



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Public Amenities Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 10, 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, Yousufzai, Galassi, Chair Maroko, Caldwell (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: McCauley, Rowe

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

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Emma Lang and her brother led the Commissioners in the salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Library Director Vinke reported three Blue Folder Items: two for L.3 and one for L.1.

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

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2025

F.2. Pulled by Chair Maroko

F.3. Pulled by Commissioner Galassi

F.4. RECEIVE AND FILE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Galassi pulled F.3.

Commissioner Caldwell stated he had a question about the minutes from October 13th but could ask offline and was okay to approve them.

Chair Maroko stated he is pulling all the minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Yousufzai, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to approve only Item F.1 on the Consent Calendar. Chair Maroko also stated that they did receive the F.4, the Library Director's Report, as part of that motion.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

F.2. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, OCTOBER 8, AND NOVEMBER 12, 2025.

Chair Maroko recalled that the Commission asked that the minutes of August 13th be revised with changes he requested and felt they were ready to be approved.

Motion by Chair Maroko to approve the August minutes, as amended multiple times.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

Chair Maroko voiced concern that the October and November minutes both had the same issue and explained that the vote on the motions made throughout the minutes were formatted as 5-0-2 with a note that Commissioners Caldwell and Yousufzai were absent; stated that the "2" meant two people abstained from the vote which is incorrect and the vote should just be 5-0; mentioned also in the October meeting someone was sworn in to testify but the minutes did not reflect that or the person's name and wanted that corrected in the October minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to approve the minutes for October 2025 with the corrections to the votes.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by hands raised. Commissioner Yousufzai abstained since he was not at the October meeting. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

Chair Maroko spoke of the November 2025 minutes having the same issues as the October minutes and pointed out the sections where the vote count did not make sense

to him or was incorrect; pointed out on page 63 that Community Development Director Marc Wiener responded that he was not sure and needed to get back to the Commission with an answer and felt the minutes needed to clarify what he was getting back to them about; stated minutes are important to him and more sterile language should be used instead of words such as “mentioned” or “opined”; suggested a minutes committee to review the language might need to be formed.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, to approve the minutes of November 2025 as amended.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

Chair Maroko asked Library Director Vinke to relay to the minutes secretary that the vote count is very important to the process.

F.3. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT RELATED TO HISTORICAL & PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Commissioner Galassi thanked staff for putting the report together and asked if they could expand on the Alta Vista Pickleball Project.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that the Alta Vista Pickleball Project includes resurfacing of all eight existing tennis courts, one of the existing tennis courts will be restriped to become four permanent pickleball courts; summarized that there will be seven tennis courts and four pickleball courts in that current space; stated the Pickleball Subcommittee and staff have been working the use policies and will have updates in the next few months; explained that the quotes they received from the three vendors came in much higher than the prior year when the funding was requested for the project; stated they worked with two of the vendors to negotiate the cost down and were eventually able to refine the scope and get one of the quotes to a more reasonable cost, which was still above the original price that was originally allocated; stated that staff has looked at different funding sources to meet the delta and have identified one that looks promising and has a call scheduled with that source to discuss and confirm the project before filling out the application but the lack of funding is currently delaying the project; reported the secondary project to the Alta Vista Pickleball Project is the sound abatement for the fencing and that has been purchased and received by Public Works and is ready once the project moves forward.

Commissioner Galassi asked Deputy Director Orta if, after the phone call, if she felt they would have enough information to proceed with the application, how long the application would take, and to confirm (as she previously explained to her) that they do not need to

wait for the money to come in but that they could move forward with the project if it qualifies for the funding to meet the delta.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that Commissioner Galassi was correct that they could move forward and do not need to wait for the money to come in; stated the money has already been allotted to the City and the City has just over \$100,000 in Prop 68 funds that are eligible to be used in certain park improvement projects; noted that the City used a larger portion of the Prop 68 funds towards the Perry Park Playground resurfacing and now it is just a matter of the City applying for the allocated money and the state verifying that it is an eligible expense; confirmed it is reimbursable if they confirm it is an eligible project and they can move forward if so.

Commissioner Galassi wanted to clarify there was no need to go back to Council to proceed.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there was no need to go back to Council and all could be done administratively.

