

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Recreation & Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Varvarigos at 7:17 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and teleconference.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Rowe

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

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

**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**

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Korman-Soooper, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

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

**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.

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

Seeing no 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**

### **J.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE'S PROPOSED VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS SERVING ON THE VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE**

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided a brief overview regarding the item. The overview included the background of the acknowledgment program and the recognition to include volunteers and City staff.

Discussion followed regarding the ability to recognize others for their work; award categories; the issuing party by the City (Recreation and Parks Commission); possibly to recommend to the City Council to adopt the same program for all Commissions and the City Council; additional details regarding the acknowledgment program; who will be recognized; and criteria for the various recognitions and categories.

Commissioner Escontrias, Commissioner Light, and Senior Management Analyst Orta responded to the Commissioners questions and provided clarification.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Korman-Soooper, to approve the Volunteer Acknowledgment Program with the following amendments: last bullet in the Requirements Section should be edited to say "Eligible services do not include the donation of funds; political lobbying; religious instruction that solely benefits the institution; mandated or assigned volunteer service, either court-ordered, school assignment or other; and services that provide sole benefit to family members." Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Rowe.

Motion by Commissioner Korman-Soooper, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, to nominate Commissioner Escontrias, Commissioner Light, and Chair Varvarigos, to serve on the Volunteer Acknowledgement Program Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

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

## **J.2. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE**

Commissioner McCauley and Commissioner Escontrias reported that the Nonprofit Group Outreach Subcommittee met with the Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) and other nonprofit field user groups and received responses and clarification between the school district and the various groups. Positive discussion included the process of scheduling the use of fields; software used for scheduling; and how to incorporate that information with City staff.

Discussion followed regarding the possible connection of the City's scheduling system to RBUSD's system and the City's current efforts to implement a its own scheduling system and whether the programs could be compatible.

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

Vice Chair Lang and Commissioner Korman-Soooper reported that the Dominguez Playground Subcommittee discussed the playground project and reviewed color options and made a recommendation. Additionally discussed the subcommittee's efforts, of looking at design versus cost, and described some of the changes made by the subcommittee.

Discussion followed regarding the next steps regarding the playground, the bidding process, cost and budgeting, ongoing maintenance allocation, money allocated to replace the Alta Vista playground, and whether the Commission could request the reallocation of any funding left from the Dominguez Playground to another project.

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

Commissioner Light reported that the commemorative benches were installed at Wilderness Park. Ceremonies will take place for the two benches during the summer.

Chair Varvarigos thanked Barbara Epstein and Mike Kline that have put effort and time in getting all the work done.

## **J.3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

- Julie Field Dugout Roof – Public Works staff reported that prior discussions with the non-profits was for them to allocate the funding. At this time there is no further action scheduled. However, discussion amongst City staff is to create a list of possible projects for City Council to consider, which would be an appropriate request for City Council consideration.
- Full recruitment for hiring for summer activities at this time by the Recreation and Parks Department.

Discussion followed the age requirement for the hiring for the various summer activities.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo responded to the Commissioners questions and provided clarification.

#### **K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Commissioner Korman-Soooper inquired about the summer camps advertised by the City of Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach with early registration dates and the City of Redondo Beach having such late registration date for summer camp.

Senior Management Analyst Orta responded that the City of Redondo Beach is currently working to align their registration dates with the neighboring Cities.

Vice Chair Lang inquired about a list with a projected time when a playground is due for replacement.

Senior Management Analyst Orta responded that the City currently does not have a schedule in place, but staff does look at the locations and determine when a playground replacement is needed.

Discussion followed regarding a prior meeting with Public Works staff and the various conditions of the playgrounds regarding replacement. A request was made for staff to return with information on the various parks and if there is a need of replacement.

Sneior Management Analyst Orta will check with Public Works staff regarding the information previously presented to the Commission.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Vice Chair Lang, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Rowe.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Recreation & Parks Commission will be a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on April 12, 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.

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Community Services Director