



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Public Amenities Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission was called to order by Chair Maroko at 6:30 P.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Lang, Galassi, Rowe, Yousufzai, Chair Maroko, Caldwell (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: McCauley

Officials Present: Dana Vinke, Library Director
Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Becca McNeely, Library Coordinator

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Galassi led the Commissioners in the salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Director Vinke suggested the Commission consider the discussion for L.3 go before L.2.

Chair Maroko stated they may create a committee for it and did not move the item.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, to approve the order of the agenda.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to receive and file the Blue Folder items.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025

F.2. Chair Maroko moved this item for further discussion

F.3. RECEIVE AND FILE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

F.4. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT RELATED TO HISTORICAL & PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.5. Chair Maroko moved this item for further discussion

Chair Maroko moved F.2 and F.5 from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to approve Consent Calendar items F.1, F.3, and F.4 and exclude F.2 and F.5 for further discussion.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

F.2. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 13 AND OCTOBER 8, 2025

Chair Maroko commented that the minutes for August were not consistent with what happened at the meeting, he requested they be revised and also submitted a revision he wrote; noted the minutes are more expanded and wanted to know the process.

Director Vinke responded that, with his recommendations, staff asked the minutes secretary to revise the minutes of August 13th and those are the minutes that have been submitted in the Blue Folder that evening for their comments and approval.

Chair Maroko noted it included Ordinance 3298-25 which states staff shall maintain a true copy of the correct record and not the City Clerk.

Director Vinke noted once it is voted upon, staff will submit it to the City Clerk, and it gets uploaded to Granicus so the public can view them.

Chair Maroko asked if it was Director Vinke's direction to submit it to the City Clerk.

Director Vinke stated they wanted to give the minutes secretary the opportunity to revise it and bring it back; noted any edits the Commission would like can be made, and once it is approved by the Commission, staff can sign off and submit them to the City Clerk's office.

More discussion followed regarding what was added to the revised minutes.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked if the minutes were generated through Granicus or if they were produced manually.

Director Vinke stated they are done manually through the City Clerk's office; noted that there are video and transcripts for the public to view.

More discussion followed on where to find the transcripts.

Chair Maroko asked everyone to go to the page with the Local Government Annual Report; mentioned in his revisions there were dates associated with it and now they are in the second CLG and the Community Development Director reflects on that and there is one report that is now eight months delinquent and that date needed to be included, which was September 30, 2024 before the new Commission was formed; noted that the original minutes version greatly expanded on the revised version for item L.2; stated in the section regarding Wilderness Park he voted on making a recommendation to have Wilderness Park considered but the minutes stated they were voting on it and not voting on the recommendation; referenced a response made by the Community Development Director, mentioned it sounded a bit "terse", and suggested that be looked at and revised to the amendments he drafted; informed Commissioner Lang a lot of what she asked about was expanded on.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to table the August 13, 2025 minutes to the next meeting so all the Commissioners would have a chance to review the revised minutes.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 5-1-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell opposed. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to table the October 8, 2025 minutes, to the next meeting.

Motion carried 5-1-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell abstained since he was not at that meeting. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

F.5. RECEIVE AND FILE AMENDED ORDINANCES UPDATING SECTIONS OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Chair Maroko wanted to note some fully replaced ordinances and some were amendments made to the previous ordinances so recommended the Commission look at both until it is published; highlighted Ordinance 3298-25 (on page 73), section 2.9-111 which limits and restricts the scope of powers and duties of commissioners and noted it is consistent with what Commissioner Caldwell pointed out; mentioned subsection A and spoke about commissions being an advising and recommending body; read section B of

the new ordinance and felt there was some ambiguity in that sentence; reported speaking to Deputy Community Services Director Orta regarding section B and stated they need to be clear when they recommend something that it is not a demand.

Commissioner Galassi referenced Ordinance 3304-25; stated she is still unclear on item 1 which says, “public recreation related entertainment” and asked what falls under that.

Deputy Community Development Director Orta stated she did not want to put words in the mouth of the City Council members but her understanding is that it involves events at the Historical Museum or Citywide including the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center and felt the word “entertainment” is being used as a really broad use of the term.

Commissioner Galassi asked if those meant events coming from her office and Deputy Director Orta stated yes.

Chair Maroko felt it crossed over with Cultural Arts and asked if her office would direct whose lane the event fell under. Deputy Director Orta responded yes.

Commissioner Galassi spoke about the section that asks the Commission to provide recommendations to the City Council at the end of the year for the annual budget related to recreational programming across the City through the City Manager; asked if the City could provide more transparency and more frequent reports with numbers so they can understand the outcomes of programs that have been initiated so they know how to move in that direction.

