioners Chabot, Campisi, Reeds, Cho, Weiss, Taghvaei, and Robles volunteered to serve on a Teen Center Subcommittee.

Commissioner Huynh volunteered to serve on the RUHS Safety and Access Stakeholder Group to serve as the representative that drives to campus; Commissioner Weiss volunteered to serve as the representative that walks or bikes to campus.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Cho, to develop the Teen Center Subcommittee with the stated purpose and the Commissioners, as stated, to serve, as well as the Safety and Access representation of Commissioner Huynh and Weiss. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, and Commissioners Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESCHEDULE THE JANUARY 2, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta noted that January 2, 2025 is the holiday break for RUHS, so the recommendation is to move the meeting to January 6, 2025 when school resumes and the venue is available.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Commissioner Taghvaei, to move the January 2, 2025 Youth Commission Meeting to January 6, 2025. Motion carried 11-0-4, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, and Commissioners Chabot, and Bubenicek were absent.

J.4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta presented a PowerPoint on the following:

- Perry Park Teen Center
 - Improvements: painting, remodeling, update to the kitchenette area, upgrades to electrical, and improvements to the facility storage options
 - Provided visuals of the upgrades
 - Thanked the Public Works Team that did all the work
- Skate Park Mural
 - Pad 10 Skate Park

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Discussion followed regarding future Commission meetings.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:53 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024 in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections, Deputy Community Services Director Orta so ordered.

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



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

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B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cho, Edwards, Reeds, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Van Pelt, Weiss

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Felde, Flinn, Steinberg

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh, Trone, McCauley

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: Robles

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation, Youth, Senior & Family Services Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair Van Pelt led the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Commissioner Sorgen, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde and Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Steinberg were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

None

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Cho, seconded by Commissioner Taghvaei, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde and Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Steinberg 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

Alena Rashid, Junior at Redondo Union High School (RUHS), volunteer at Beach Cities Health District, and member of the Alcove Youth Advisory Commissions, wanted to bring to the attention of the Commission Alcove fundraising that just launched on Tuesday, December 3rd. She announced that all donations to Alcove allows them to continue providing services and resources and to move forward with future plans. She spoke about the importance of keeping the program going and announced an Unplugged event on December 13th and Handmade Holiday and Clothing Upcycle on December 19th. She hoped to find a date to collaborate with the Youth Commission at a date to be determined.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no further public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEEN SURVEY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL TEENS

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that at the Commission's last meeting, it developed a Teen Survey Subcommittee to specifically develop a survey that can be distributed to teens in the local area so the Commission can get some ideas of topics the community would like to hear about and focus on. Orta mentioned that due to the holidays, a formal subcommittee meeting was not able to be held so staff developed a draft survey that is provided with the Administrative Report.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta went through the draft questions with the Commission to get their input and made changes as discussed; 16 questions were presented:

- Demographic Information – Zip code, school, grade, age
- Programs, Events, and Activities
 - o Favorite social activities
 - o Which of the following types of programs or activities (list of options)
 - o Barriers to participation
 - o Travel to events
- Communication
 - o Rank your preferred method of receiving information
 - o Preferred social media platforms: Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.
 - o Preferred amenities at the Teen Center
 - o Desired programs, events, activities at the Teen Center
 - o Preferred Teen Center program hours
- Issues Facing Teens
 - o Top three issues facing local teens
 - o Substance/drug abuse – What types of programs or activities?

Mayor Jim Light, District 1, asked about the hours they are proposing and if they are distinguishing between summer and school year months. He suggested bringing in former addicts to present to the teens under the Substance/Drug Abuse item.

Commissioner Weiss suggested sending out the survey to focus on the school year hours and then sending out a new survey for the summer hours.

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve and distribute the teen survey as discussed with the input and changes of the Commission this evening. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde and Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Steinberg were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked the Commissioners to think about the method of delivery for the survey.

Discussion followed regarding delivery of the survey with suggestions of morning announcement emails at RUHS and on the City's social media page(s).

