

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Recreation & Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Varvarigos at 7:00 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Escontrias, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos

Commissioners Absent: Rowe and Light

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Senior Management Analyst
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation Supervisor

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Varvarigos led the Commissioners in a Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Korman-Soper, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Escontrias, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Rowe and Light.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

Senior Management Analyst Orta confirmed there are no Blue Folder Items.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AND MARCH 8, 2023

Motion by Vice Chair Lang, seconded by Commissioner Korman-Soper, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Escontrias, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Rowe and Light.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Varvarigos opened the floor to public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:

Sarah Martin, Secretary of the Redondo Beach Sailing Club, spoke on the membership history of the club and the former agreements made by the City and the club. Continued to add the City's bidding process and the club not receiving a formal response to the City's denial regarding the bid.

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, seconded by Chair Varvarigos, to approve additional public comment time to Sarah Martin. Motion carried with no objection.

Motion by Chair Varvarigos, seconded by Vice Chair Lang, to receive and file the documents submitted by Sarah Martin. Motion carried with no objection.

Vice Chair Lang inquired about the proper protocol regarding public comments and asking questions.

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided clarification regarding the process.

Ronifo Fernandez, former resident of 215 South Broadway, spoke on his life and experiences in Redondo Beach. Inquired about resources for homeless individuals.

Chair Varvarigos noted that services are available at the Police Department.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo further clarified that services are available in the Redondo Beach Police Department.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo confirmed that there were no eComments and public comments.

Seeing no additional requests to speak, Chair Varvarigos closed the floor to public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

None.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

Vice Chair Lang inquired about the comments received from Sarah Martin.

Commissioner Escontrias added that the non-profit inability to work as a vendor and second the use of the slips until someone is selected and how that is being utilized.

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided an update and noted that there are sailing classes and sailing club aspects that are connected. Students from the sailing classes can graduate and be part of the sailing club, but there is no direct affiliation between the City and the Sailing Club. City Council gave direction to staff to see how to incorporate the slips at Portofino Marina and if the City complies with the Coastal Act. Further noted the next key steps.

Vice Chair Lang inquired about continued components by the City and the Sailing Club.

Senior Management Analyst Orta confirmed what steps the City has taken regarding the Sailing Club.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo in addition, noted that the City needs an agreement with insurance in place for that organization to use the vessels.

Commissioner Korman-Soper and Chair Varvarigos suggested for a motion to have this item return for further discussion and direction by the Commission.

Commissioner Escontrias noted that based on information he had received, staff decided to move to a bidding process for the use of the City sailboats.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo provided clarification that City staff did contact the recipients that submitted proposals to inform them of the City's decision and further noted that current staff was not part of the initial discussion and has made decisions based on direction of the City Council.

Senior Management Analyst Orta recommended that the Commission request for the item to be agendized to a future date and allow for staff to provide any and all information regarding this topic.

Motion by Commissioner Escontrias, to agendize a discussion regarding the issues concerning the Sailing Club and the use of slips moving forward. There was not a second made to this motion.

Vice Chair Lang requested for the report to include the various steps.

Commissioner Korman-Soper requested for additional staff to be present to provide all information.

Chair Varvarigos requested for staff to provide a report with all information but that the Sailing Club needs to have a separate conversation with the City regarding the process.

Commissioner Escontrias further noted his concerns, including: 1) the selection process concerning a sailing club to use certain facilities; 2) the slip itself and if not approved, no one should be using the facility; and 3) the timeline of the treatment of the Sailing Club.

Vice Chair Lang noted concerns that if organizations have had volunteers provide service for the City for an extended time, the City should communicate properly.

Commissioner McCauley recommended that the Commission ask for a simple report and also inquired about the evaluation process to determine who the vendor is and how much the weight of the former relationship is in the process and selection.

Senior Management Orta recommended that the Commission make a formal motion to agendize this discussion to a future meeting.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Vice Chair Lang, to agendize the item on the sailing program to a future meeting and receive an update on all points relevant as stated tonight (legal, insurance, and vendor selection process). Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Escontrias, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Rowe and Light.

J.1. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE INPUT ON THE CITY'S FY 2023/24 BUDGET

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided a brief overview regarding the item and noted that the item is for consideration to provide recommendations to the City Council regarding the budget.