Deputy Community Development Director Orta spoke of the complexity of their financial reporting and the internal details involved in their numbers; felt it would be easier to show them reports for special projects, such as the pickleball courts at Alta Vista; cautioned the Commission on expecting large scale regular financial reports, not because they don’t have it but because the Commission would not have the context of where the numbers came from and could cause confusion; recommended staff provide reports as projects come up so they have the context; referenced Commissioner Galassi’s initial question on the budget, spoke of high level information that would be helpful for them to have from the month prior that the City Manager brings and staff can provide to them; stated with all the City’s programs and projects it is difficult to respond directly to her question.

Commissioner Galassi stated the Commission would like to do their job well and in order to comment on items they would need to fully understand what they are saying and that is the motivation behind her question.

Deputy Community Development Director Orta stated her goal is the same and would like to provide them with the information so they can comment on items; offered to meet offline to discuss any ideas that would help the Commission in the future.

Chair Maroko stated in L.2 he will make a referral to draft a wish list to give to the City on things they would like to get so they are prepared when it comes time to submit their ideas; spoke of the CIP discussions happening in January so it would be good for them

to start thinking about it and be prepared.

Commissioner Galassi referenced Ordinance 3305-25, section 10-4.302 and stated she wanted to bring it to everyone's attention because the eligibility of resources are 50 year-old homes, and some exceptional 30 year-old homes that could be threatened by demolition, removal, relocation, or inappropriate alterations; confirmed that it included all properties up to 1975; noted the City's survey did not include those houses but asked if properties up to that date could be brought before the Commission.

Chair Maroko responded to Commissioner Galassi saying the answer to her question is in 3305 in the definitions; Chair Maroko stated he had a question for the Community Development Director regarding potential historic resource on page 83 of the 3305 section that says it does come before the Commission if: 1) It is listed in the City Historic Resources Inventory, or 2) with certain parameters listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and/or 3) has been evaluated pursuant to CEQA determined by the Community Development Director to meet the criteria listed in 1 and 2; wondered how the Community Development Director determined what properties go before the Commission and commented that it was a way to expand the Resource List without having to do the Resource List; commented that when they get to Referrals from Staff that was one of the questions he had and noted that Councilmember Kaluderovic is in the audience and would be able to take it back to the Council for clarification.

Commissioner Lang referenced 3298-25 under Subcommittees and wanted to clarify the term dates of formed subcommittees; stated she is on the Facility Users Subcommittee, which does ongoing work and wondered if it needed to be renewed every year or could be ongoing.

Chair Maroko noted when they get to L.2 that would be part of the discussion; spoke of a committee that he has full discretion over but does not have to have the approval of the Commission for it; stated he is going to make a recommendation when they get to L.2 that they discuss terms and lanes they are in.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported on public comments online.

Library Director Vinke noted that Council approved the amendments to the Ordinances on October 14th, they would take affect on November 15th and, from that date forward, all Boards and Commissions will be governed by those Ordinances and the Municipal Code sections and Council crafted the regulations to simplify administration and clarify the purpose and purview of each Commission; noted that the Code of Conduct will also be adopted and the City Clerk will arrange for some training for Commissioners and Liaisons.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated she will take back to Council the questions they had about the Resource List.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments online.

Motion by Chair Maroko (no one seconded the motion) to receive and file the amended

Ordinances.

Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Library Coordinator McNeely reported on one online and no eComments.

Kathy McLeod, 50-year resident, voiced her support for naming the park at Herondo in honor of Bill Brand; spoke of him being the heart of the City and should be part of his legacy.

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA - None

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. RECEIVE AND FILE FINAL DESIGN FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROJECT PROVIDE INPUT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE FINAL DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED FRANKLIN PARK PLAYGROUND

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director explained the purpose of the item she is bringing before the Commission and provided a presentation; noted in the FY 2024-25 budget the City allocated \$500,000 to replace the current playground with an all-abilities playground, which would be the first of its kind in Redondo Beach; stated the stakeholder group was comprised of park users, occupational therapists, developmental professionals, parents and families of children with disabilities, and Franklin Park Subcommittee members; noted it was created by Councilmember Kaluderovic and City staff and they met, discussed, and worked to develop the proposed playground; provided a slide which showed an aerial view of the playground along with details of the structure including ramps and stand-alone activities; provided a colored version of the design elements and noted that colors were selected to be inviting but not too colorful for those with visual sensitivities and also blends in with the existing structures that will remain; provided examples of the sensory boards and other sensory types of equipment; explained the various types of sensory equipment and ramps available throughout the playground; reported that in addition to the funds from the FY 2024-25 budget the LA Kings Foundation donated \$75,000 and the City was awarded the GameTime/CPRS Grant of \$99,060 (which was a 50% discount on the equipment for the order); stated the project cost is \$390,000 so they expect to be under budget by \$185,000 even without the additional funding; spoke of the playground having

