



## **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 19<sup>th</sup>, Design Your Career on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Wisdom Seekers on the 14<sup>th</sup>, South Bay Young Congress on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Amplify on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

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Elizabeth Hause  
Community Services Director