Vice Chair Lang inquired on the cover for the dugout at Julie Field and if it would be included in the improvements discussed.

Commissioner McCauley confirmed that the cover for the dugout, the new backstops, the priority of adding a new field or look at an option location as well as improvements to the Alta Vista Park, were provided to staff.

Vice Chair Lang asked for drinking fountains or water bottle refill stations to be installed at Wilderness Park to be added to the budget discussion.

Commissioner Korman-Soper inquired if any parks or parquettes need to be re-done.

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided an update that the Public Works Department did previously develop a conditions report for each location through a joint assessment with Los Angeles County.

Vice Chair Lang added another recommendation for budget discussion is more trees at the parks.

Commissioner McCauley inquired about fields at the schools to be added to the budget discussion.

Senior Management Analyst Orta noted that Commissioner McCauley's request wasn't an appropriate budgetary consideration.

Chair Varvarigos opened the floor to public comments. The following individual(s) spoke:

Recreation Manager Pinedo read the comments submitted via eComment by David Martin.

Seeing no additional requests to speak, Chair Varvarigos closed the floor to public comments.

Chair Varvarigos added an additional recommendation to the budget for consideration of a Park Ranger position. Commissioner McCauley suggested the Commission hold a future discussion regarding the Park Ranger to determine whether to make a recommendation to the City Council.

Senior Management Analyst Orta suggested for two motions to be placed. One motion regarding the budget recommendations and a second motion to include the Park Ranger position and noted that if the Park Ranger position is agendaized to a future meeting staff can return with data from other cities.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Korman-Soper, to receive and file the recommendations as provided by the Commissioners to the City Council regarding the budget. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Escontrias, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Rowe and Light.

Motion by Chair Varvarigos, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, to direct staff to agendaize a future discussion of a Park Ranger position. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Escontrias, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Rowe and Light.

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO DEVELOP AND INSTALL TIMELINE SIGNS AT DOMINGUEZ PARK THAT CORRELATE WITH KEY MOMENTS IN REDONDO BEACH HISTORY

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided information on the Historical Commission's recommended inclusion of historical timeline signs at Dominguez Park.

Discussion followed regarding the the information on the signs, including a potential QR code, and having other options for those that do not have access to phones; a better understanding of the project execution details; the extension of the museum to the outdoor space; having more information available regarding the City's history; added expenses that can wait for this project; concern regarding the addition of more projects to the Public Works Department; possible funding options, signage and other design options; staff to look into the estimated cost for the project; and to condense the number of signs at Dominguez Park.

Senior Management Analyst Orta responded to the Commissioners questions and provided clarification.

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided the following comments received:

- Number of signs suggested.
- Funding sources for the project.
- Potential locations for the signage and design.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Vice Chair Lang, to direct staff to provide the following comments to the Historical Commission regarding the proposed installment timeline signs at Dominguez Park: consideration of the number of signs suggested; funding sources for the project; and potential locations for the signage and design. Motion carried, with the following vote.

AYES: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos.
NOES: Escontrias.
ABSENT: Rowe and Light.

J.3. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

Commissioner McCauley reported that there is no additional updates regarding the Community Outreach Subcommittee other than the information provided for the budget discussion.

Commissioner Escontrias reported that the Volunteer Program met and had two City staff members assist and be involved in the process. Received support from the City in moving forward with the Volunteer Recognition Program.

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided additional information regarding the Volunteer Recognition Program.

Chair Varvarigos stated for the record that the Joint Fundraiser Committee has been disbanded.

Senior Management Analyst Orta confirmed that the subcommittee will be removed.

J.4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided the following updates under Director's Report:

- Final playground design for Dominguez Park as presented to the City Council for approval. Provided plans show the final designs incorporating all the comments from the subcommittee.

Commissioner Korman-Soper stated for the record that the actual colors of the playground surface are not as bright as shown in the images.

Vice Chair Lang inquired about the projected timeline for this project.

Senior Management Analyst Orta continued to provide the following updates under Director's Report:

- The City continues to hire staff for the summer programs. All open positions are available on the City's website.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Vice Chair Lang, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: McCauley, Korman-Soper, Escontrias, Vice Chair Lang, and Chair Varvarigos.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Rowe and Light.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Recreation & Parks Commission will be a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on June 14, 2023, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and via teleconference.

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



Cameron Harding
Community Services Director