an LA Kings inspired scavenger hunt (In appreciation for their donation) with a crown featuring an LA Kings logo and a paw print for their mascot Bailey, noted there will be a message board for the scavenger hunt activity and will not impede the maneuverability of visitors; stated they are hoping to complete the project by late spring or early summer 2026 which would include: approval of the final design from Council, contract execution, demolition, fabrication, shipping, and installation; recommended the Commission receive and file the proposed Franklin Park playground design and provide input for the City Council's consideration; reported more images were included in the packet; noted her appreciation to Councilmember Kaluderovic for all her work and support for this item.

Commissioner Lang reported they had a snafu with the subcommittee because Commissioner Caldwell allowed Commissioner Lang to step in but it did not get back to staff so she was only able to participate in one meeting; noted that Commissioner Galassi did attend all of the meetings.

Commissioner Galassi felt it was important for the public to know why swings were not included in the design and stated it was because they were working with such a small footprint; stated they decided it would be better to have more elements and ability for kids to move around; noted swings are available at the schools; excited to report she counted nine perimeter amenities; asked what benefit the shadow play element provided besides casting colored shadows and if it could be reconsidered.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated staff is not set on any elements at this point and brought this item forward for the Commission's input; noted that the shadow play element does not move it just provides color.

Commissioner Galassi asked if another element could be put there instead.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that any piece that moves or has some sort of interactivity with a child needs to have a fall zone; stated where the shadow play element is does not have a fall zone, but they could replace it with something else as long as it is not moving or requires a child to move with it.

Commissioner Galassi requested clarification on the funding and asked if the \$390,000 included the CPRS grant.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated it does include the CPRS grant.

Commissioner Galassi noted even with that included the playground still came under budget and deducted that the project itself is costing \$315,000 including the grant and the \$75,000.

Commissioner Lang referenced the subcommittee meeting of September 16, 2025, and asked if the design presented that evening was the same design presented at the September meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that it was the same design.

Commissioner Lang pointed out that not all kids will have access to the school's swings since it is not open to the public; asked the make up of the "park users" included in the stakeholder discussion and how input was received.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that they were part of the stakeholders' group and many wore several "hats"; noted some were occupational or developmental therapists that have children with disabilities and frequent the park.

Commissioner Lang felt it was unclear whether the two professionals invited have children themselves and if they frequent that park or other parks in the area.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta could not remember at that moment if the two professionals have children or not but did know at least one family there had a child with a disability.

Commissioner Lang stated she shared with the subcommittee that she would like to see taller climbing objects for other kids that are able to use it and needed more strenuous activity for their output and mental growth; mentioned Redondo Beach is park poor so it would be good to utilize the space; noticed that nothing was added from her comments from that meeting and felt it was fine but wanted to share her feedback that evening again; felt it is important that the City get feedback from everyone that might be using the parks when they design the parks.

Commissioner Caldwell commented that he loved the design and was happy to see the City pursued the LA Kings' donation and the grant; mentioned the Friendship Foundation is close by and wondered if the City was going to pursue any partnership with them; referenced the aerial maps from the presentation, noted that after the park is completed there will be more visitors and children, and opined it would be a great opportunity to upgrade the park in general; mentioned the drinking fountains near the play structure and commented that they can have those upgraded by contacting the water district which may save them money as well.

Commissioner Rowe referenced the aerial view map and asked if Deputy Community Services Director Orta could explain what the "communication panel" feature.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated there are various types of communication panels and gave an example of a child who may not be able to speak and the communication panel could provide a hand signal as a hello as well as other sign language.

Commissioner Rowe support the shadow play element, and asked for more explanation on the fidget panel.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained it would have objects that spin and move for interactive play.

Chair Maroko referenced page 4 of the presentation and asked if the street shown was where the colonnades were.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated the 4 blue shade structures replaced the trellises that were there before.

Chair Maroko asked if the surface would be polyurethane.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported that it would be the rubberized material that they have in their other parks.

Chair Maroko asked if she had a picture of the spinners because he pictured them as the play equipment kids used to spin and run around to jump on.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta pulled up an example and explained they are bucket seats that two children can sit on and they control it from the center.

Chair Maroko referenced page 3 and asked about the boards on the right of the picture.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta noted one will most likely be where the LA Kings' scavenger hunt board will be placed and the other board will be another sensory panel.