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW THE YOUTH COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEES AND CONSIDER CONSOLIDATION OF THE ONE-STOP SHOP & SOCIAL MEDIA SUBCOMMITTEES; AND THE TEEN & FAMILY EVENTS AND TEEN CENTER SUBCOMMITTEES

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta summarized previous discussion at the last meeting. Since that meeting, staff has worked on finalizing the subcommittee's directives and wanted the Commission's feedback before implementing them.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta further asked the Commission to consider consolidating some of the six subcommittees and noted that they are going to go through each one to make sure they are all on the same page with what they would like the subcommittees to focus on.

The commissioner made no changes to the descriptions of each subcommittee drafted by Staff. Staff recommended that the One-Stop Shop and Social Media subcommittees be combined to form a Communications Subcommittee and stated the Commissioners for that subcommittee would be: Huynh, Steinberg, Campisi, Reeds, Taghvaei, Robles, and Cunningham.

Staff also recommended consolidating Teen & Family Events and Teen Center subcommittees into Teen Center & Events Subcommittee. In order to consolidate, staff requested the commission consider whether a commission would like to remove themselves from the combined subcommittee to ensure it remains below Brown Act requirements.

No public comments and no eComments were received or heard.

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve the assigned tasks for each of the subcommittees, as presented. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde and Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Steinberg were absent.

Motion by Commissioner Cho, seconded by Commissioner Taghvaei, to approve the consolidation of the One-Stop Shop and Social Media subcommittees and affirm the Commissioners fulfilling that role. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde and Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Steinberg were absent.

Commissioner Campisi removed himself from the Communications Subcommittee.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to approve the consolidation of the Teen & Family Events and Teen Center & Events Subcommittees and affirm the Commissioners fulfilling that role. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Chairperson Felde and Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Steinberg were absent.

Commissioner Reeds removed herself from the Teen Center & Events Subcommittee to ensure that it is compliant.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

None

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:20 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. to a Special meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025 in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections the meeting adjourned.

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



SPECIAL 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 6:35 p.m. by Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cheves, Cunningham, Cho, Edwards, Flinn, Reeds, Taghvaei, Weiss, Chairperson Felde, and Vice Chairperson Van Pelt

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Sorgen, Steinberg

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh, Robles, Trone (arrived at 6:38pm)

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: McCauley

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation, Youth, Senior & Family Services Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Felde led the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried 12-0-3, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Sorgen, and Steinberg were absent.

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

None

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 12-0-3, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Sorgen, and Steinberg were absent.

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Jim Mueller thanked the Commission for the privilege to speak. He referenced the Substance Abuse Subcommittee and suggested calling it the Substance Awareness Subcommittee stating that awareness is the first line of defense of a young person to keep away from the danger of substance abuse. He described the various ways substances are presented including colorful packaging, tasty flavoring, cool storefront designs and ads promising health, wealth and happiness. Mr. Mueller noted there are six shops in Redondo Beach selling habit forming smoke products between Aviation and Inglewood on Artesia Blvd and announced that Redondo Beach is about to allow licensed cannabis shops into the city. He wanted the Commission to educate themselves on the dangers these substances can have on their health and compared it to the history of tobacco use. He informed the Commissioners that these products continue to appear because the companies producing them get rich by selling a habit-forming product that people are convinced they cannot live without. He recommended to the Commission to do research on what cannabis does to brain development in youths.

Jonathan Cvetko, District 1 and former RUHS student, stated that he works in the cannabis industry and lobbied on their behalf in Sacramento. He stated that when they started, cannabis was supposed to be handled responsibly with taxes so a majority of the money would go towards drug prevention to protect the children. Mr. Cvetko stated that the industry has made poor decisions on keeping the youth safe and that they don't make enough money to support the youth prevention programs. He reported that the LA Times has reported all the testing to keep the bad chemicals out of products is false and that there is actually high levels of pesticides and toxins in them. He apologized that he was not able to keep cannabis safe and stated that he does not believe that the City can keep them safe. Mr. Cvetko asked the Commission to do their research and do what they can to help stop these shops from coming into the community.