Chair Maroko stated he is still getting text messages from Steve Vilarino regarding the Riviera Village Park plaques and asked for an update.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta took ownership that she failed to reach out to Mr. Vilarino and will make sure to reach out to him with an update; stated staff would like to accept Chair Maroko's offer to help research some of the information and would like to send him their working draft of the language and see if he could help verify the historical accuracy of it; stated if that could be done they can move forward with getting it produced; noted she would reach out to Mr. Vilarino that week and follow up with Chair Maroko in the next few weeks.

Chair Maroko stated he is also curious about it because when they discuss the Ito Park sign in the Committee Report it will be a similar situation where the final decision will be the Community Services Director and her staff; asked if there was any update on the Dominguez Park playground.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded she does not have an update on the Dominguez Park playground.

Chair Maroko asked who in Community Services is spearheading the historic landmarking of Wilderness Park.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta believed the Community Services Director is working on it but would need to confirm that and get back to him.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Yousufzai, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to receive and file item F.3 related to the Community Services Department Park and Rec Activities.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no eComments and no one online.

Kevin Lang stated he would like to see more investment, time, and thought put into Alta Vista; commented that it is overused and could use an overhaul; spoke about the sports that take part in that park and activities of other kids and spoke of having more added for older kids; thought it would be a good opportunity for the Commission or the City to come up with concepts where they could use the funding available for parks.

Chair Maroko suggested he speak to Deputy Community Services Director Orta with any ideas he has; asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if the park still floods.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded she believes they did fix it since she had no reports of flooding during the last major storm.

Kevin Lang commented that the grass field at Julia does not flood but does not feel the staff that handles field maintenance times it with the weather.

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 PRESENTATION OUTLINING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

Chair Maroko reported it was one of the Blue Folder items so the Commission could find the presentation in there, but Library Director Vinke had copies if needed.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained why the presentation is included as a Blue Folder item and apologized to the Commission; reported the presentation is in response to the Commission's request for higher level information regarding the Community Services Department including some budgetary numbers; stated her goal was to give them a super high level overview of the Community Services Department and noted it is an interesting mix of different divisions but they all work together as one; provided a slide showing the four divisions within the Community Services Department: Transit, Cultural and Performing Arts, Housing Authority, and Recreation and gave a general overview of each division; noted that the overview in red text fell under the purview of their Commission and would focus her verbal updates on the Cultural and Recreation items since those are the ones that fall under their purview; reported the City's transit services is Beach Cities Transit (BCT) which runs through Redondo Beach,

Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and parts of El Segundo all the way to LAX and Community Services Department manages that entire route system and bus system and WAVE Dial-A-Ride; stated that they oversee the contracts and management of the Transit Center; reported the Cultural and Performing Arts division oversees the Performing Arts Center and Heritage Court in the Historical Museum but noted the Morrell House is directly overseen by the Historical Society; reported that the Housing Authority run the City's section 8 housing, HUD, CDBG Funding Management and other housing services for the City's homeless population; stated the Recreation division is their largest division and the one most closely tied to their Commission and runs all the programming for youth, seniors, adults, Parks and Facilities, special events, classes, camps, and leagues; noted Recreation also oversees passports but it does not fall under the Commission's purview; provided a slide with the Community Services Department's organization chart which was based off of full-time employees numbers which represent the funding allocated to the position and task; felt the information would show the Commission how spread out their team is and used her position as an example stating half her salary is through their administration and 50% of her time is spent on administration of their department; explained further that her team crosses over into all the different areas and all the teams have various full-time teams that work underneath them; showed a pie chart with her department's budget breakdown, noted that Housing and Transit have the largest budget but are federally funded so they don't pull any general funds; stated Administration, Cultural and Performing Arts and Recreation do pull from the City's General Fund; noted all the numbers can be pull directly from their Budget Book; reported the total Transit budget is just over \$7.5 million and provided the breakdown between personnel, maintenance and operations, their internal service fund allocations, and other financing uses; noted most divisions have those four categories or three categories for their breakdowns; reported the Housing Division is just over \$9.5 million which includes the Section 8 housing; reported the Administration has a total budget of \$965,000 which includes personnel, M&O, and internal Service Fund Allocations; reported the Recreation Division budget has just over \$5.7 million which includes several seasonal part-time employees to service numerous programs; explained the Internal Service Fund is one large pot of money that is used internally for other uses inside the department such as IT support services and equipment they will need; stated it is a crossover with other department budgets; pointed out Recreation includes all the Youth and Adult programs that are user-pay activities and they also oversee all of the City's facilities such as Wilderness Park, Alta Vista Park, Aviation Gymnasium, and the Teen Center; stated their department also oversee and program the usage of all the City's parks; reported they are a licensed passport acceptance agency and the team oversees the whole process, noted they are always busy and often have waitlists for people to go in; stated they provide an electronic quarterly newsletter that features all the events, classes, and camps; stated they handle all the permitting of events on City property; reported Cultural and Performing Arts has \$1,728,669 in that budget and essentially oversee the Performing Arts Center; stated Jack Meyer is the manager for the Cultural and Performing Arts division and directly oversees Heritage Court where the Historical Museum and the Morrell House located at Dominguez Park; noted Heritage Court, Historical Museum, and Morrell House fall under the purview of the PAC; reported that Jack Meyer was ill that evening but he and his team had put together some slides for the Commission to show the work and