Chair Maroko asked if there were areas for the parents to sit down.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta noted there will be benches for people to sit under the 4 blue shade structures mentioned earlier.

Chair Maroko asked what the maximum capacity of the park would be.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she did not have that answer but could ask the developer if they had the answer but felt there may not be an answer to that question.

Chair Maroko pointed out an area he recommended would be a good place to put the City logo; noted that Franklin Park used to be called El Nido Gardens and wondered about the possibility of having a history overlay zone or making that whole area a historic district; asked if it was possible to add a history of Franklin Park somewhere in the general area.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated there would be a possibility of a sign and if the Commission and City Council would like staff to incorporate that into the project that is something they can do.

Commissioner Lang asked if there would be signage explaining the elements in the park and that it is an all-abilities park.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated there is a standard sign that GameTime provides for all-inclusive playgrounds.

Commissioner Lang suggested having a sign that provides some background and context behind the park and also featuring it on the City's website would inform others outside the community of the all-abilities playground; felt it would be a good way to honor everyone's hard work.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no one online and no eComments.

Councilmember Kaluderovic, District 3, thanked the Commissioners that participated in the working group; reported that neighbors that were either parents or grandparents of special needs children that frequented the park were part of the process; noted they also collaborated with the Friendship Campus so that colors did not clash with the playground; spoke of her neighbor, Warren, who explained to her the history of the park and how it was originally designed by the residents; stated they did not want the original footprint to change which is why they did not change the size; explained that the park is designed so that adults are not worried about any dangers that could cause injury to a child and could relax; stated they had a big discussion regarding swings but the swings required a big buffer zone and would consume the entire space; excited about sharing the space with the LA Kings; felt great points were made regarding the shadow play element and mentioned games could be played with the colors casted; stated the water fountain had been recently updated but only part of it and welcomed the suggestion made by Commissioner Caldwell; reported all the shade structures, benches, and trash cans had been upgraded and the playground is the final element; noted there is no specific parking for the park and that can become a challenge; liked the idea of the City logo from Chair Maroko and the history through a QR code or a sign; thanked the Commission for all the work that they do.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to receive and file the report for the all-abilities playground at Franklin Park.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she would take all the input given by the Commission to the City Council and a formal motion for that was not needed.

Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION'S CURRENT AND PROPOSED COMMITTEES.

Chair Maroko reported the Community Development Director was present and they would go through and form their subcommittees and welcome any input he had to offer; noted they have six current subcommittees; stated, as mentioned by Commissioner Lang, Ordinance 3298-25 requires a task limit on subcommittees and recommended they end them on September 30th but may roll some over year after year; stated on 3305 there is a discussion regarding the Minor Alteration Subcommittee, which states the Chair shall appoint the staff liaison and two members of the Commission (one of which should be an architecture if available) on that subcommittee; felt that was unfair to Director Vinke, as the liaison, and suggested they go back to the Council and have it changed to be “staff liaison or designee”; asked if anyone on the Commission has any experience in architecture.

Commissioner Lang stated she is not an architect but has background in the field and is

currently serving on that subcommittee.

Chair Maroko asked if any other Commissioner wanted to serve on the Minor Alteration Subcommittee.

Commissioner Galassi stated she would like to remain serving on that subcommittee.

Chair Maroko reviewed the rest of the current subcommittees: the Facilities Users Subcommittee (which currently has Commissioners Yousufzai, McCauley, and Lang), Commissioner Lang felt it was important to keep that one; Volunteer Acknowledgement Program (which currently has Commissioners Rowe and Caldwell), Commissioner Rowe noted they have budget and hardware for that and they should keep it; Bringing History to the Community Subcommittee Chair Maroko felt it covers a lot and should remain; Franklin Park Playground Subcommittee, Commissioner Galassi felt they should keep it until Council votes on the final design; Alta Vista Park Pickleball Subcommittee needed to remain; referenced Ordinance 3304-25 on page 77 of the materials, which helps spell out the formation of committees but pointed out in 2-9.15.03, under Historical Resources and Amenities, he wanted them to notice that “recommend” is the extent of the scope of the Commission; stated under Preservation they can conduct public hearings, review, and render decisions but for the most part it is review and recommend; stated he was unclear about B.4 that says adopt prescriptive standards to be used by the Commission and asked the Community Development Director to clarify the meaning.

Community Development Director Marc Wiener responded that he was not sure and needed to get back to the Commission with an answer.

Chair Maroko stated it was unusual given the fact that the Commission can’t direct staff to do anything and they may not be in agreement with the standards if they adopt their own.

Community Development Director Wiener agreed and noted that any standards adopted, or code amendments would be a legislative act that would come from the Council; stated he would look into the background on it and get back to the Commission.