Melissa DeChandt reported that she wrote a resolution for the California State PTA on cannabis. She stated that cannabis is simply not good for youth because it is a pivotal time for neurodevelopment and mentioned California grows high potency cannabis. She shared a personal story of her twin siblings where one went to Stanford and the other, despite having a near perfect SAT score, went to a federal prison due to buying, selling and using cannabis. Ms. DeChandt shared data that states anytime there are storefront cannabis stores, youth use increases by at least 26%. She left the Commission a Public Health Report, the cannabis resolution she wrote, and another document from scientists talking about the high potency cannabis in California and urged the Commission to do what they can to stop the storefront cannabis stores from coming to Redondo Beach.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that the Commission needs to do a motion to receive and file the documents provided by Melissa DeChandt to put into public record.

Motion by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Chairperson Felde, to receive and file the three documents submitted by Melissa DeChandt. Motion carried 12-0-3, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Sorgen, and Steinberg were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she will scan and email the Commissioners the documents and include them on the agenda on the website.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no other public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION - None

J.1. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Commission that this will be a standing item since this gives the subcommittees a chance to update the Commission on the work that was done. Due to the holidays, kickoff meetings for the subcommittees had not been held except for the Teen Survey because that one will help guide the work of the other subcommittees. She announced she will be contacting each subcommittee to help them get organized so they can figure out what direction they will be taking. Mrs. Orta gave a brief update on the Teen Survey and reported it has been uploaded into the online survey link and all of them will receive that link. She noted that the Teen Survey Subcommittee had been working hard behind the scenes to finalize the survey in the hopes that by the next meeting, they would have some preliminary information to share from the survey. Mrs. Orta thanked the Teen Survey Subcommittee for their work and told the Commissioners to keep an eye out on their Redondo Beach emails for any updates.

Chairperson Felde asked each subcommittee if they had any updates for the Commission. She suggested the Teen Center & Events Subcommittee consider planning a similar event like the RUHS Seahawk Marketplace Maker's Fair, but citywide participation. She moved on to updates from the RUHS Safety and Access Stakeholder Group.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated there is an upcoming meeting for the RUHS Safety and Access Stakeholder Group on Wednesday.

Chairperson Felde stated that she noticed that one of the members in the Substance Abuse Subcommittee is an adult commissioner and wanted to know if the youth commissioners have priority over the adults. Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated no, the subcommittees were formed based on interest and availability at the time they were assigned.

Jim Mueller spoke about the Maker's Fair and stated he is a member of the NRBB (North Redondo Beach Businesses) and they are interested in the Maker's Fair. He mentioned Robin Garfield has sponsored many maker's fairs at the middle schools and high schools and reported that they are trying to develop a real neighborhood, family-oriented type of community along Artesia. Mr. Mueller mentioned that there might be a good space there for a Maker's Fair and stated if anyone is interested in pursuing that they can contact him.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no other public comments.

J.2. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Deputy Community Services Director Orta let the Commissioners know that the flyer for the survey is on their desks with the linked QR code, which will soon be distributed on the City website, City's Instagram page(s), and other forms of media to share the news. She further updated the Commission on the Teen Center remodel.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

None

L. ADJOURNMENT – 6:59 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections the meeting adjourned.

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



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 6:33 p.m. by Deputy Community Services Director, Kelly Orta, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cho, Edwards, Reeds, Sorgen, Steinberg, Taghvaei, Chairperson Felde, and Vice Chair Van Pelt,

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Weiss

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh, Trone, and McCauley

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: Robles

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation, Youth, Senior & Family Services Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Felde led the 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 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Weiss were absent.

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated the Blue Folder item is for item J.1 regarding the Teen Survey data.

Motion by Chairperson Felde, seconded by Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, to receive and file the Blue Folder item. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Weiss were absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve the order of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Weiss were absent.

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alena Rashid, Junior at Redondo Union High School (RUHS), volunteer at Beach Cities Health District (BCHD), and member of the Alcove Youth Advisory Commission, wanted to provide an update and mentioned her excitement for the Commission's upcoming tour on the 11th of the Alcove and their collaboration on the topic of youth mental health. She stated the Alcove will have a booth at the Super Bowl 10K event and provided a list of events for February including: Cycle and Smoothies tomorrow, Valentine's Craft Night on the 13th, Clothing Upcycle on the 20th, Self-Love Workshop on the 26th, and Unplugged on the 27th. Ms. Rashid stated that they all start at 4:30 p.m., except for the workshop that starts at 5:00 p.m. She reported that the Youth Advisory Commission's applications are open at the end of February until the end of March and that their fundraising is still open.

