

# BRINGING HISTORY TO THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT

*For April 9, 2025 Public Amenities Commission Meeting*

On March 29, 2025, Commissioners Maroko and McCauley met at the Morrell House.

Items discussed:

1. **Landmark designation of Wilderness Park.**

Last Action: At the December 11, 2024 meeting, Commission voted to agendize for discussion having Wilderness Park designated as a historic landmark

Status: Not yet on the Commission agenda.

2. **Dominguez Park walking timeline.**

The Committee discussed the project and is recommending to the Commission to proceed with 8-10 signs along the walking pathway at Dominguez Park and to further inquire of staff whether a uniform sign design could be developed in-house and produced by the sign-shop.

Last Action: Prior to the March Committee meeting, the Commission voted at its February 12, 2025 meeting to agendize a discussion of the Dominguez Park walking timeline.

Status: Not yet on the Commission agenda.

3. **Path of History markers** – The Path of History is a series of informational markers placed in significant locations throughout the City. Through text and treasured photos, the City's rich history is brought to life for all to learn and enjoy. Originally developed by the Leadership Redondo Class of 2002. At the March 19, 2025 meeting, the Commission approved production prioritization of the next 8 markers. The design and fabrication of these markers were included in the City's current budget. The Community Services Director determined that the design work could be done by in-house graphic designers, saving the City at least \$10,000. City staff is exploring different fabricators of the markers.

Next step:: The Committee is gathering sign content for the 7 new markers (the 8<sup>th</sup> is a refabrication of an existing marker that has climatical damage), consistent with discussions with the Cultural Arts Manager.

4. **Museum metrics** re: number of visitors and days visit.

Previously discussed with Director Vinke. Will be discussing with Cultural Arts Manager Meyer  
No Commission action is needed at this time.

5. **Ito Family Open Space**

Background: On February 17, 2021, the Historical Commission voted to recommend that the City Council name the parkette at Ripley and Flagler Lane in honor of the Ito Family, who resided in the community since 1918 and who were relocated to the Poston Relocation Center during World War II. Recreation and Parks approved the concept at its April 14, 2021 meeting. On July 20, 2021, the City Council unanimously approved naming the parkette, the Ito Park Open Space.

In 2022, the Public Arts Commission collaborated with the Recreation and Parks Commission and came up with a conceptual plan that would focus through art, landscaping, and historical (educational) displays on the Ito Family, and the Federal Government's displacement of thousands of families during World War II. The conceptual plan was approved by the Public Arts Commission at their July 22, 2022 meeting; by the Historical Commission at their August 17, 2022 meeting; and by Recreation and Parks at their October 12, 2022 meeting. A commemorative plaque was installed in the Ito Family Open Space on May 4, 2023.

The City Council budget for 2024-2025 included \$31,000 for a staged approach in developing the concept in the parkette, with the first stage involving the installation of historical signage. One proposal involves getting permission from the National Park Service to include their existing designed content as part of the signage. However, the Community Services department has not signed off on the conceptual plan and has not authorized contact with the National Park Service for permission to use their designs.

Status: Unknown. Inquired at the March 19, 2025 meeting about the project's status.

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