Chair Maroko asked everyone to go to the next page, where it says “6. Review and make recommendations on Preservation documents.”; reported that Commissioner Galassi provided materials in regard to part of it, which recommended to the City Council a program of incentives for preservation of historic resources; felt the Commission could provide ideas and recommendations but the Community Development Department would ultimately figure out if the recommendations are viable or not.

More discussion followed that the next item would explore ways to accomplish promoting historic preservation, funding, and tax incentives offered.

Chair Maroko asked if he could get the clarification on it so that they would know the scope of what they are doing; moved on to No. 9, stated it is review and comment on proposed modifications and regulations regarding land-use, housing, and redevelopment

and wondered if it was a duplicate of what the Planning Commission is doing and wanted clarification on that; referenced No. 10 noted it was to recommend consultants and studies and didn't feel it was something their Commission looked at.

Commissioner Lang wondered if it meant recommending a study or an updated survey for the preservation plan.

Chair Maroko commented that their recommendation would go to the Community Development Department or to City Council if we decided that; referenced No. 11 is to cooperate with other local, county, state, and federal government and stated obviously they have a duty to cooperate but with staff's direction on it.

Commissioner Lang understood the City is required to have a Preservation Commission and felt the items Chair Maroko was covering come from that requirement.

Community Development Director Wiener stated as a certified local government they are required to and said some of the duties may have been derived from that or something that the State Office of Historic Preservation had recommended at the time; stated he would have to look into the background of some of the items; felt the way it has been established here it envisions the Commission having an active role in some of the projects and duties in promoting and maintaining the program.

Chair Maroko referenced No. 12 and felt it is contradictory and mentioned the Commission is not allowed to represent to the outside world certain things but they are responding and providing written responses; asked if staff would let them know if it was okay to respond or not; stated he had trouble with the whole section.

Community Development Director Wiener appreciated this being pointed out and stated he would take a closer look; mentioned it was possible it was carried over from what was previously written and wasn't looked over closely enough; stated they would take a closer look, take it back to Council, and craft it to align with the Commission's duties.

Chair Maroko spoke about the rec and park duties under the Commission and noted it is, again, only advisory and recommendations to the City Council; mentioned the Library Department runs efficient and has its own funding sources but if they needed the Commission's input they can provide it during the library report or at budget time; circled back to the list of subcommittees:

- Facilities Users: Commissioners McCauley (absent), Yousufzai, and Lang stated they would like to keep that subcommittee; Chair Maroko asked if they saw any possible tie-ins to the new powers and duties section; discussion followed regarding where the duties fall under; Commissioner Lang explained that the youth sports uses City fields as well as School District fields and the Facility Users acts as a liaison between City park staff, the School District staff, and youth leagues to come up with solutions; Chair Maroko confirmed that it fell into sections C.1, C.2, and C.3.

- Volunteer Acknowledgement and Program: Commissioners Rowe and Caldwell

are currently on the subcommittee; Chair Maroko asked them to explain what it is and how it ties into their duties; Commissioner Caldwell stated he didn't know the history but felt it brings great value to the City by having the community nominate people and encourage people to continue to do great things; Commissioner Rowe stated the program was started by a previous Recs and Park Commissioner, felt the program has been very beneficial, they currently have a couple of applications, and the program is active; mentioned their goal is to find volunteers that go above and beyond and recognize them with an award; Chair Maroko felt it falls under subset C.3 (stimulate interest in the recreation program and collaborate with people); Commissioner Yousufzai felt it fell under subset C.1 and asked Commissioner Rowe if he thought they should expand the program into all areas under the PAC; Commissioner Rowe commented that they received applications from other areas and the City steered them back into Recs and Parks; Commissioner Yousufzai asked if that was before they consolidated their Commission; more discussion followed that it was done prior to the consolidation of other commissions into the current PAC; Chair Maroko asked Director Vinke if that would be a recommendation staff could take to the City Manager or if it needed to be agendaized; Director Vinke stated he would need to get more direction and feedback and could bring it back but if they wanted to continue the subcommittee for that evening's purpose they could do that; Chair Maroko received confirmation that they wanted to continue the subcommittee and also add Commissioner Yousufzai to the group; Commissioner Rowe provided an example of candidates for the library and that they were not able to acknowledge them since it was not in their purview; Director Vinke suggested the Commission continues the program "as is" and will get more direction to see if the Library can be tied into the program.

Chair Maroko spoke of items that do not necessarily need staff input initially and stated they can do a commissioner report instead; spoke of the issues he has with agendaizing the topic and not being able to speak about it until staff brings it back.