Jonathan Cvetko requested the Commission agendaize the cannabis issue that he brought forward at the last meeting. He asked the Commission to discuss what it means for the youth of Redondo Beach should the storefront cannabis retail stores be allowed to move forward and spoke about the need to recognize the harm that will come as a result. He noted that when the state allowed legal cannabis shops to open, the intent was to use a lot of the funds to help mitigate and protect the youth by putting funds towards programs such as Alcove and others. He voiced his concerns that the Redondo Beach City Council has not done anything towards protecting the youth and reported that the LA Times has had numerous front-page articles on what kinds of poisons are being put into the products sold at the cannabis retailers. Mr. Cvetko stated that the State is supposed to test for those things but has failed to do that and as a result, pesticides and all kinds of heavy metals are going into the products. He felt that the youth of the community needs to get involved and that is why he is there tonight, to ask them to get involved.

Motion by Commissioner Sorgen, seconded by Commissioner Reeds, to receive and file the document provided by Jonatan Cvetko. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Weiss were absent.

Melissa Ferguson (via Zoom) encouraged the members of the Commission to attend the City Council meeting next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., stating that the Council will be doing the first reading of the ordinance for cannabis. She reported that she is a bench-trained immunologist and she has been very concerned about the latest studies regarding cannabis and the impact of cannabis retail stores on the youth. She asked the Commission to agendize the item for their next meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated they had one eComment and no other public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. RECEIVE AND FILE RESULTS OF THE TEEN SURVEY

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta presented a PowerPoint on the Teen Survey including data collected.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that the Blue Folder has all of the survey results and noted this is just a “receive and file” for tonight. She presented on the results received for each question in the survey.

No public comments or eComments were received or heard.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, to receive and file the information from the Teen Survey. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Weiss were absent.

J.2. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES FROM COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES AND APPOINTED ROLES

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that this is an item for subcommittees to provide updates to the commission on any work that they have completed since the last meeting. The following updates were received by the subcommittees:

- Communication Subcommittee created a Redondo Beach Teens Instagram page (redondoteens) and a teen-focused webpage on the Redondo Beach website
- Teen Center Subcommittee stated that the Teen Center still has a lot of work needed.

- Ad Hoc Subcommittee member Huynh, member of the RUHS Safety and Access Stakeholder group, mentioned that they spoke about Diamond Street design changes to make the area safer for e-Bikes, drivers, and other users and noted to expect some changes there.

No public comments or eComments.

J.3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked the Commission to share proposed content for social media posts with the Communications Subcommittee and wanted to announce that the city is accepting applications for the next school year's Youth Commission. She clarified that everyone on the Commission currently has a one-year term and will have to re-apply and go through the process again if they want to serve next school year. Deadline to apply is May 30th.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Chairperson Felde suggested the Commission have a broader discussion on the topic of cannabis beyond the Substance Abuse Subcommittee to gain different prospective on the item. She felt the Commission could gain some understanding after the next Council meeting on the item and the Cannabis Ordinance.

Discussion followed on what the Commission is looking to accomplish, agendizing the item for the next meeting, and what the motion would be going forward.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that the city has already moved forward with allowing cannabis and what they are doing now is refining where and how these cannabis retailers will be allowed to open. She noted that ordinances can be amended at any time but that does take time.

Discussion followed regarding the next steps for the city regarding the owners/operators of the cannabis shops, what part the Youth Commission can take in making sure the youth of the city are not negatively impacted, and how the Commission may be able to mitigate some of the possible negative affects this can have on the youth of the city.

Motion by Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, seconded by Commissioner Reeds, to refer the Cannabis Ordinance discussion to the Substance Abuse Subcommittee and to return to the Youth Commission with some information on how the City's Cannabis Ordinance and the opening of cannabis shops in the City can affect teens in the community. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, and Weiss were absent.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:09 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Reeds, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections the meeting adjourned.

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



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 6:33 p.m. by Deputy Community Services Director, Kelly Orta, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cho, Edwards, Flinn, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Weiss, Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, and Chairperson Felde

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh and Trone

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: Robles and McCauley

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg were absent.

