



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:

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Community Services Director