Discussion between Chair Maroko and Director Vinke followed; Director Vinke stated, when possible, staff always wants to support Commissioners but there is only so much they can provide; noted Commissioners can have discussions through their subcommittees and bring it back for further review; recommended designating a department and a liaison in the beginning as a potential contact moving forward even if they are not present at the discussion just to guide the process.

Chair Maroko commented that he doesn't have a problem agendaizing the topic without having staff input until they actually flush out the discussion.

Director Vinke recommended that they choose a department, or things might overlap into other departments, it would be better to know where it falls when the topic is brought back.

- Bringing History to the Community: Chair Maroko stated it all falls under historical Part A, and partially under Part B regarding the markers on historical districts; asked Commissioners Lang and McCauley (absent) if they wanted to continue on;

Commissioner Lang stated she hasn't done any work on it but would be happy to remain on it.

- Alta Vista Pickleball: Commissioner Galassi stated part of their charge is to assist in the development of recreation for the City, noted that pickleball will be a new program at Alta Vista, drew on her own experiences as a pickleball players, felt observing best practices in regards to signage, times, culture, pricing for reservations of other facilities is important to have a successful program; spoke of analyzing the information and working with Deputy Community Services Director Orta; felt it was important to continue the subcommittee.

Chair Maroko reported they are all in agreement with the six subcommittees they currently have continuing with the current staffing and having an end date of September 30, 2026.

Director Vinke suggested clarifying the subcommittee's goals for transparency for the public.

Chair Maroko suggested each subcommittee could provide goals in writing at the next meeting.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to have the six subcommittees formed, staffed with the names of each subcommittee, adding Commissioner Yousufzai to the Volunteer Acknowledgment, with an end date of September 30, 2026.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

More discussion followed regarding the ability for each subcommittee to establish preliminary goals in writing.

Chair Maroko turned the floor over to Commissioner Galassi.

Commissioner Galassi stated if they looked under L.4 they would find the Preservation Plan Subcommittee rational that she prepared and noted that she put together work that she felt was attainable in a modest amount of time but needed to be addressed now; reported she outlined a number of issues and ideas in her report that have not been addressed and expanded on some of the issues, especially community outreach; spoke of the need to inform the community of the programs and where to find information, the pride in designation of landmarked properties, Mills Act contracts, and other opportunities for engagement; suggested a program for properties with a historic designation to have a brick embedded in the sidewalk in front of the home and develop a funding for it; included a recommendation to Council for a full review and update of the Preservation Plan; felt a subcommittee or subcommittees could be formed to undertake this item.

Chair Maroko noted it falls under the Community Development Department and would need their direction to proceed; asked Director Wiener if there was anything his

department wanted the Commission to assist with in regards to historical preservation since all the recommendations they offer would go to his department according to the ordinance; noted in October his department brought on John Ciampa as a resource consultant; referenced Mr. Ciampa's resume is extensive and wondered if Director Wiener could give them some insight into whether his department would need their help.

Community Development Director Wiener noted in the next item they would be discussing forming a subcommittee for the purpose of doing outreach and marketing; suggested wrapping up this item first and then moving on to the next item.

Chair Maroko stated he doesn't mind moving onto L.3 as long as they go back to L.2 because he felt the Commission needed to hear his views before wrapping up L.2.

L.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE BENEFITS OF OWNING A LANDMARK PROPERTY AND APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH OUTREACH EFFORTS.

Community Development Director Wiener stated he envisioned the Commission appointing a subcommittee to assist with the outreach and education of the program; mentioned some of the ideas he had in mind for the outreach and education portion would be to update and modernize the City's website, making it more user friendly and also creating a brochure and mailers, or an ad in the newspaper; noted some of the outreach should focus on informing historic property owners of the process once they are historic, what it means, and post examples of projects that have gone through the process; stated he is open to any ideas from the Commission; noted a broader policy discussion is scheduled in December or January on the historic preservation with Council and he will have clearer direction to bring back to the Commission after that; opined that the Preservation Plan is outdated, not internally consistent, and even the ordinance itself has conflicts with itself; felt based on the Commission's list of duties it would be in the Commission's purview to provide policy direction or recommendations but needs Council direction to confirm his thoughts; stated, regardless of policy decisions, doing outreach and education is needed because the City will continue to have the Historic Preservation Program, it will still be voluntary by the property owners, and the City wants to continue encouraging and promoting it; spoke about his experience with the program since he has been with the City and felt with outreach the number of applications would increase; mentioned he would work with the subcommittee and it would be fun to combine their efforts.

Chair Maroko gathered from the discussion that Director Wiener is open to their input for outreach, but they would not be doing the actual outreach unless the department wanted them to.