D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

None.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Sorgen, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg 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

Rick McQuillin, South Bay tech developer and entrepreneur, spoke about his career in technology and said that he was referred to the Youth Commission by his friend Jim Mueller. He introduced the Artesia Community Project's mission of improving Artesia Boulevard and the Galleria and spoke about an app he produced called See Artesia, an elevated e-commerce app to bring back local retail in the city. He would like youth participation to aid with data analysis and testing and gave out his email and business cards to the Youth Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Flinn, seconded by Chairperson Felde, to receive and file Rick Mcquillin's business cards. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg were absent.

There were no public comments or eComments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

None.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE YOUTH COMMISSION'S INPUT ON THE CITY'S FY 2025-2026 BUDGET

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that the city will be starting to develop its budget for the next fiscal year and would like input from Commissions to provide insight. She asked the Youth Commission to consider asking for a funding allocation for the Teen Center due to its pending reopening.

Chairperson Felde asked if requests must require a certain level of specificity.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded explained that every request should be as specific as possible since City Council will be depending on the Youth Commission to be experts on requested items.

Chairperson Felde asked if the next Youth Commission meeting would be the deadline for the commission to provide its input.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that the City Council does not approve the budget until June, but staff will be commencing budget preparations within the next week. She advised the Youth Commission that it could postpone the discussion no later than its April meeting in order for it to be considered with the budget.

Commissioner Flinn asked if there will be Wi-Fi and what infrastructure will be provided at the Teen Center so the Youth Commissioners could discuss what else will be needed.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that there will be Wi-Fi at the Teen Center however the Teen Center does not currently have equipment.

Commissioner Flinn asked if there was any furniture.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that there will be furniture and there is a small budget in place for the Teen Center for furnishings, however the budget does not have enough for ongoing expenses. She explained that if the commission would like to continue the item to the next meeting, she could return with clearer information on what is currently at the facility and identified needs.

Vice Chairperson Van Pelt asked if the Youth Commissioners could take the responses answered in the youth survey to request for specific allocations such as vending machines or study rooms.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that requests can be specific to the survey data as they are a valuable tool that the Youth Commission can depend on to argue why something is needed.

Ad Hoc member Huynh asked if Youth Commissioners have to attend the budget meetings to provide input or if Deputy Community Services Director Orta will be providing information to the City Council.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that she would provide an overview of the Youth Commission's requests to the City Manager who will consider those requests as part of his recommendation to the Council. All requests will be included as part of the administrative report for the City Council to consider. She informed the Youth Commission that they will not have to attend budget meetings, but are welcome to.

Chairperson Felde asked the Youth Commission if anyone had specific suggestions for the budget.

Commissioner Chabot suggested to wait in order to gain better insight on what is needed before deciding on the budget.

Chairperson Felde agreed and acknowledged that the City Council is already aware the Teen Center will be reopening. She asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if Item J.1 could be pushed to April.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta affirmed that the item could be pushed and requested desired information from the Youth Commission so she could come back with all the necessary information.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked the Youth Commission if they would like to hear public comment before moving on. Chairperson Felde agreed and opened public comment.

Slavia and Katie, Redondo Beach students, spoke in favor of events at the Teen Center and believed people would attend. They stated that the Youth Commission should factor public events into the budget and Slavia recommended more funding to promoting the wellness center and mental health services to middle school and high school students. Both Katie and Slavia plan to approach Youth Commissioners for any future recommendations.

Commissioner Reeds asked Katie and Slavia what elements or kinds of events they would like to see and if people would attend events such as a pickleball tournament or food spreads.

Katie agreed and said food would be a great way for people to attend because it is active and social. Slavia agreed and proposed other activities such as cornhole or to collaborate with school clubs for fundraiser or promotion events. Katie added that the Salsa club had collaborated with the City of Redondo Beach before, and there was a big turnout.

There were no additional public comments or eComments.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked the Youth Commission if there were any other topics they would like to bring up for this item at the next meeting. She explained that they are allowed to consider any topics outside of the Teen Center and they do not need to be solely teen "issues".

Commissioner Flinn provided examples of the types of discussions the Youth

Commission could have and explained that they are able to bring up any concerns or recommendations they have for Redondo Beach.

Commissioner Campisi recommended providing funding for the Beach Cities Transit (BCT) because him and his friends use transit and believe their services could be improved.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked Commissioner Campisi if he had any specific recommendations for improvement.