Community Development Director Wiener stated he envisioned the committee would be assisting staff with some of the work; noted they are short staffed and felt it would be helpful if the committee could assist with the layout of the website, possibly create the

brochure, write the letter, or do something with the newspaper; suggested a newsletter that highlights a landmark property and provides the history and background of it if the property owner gives them permission; opined spotlighting the properties would give them some presence in the community; stated the subcommittee would be an extension of staff in the effort.

Chair Maroko confirmed Director Wiener would want an Outreach Subcommittee that would work with him or his department and mentioned they would want recognition component; mentioned the brown sign designating the home historic or the brick in the ground but that they need to identify a funding mechanism for it; asked Commissioner Galassi if she had anything to add.

Commissioner Galassi suggested working together to create the silos and then decide how to divvy the work.

Community Development Director Wiener agreed with the suggestion; mentioned once the subcommittee is formed, they could meet, develop a work plan, share it with the rest of the Commission, and then move forward with it.

Chair Maroko mentioned speaking to Director Wiener about the program and realized there are two components: a voluntary program and a contractual program; noted everything is voluntary including being on the Historic Resource List; suggested the Commission and Director Wiener could come up with a procedure where the Commission could nominate properties; spoke about the Commissioners creating a list by walking around and finding properties that they think should be nominated, do the research to see if it qualifies, present the possibilities to the Community Development staff, and have a public meeting to inform people that they are being nominated and will be going on the inventory list, and at that point they could opt out; reported they always have the opportunity to opt out with the current policies but it is a more cumbersome procedure.

Community Development Director Wiener spoke of the importance of having the professional survey done in terms of CEQA and so the property has the finding to support its historic designation but felt the Commission could assist with it; stated a subcommittee could potentially be formed once the project is undertaken but that there is still more work to be done on Historic Preservation and presenting it to Council; mentioned needing to see the status of the eligibility list and legal issues concerning it; mentioned once they have clear direction either the Outreach Subcommittee or a separate subcommittee could assist with the scope of creating a new survey along with procedures; felt it would be better if they focused on the outreach, education, and promotion part of it for now.

Chair Maroko stated “the ordinance says you’re either on the Historic List or the National List, or if you’re not on the Historic List, that the Community Director, when something’s offered to be destroyed and it’s eligible age-wise, you may actually have to make a determination to bring it back to us.”

Community Development Director Wiener stated the ordinance is a bit ambiguous and he

had pulled it up to review it; spoke of CEQA and needing to take a closer look at it and maybe even speak to legal to understand the intent of it; noted that some of the current code needs to be addressed and clarified; spoke of the eligibility list needing to be more legally defensible and consistent with the intent and purpose of the ordinance itself.

Commissioner Lang asked if there are any best practices they can follow or if any other cities have a better process.

Community Development Director Wiener stated other cities follow their ordinance, which normally is to make it mandatory and impose historic protection on the property; reported Redondo Beach is different since it has language about it being voluntary and protecting property rights but then has a process that takes them through a similar path as other cities have; stated it is policy consideration for City Council and there are also CEQA protections under California law that need to be considered.

Chair Maroko spoke of notifying owners before they get on the list, so they can opt out before they are put on the list and mentioned it is a discussion when they get to the Land Use Elements; hoped the Commission would be included in the discussion when Director Wiener presents it to the City Council; asked if anyone on the Commission would like to be on the Outreach Preservation Group.

Commissioners Caldwell, Rowe, and Galassi volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Chair Maroko also created a Recognition Subcommittee and volunteered to be on it; no one else volunteered for it.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, to have an Outreach Preservation Subcommittee and a Recognition Subcommittee formed and staffed by the Commissioners that volunteered.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

Chair Maroko suggested a Canopy Committee be formed and stated he had spoken to Commissioner Lang about the idea; felt some trees could be landmarked and tied into a historic component.

Commissioner Lang reported she is currently working with a group called Citizens for Redondo Beach Trees; stated her main focus is to get that program off the ground and would like to revisit the Canopy Committee in a few months.

Chair Maroko suggested a Budget Letter Committee be formed so they can be prepared with their priorities when the City Manager comes to the Commission; noted they could work with the different departments, write letters to the Council of what they feel is important, and tie it into the budget.

Director Vinke supported the idea but cautioned the Commission that he does not have a lot of time but if they wanted to make that commitment it is a good concept.

Commissioner Yousufzai spoke of fund allocation within a General Fund is very complicated and wanted to clarify the objective of the Budget Letter Committee.

Chair Maroko explained it was more of a “wish list” and noted most of the budget is set in stone by the time the City Manager comes to them but that they have gotten some wish list items in the past, provided various examples, and stated they are just making recommendations.

Commissioner Yousufzai agreed with the concept but spoke of the fiscal policy within municipalities and the procedures involved; voiced his concern over allocating money from City funds; agreed they need to articulate their wish list during budget time, and remembered the City Manager had made the rounds to each Commission asking for input on budgetary items; asked if they are trying to articulate the amount of projects and wish list items.

Chair Maroko said they have no say on the overall process and is determined by the City Council and the City Manager.

Commissioner Yousufzai agreed they should articulate a wish list.

More discussion followed.

Commissioner Lang felt like it was more of a courtesy that the City Manager came around to ask their opinion and that projects were already decided upon by then; suggested a subcommittee be formed that makes notes during the year or six months prior to budget and a month prior to the City Manager coming before them they submit their list; asked if that was what they were looking to do with actual numbers.

Chair Maroko clarified that they are just advocating for items and making recommendations to the Council.

More discussion followed.

Commissioner Yousufzai agreed with Commissioner Lang and stated he would volunteer if the Commission wanted to establish a committee for it; explained the municipal budget cycle and asked when they would want to submit their wish list and if the subcommittee needed to be ongoing.

Chair Maroko explained the process of agendizing an item; felt if they had a standard group that creates a standard report, then they could present a letter, and it doesn’t take 60-90 days to do it.

Commissioner Yousufzai noted that he could talk about public budgeting like Chair Maroko could talk about historical amenities.

Chair Maroko commented that is why he would be perfect for it and explained more reasons why the subcommittee is needed.

More discussion followed.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to form a Budget Subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Yousufzai and Lang that goes through September 30, 2026, and they will come back next month with their goals and ideas.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

Chair Maroko asked Director Vinke if the Library needed any subcommittees.

Director Vinke stated not at this time but would keep it in mind.

L.4. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

Chair Maroko went through the committees and gathered their responses:

- Minor Alterations – no updates
- Facilities User – no updates
- Volunteer Acknowledgement – covered the update earlier
- Bringing History – Proposed some language for the Ito Park signs and the Path of History Markers are still online, and the Riviera Village plaque is still under consideration by the Community Services Director.
- Franklin Park Playground – covered the update earlier
- Alta Vista Pickleball – Commissioner Galassi stated she provided a written report.

Library McNeely reported no public comments.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Library Director Vinke thanked everyone that made the ribbon cutting possible and felt it really highlighted the library; stated he would get them usage statistics for the express hours in their regular report and hoped to expand the system.

Chair Maroko asked if all the Commissioners have been given a tour of the library.

Library Director Vinke stated he has been working on that and things have come up and he is hoping to get it done in January.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Yousufzai asked Director Vinke if he anticipated the Commission cancelling any future meetings for December or January.

Library Director Vinke stated not at this time but it can be a discussion item at their next meeting.

Commissioner Galassi congratulated Director Vinke on a great ribbon cutting event.

Chair Maroko asked if it was possible to get the notice and the application at the time it's made available to the public with regard to scheduled public hearings that eventually would come to the Commission as opposed to three days before the meeting.

Library Director Vinke reported they had made the recommendation to Community Development a few weeks ago and highlighted the issues the Commission raised.

Chair Maroko asked if an update regarding the Park Ranger item could be brought back to the Commission; suggested agendizing it, having their own discussion, and then get the information back to Community Services; spoke about the Wilderness Park Landmark being referred to staff by Council and that it is now sitting with Community Services and wanted to know when it would go back to Council for discussion; noted that the Contract Planner is working on the Garnet historical district application and wondered when the public hearing would be scheduled for it; asked for an update regarding the naming of a park in honor of Joe Dawidziak.

Library Director Vinke stated he would get the Commission an update on it.

Chair Maroko mentioned Community Services needs to update the family regarding the Riviera Village plaque, noted they have been emailing and texting and have waited three years; asked staff to speak to Director Wiener about the Certified Local Government Report that is delinquent and wanted clarification if John Ciampa is the person working on it, mentioned he has good qualifications for the role; reported he attended two webinars: 1) on historic districts explained, and 2) regarding haunted Southern California properties; asked if Director Vinke could send them the Rules of Conduct once it is finalized irrespective of the next meeting; spoke about the Anne Baker home and that a bench with Redondo Beach is being offered to the community and it is in the packet, J.3, and wondered if an item needs to be agendized to discuss having benches in the park.

Library Director Vinke stated he would like to get Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta's input on the item, but it is up to the Commission if they want to agendize the item.

Chair Maroko said if he can talk to Director Orta, they can wait; spoke about having another display for January's Charter Month. Director Vinke stated he is looking forward to it.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 9:18 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. to the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission, which will be a Regular Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 10, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach

Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

Respectfully submitted:

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