Commissioners Campisi, Reeds, and Chairperson Felde shared that busses can be at full capacity, has faulty timing, and would benefit from better promotion of the BCT service including live updates, an increase in buses, and higher accessibility.

Vice Chairpesron Van Pelt suggested a closed captioning system for the Redondo Beach theatre arts program for people such as herself who are deaf and hard of hearing who struggle with hearing the performances.

Chairperson Felde pushed forward an expansion of “third spaces” in Redondo Beach such as cafes and the library and added onto Commissioner Flinn's example of the Pier, noting that she would like to see the Pier have more teen-friendly considerations in the remodeling process.

Commissioner Chabot suggested revitalization of the pier by including activities or areas that are free or low-cost.

Commissioner Taghvaei recommended more funding for the arts in general and specifically for the Redondo Beach schools because there is not enough funding to make a difference; specifically, she would like more funding in the theatre program due to its growing popularity.

Commissioner Flinn informed the Youth Commission regarding discussions that closed captioning, and the school theatre program are two different budgets. She advised the them to address the school board and district for funding school programs.

Chairperson Felde shared that public events are often held at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center and it is a location they can consider discussing since it is used outside of school. She asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if she would recommend the commission look at the survey data before the next meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded they she would recommend commissioners look at the survey data to inspire any ideas.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to continue the item to the next meeting. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg were absent.

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION DURING UPCOMING STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSIONS

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta shared the current Strategic Plan attached to their agendas and explained what the City Strategic Plan is. She explained that this item provides an opportunity for the commission to give input to the City Council on updates to the plan within the next six months to a year. If items are identified, she advised the commission to designate one or two commissioners to work directly with staff to collectively draft a letter to the Council. The letter would be brought back for the April meeting to have time to finalize and send to the City Council prior to its Strategic Plan discussion at the end of April.

Commissioner Huynh asked how many of the projects are related to the Youth Commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded they do not know if there were many directly related to the Youth Commission, if any.

Chairperson Felde asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if the draft letter is the same as the budget proposal.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded to Chairperson Felde that the documents are separate.

Chairperson Felde asked if the BCT improvement suggestion be considered a part of the strategic plan.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed it can be.

Commissioner Campisi would like to consider the BCT improvement suggestion to be a part of the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Flinn mentioned Chairperson Felde's suggestion of developing "third spaces" as part of the City's Strategic Plan.

Chairperson Felde asked the Youth Commission for any volunteers to draft the letter. If there were no volunteers, she said she would be happy to take on the role.

There were no public comments or eComments.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, for Chairperson Felde to work with staff to write a draft letter for City Council to include recommendations on considering changes to the BCT as discussed, and the consideration for a "third spaces" concept for inclusion in the City Council's upcoming Strategic Plan discussion.

Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg were absent.

J.3. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that this is a standing item for anyone who is in a subcommittee to provide updates on any accomplishments since the last Commission meeting. She requested the commission to consider dissolving the Teen Survey Subcommittee as well as the RUHS Safety and Access Stakeholder assignments as they have already completed their meetings and provided needed feedback.

There were no updates from any of the subcommittees.

Chairperson Felde asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if the subcommittees are going successfully and if there is attendance.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there was attendance and subcommittee meetings were held through the month prior, however, she said that she strongly encouraged subcommittees to meet independently, but did not hear of any meetings taken place.

Chairperson Felde advised the commission to prioritize meeting with their subcommittees.

Commissioner Reeds recommended sharing contact information between Youth Commission members to increase communication.

Chairperson Felde agreed with Commissioner Reed's idea and asked if it would violate the Brown Act.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed it does not violate the Brown Act as long as texts are only between elected subcommittee members and no other members of the commission.

Commissioner Chabot recommended sharing a group calendar for subcommittee members to input their schedule.

Commissioner Reeds suggested sending different dates in the group chat to gather the most subcommittee members who can meet.

Chairperson Felde opened the floor for any public comments.

Slavia and Katie, Redondo Beach students, recommended to promote a collaboration between the Teen Center and a store in the South Bay Galleria such as Cinnabon, to gather teens and raise awareness about the South Bay Galleria.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to dissolve the Teen Survey subcommittee. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg were absent.

Motion by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Vice Chairperson Van Pelt, to dissolve the RUHS Safety & Access Stakeholder group. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Reeds, and Steinberg were absent.

J.4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reminded the commission to apply for next year's Youth Commission. Applications were readily available on the Redondo Beach Website. She announced that staff is making marked progress with the Teen Center and that staff is hoping to schedule a planning workshop within the next month to hear from teens including the Youth Commission, to discuss designs for the space.

Commissioner Reeds asked if the workshop would be open to teens outside of the Youth Commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed it would be a public community event to envision what the Teen Center would need.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Chairperson Felde advised the commission to look over the Teen Survey data to brainstorm ideas to suggest for the future budget discussion and confirmed that she would have a draft of the Strategic Plan letter for their review at the next meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:53 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Chabot, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2025, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California. There being no objections, Chairperson Felde so ordered.

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



Administrative Report

H.1., **File #** YC25-0618

Meeting Date: 5/1/2025

To: YOUTH COMMISSION

From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS



Administrative Report

J.1., File # YC25-0613

Meeting Date: 5/1/2025

To: YOUTH COMMISSION

From: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

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

BACKGROUND

The Redondo Beach Police Department (RBPD) is proud to announce its 2025 Teens in Policing program, which is a 9-week program that includes hands-on roleplay scenarios and information about CSI, S.W.A.T., firearms, and more. A representative from RBPD will provide a presentation on the upcoming program and will be available to answer any questions.

Included as an attachment is the program's informational flyer.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Teens in Policing Flyer



TEENS IN POLICING 2025

9 Week Program, Wednesdays 2-4PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH

PROGRAM INCLUDES:



**HANDS-ON ROLEPLAY
SCENARIOS**



LEARNING ABOUT:



CSI



S.W.A.T.



K9



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DUI



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Administrative Report

J.2., File # YC25-0612

Meeting Date: 5/1/2025

TO: YOUTH COMMISSION

FROM: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive an update on each subcommittee's respective projects and affirm the commissioners serving on each.

Discussion and possible action on the dissolution of the Teen Survey Subcommittee and the RUHS Safety and Access Stakeholder assignments.

BACKGROUND

The Youth Commission (Commission) has a number of active subcommittees that are individually tasked with specific projects that align with the goals of the Commission. Additionally, the Commission appointed select commissioners to serve on a stakeholder group that is analyzing the safety and access at Redondo Union High School (RUHS).

As part of the Commission's ongoing review of the work assigned to its subcommittees and appointed roles, a current subcommittee member may briefly describe any projects currently in process. The discussion will provide an opportunity to inform the Commission of the current progress of each project; allow commissioners to express their interests, goals, and desires to be involved in subcommittees that have a vacancy; propose new subcommittees for consideration a future meeting; or modify the number of approved subcommittees.

A maximum of seven commissioners may serve on a single subcommittee. There are no limitations to the number of subcommittees a commissioner may serve. Included below are the Commission's active subcommittee and stakeholder groups:

Substance Abuse Subcommittee

Member(s): Sorgen, Weiss, Taghvaei, Cho, Reeds, Flinn, Cheves

Review current resources and local policies related to substance abuse, and make recommendations regarding education and programs to provide information and current resources available to teens and their families.

Communications Subcommittee

Member(s): Reeds, Huynh, Steinberg, Taghvaei, Robles, Cunningham

Create a general "Teens in Redondo Beach" social media account utilizing Instagram.

Determine the focus of future posts including strategies and frequency. Consider alternate means of communication, when necessary, while keeping in mind the creation of a one-stop shop resource for teen-related information that ensures accessibility.

Teen Center & Event Subcommittee

Member(s): Cho, Cunningham, Weiss, Robles, Chabot, Campisi, Taghvaei

Provide guidance to staff on the re-opening of the Perry Park Teen Center, and provide ongoing support for teen programs, services, and events held throughout the City.

Subcommittee items requiring formal action or consideration of the Commission must be agendaized for a future discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Administrative Report

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Meeting Date: 5/1/2025

To: YOUTH COMMISSION

From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A verbal update on miscellaneous items will be provided at the meeting.