improvements they have done throughout the facility; the slides showed the Morrell House Halloween 2025 Event with a picture of docents Tony Morejon and Katrina Clugston, exhibition improvements made throughout the displays, track lighting was upgraded to LED, the new exhibit for Mary Davies; Olympic Game exhibits, and an exhibit of the 1889 Deed of Sale for the plot of land sold to the Redondo Beach Company signed by the three daughters of Manuel Dominguez; explained documentation and archival processes need to happen to display the items; stated the team has been aiming to organize and provide consistency to the displays so they comprehensively link together; stated the team has been sending promotional fliers out to the public, has done a comprehensive inventory of all the materials in the museum, and are doing research on Native American relics which they will be working to display; stated due to all the work they have been doing museum visitation has increased; recommended the Commission receive and file the presentation outlining Community Services Department's divisions, programs, and activities.

Commissioner Lang commented that she did not know Director Orta's department spent half their time on Housing which put things into perspective; noted she did notice the fliers for the museum; asked if the docents are volunteers (Director Orta stated they are paid part-time employees); spoke of a racquetball court and has not seen any programs and wondered if it is underutilized.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed it is only used for racquetball but was unsure of the utilization of the facility.

Commissioner Lang asked if any of the classes the City offers are subsidized.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated none are subsidized.

Commissioner Lang asked if the City provides the space for classes such as line dancing or if the instructors need to rent the space out.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated the City does it through a contract program, the instructors are under contract with the City and are not allowed to accept any registration directly, all registration runs through their office and when the class is completed they send payment for 70% of registration fees collected to the instructor; stated the instructors do not need to reserve the space and the 30% of registration fees is the payment for using the space.

Commissioner Galassi reported meeting with Marc Wiener and Commissioner Rowe to start work on the Preservation subcommittee and asked how they could do an event in the Historic Library if it was available; stated they wanted to do an outreach event for people that have landmark designated homes.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported that the facility is not available for use at this time because it is an active construction site; noted the City has gone into a concessionaire agreement with a private company to manage that facility but they do have term in the agreement that does allow the City to reserve use of the space for a certain number of dates per year; stated they anticipate the facility to be open by next

summer and once it is open they can see if the facility is available for the date they would like to use it.

Commissioner Galassi asked if they would be allowed to use the area outside in front of the library while the construction was happening.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated potentially they could but explained a large portion of the improvements involved an ADA access ramp on the exterior, replacement of the stairway on the west side of the building, and both the parking lot and the ADA access area on the north side of the building would be redone; stated having an event around the building would depend on the state of the construction at the time.

Commissioner Galassi asked who creates their fliers because the Preservation fliers also needed to be redone.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated they create them in-house and could potentially assist in making them.

Commissioner Galassi said that the presentation was fabulous, but she wished she had more time to digest the information before that evening and commented there were many things they were not aware of; suggested they agendaize more discussion regarding senior programming.

Chair Maroko stated he had several questions to ask:

- Does the City still sell the Redondo Beach History book at the Artesia Branch?

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she believed so and had not heard that they removed it.

- Does her department run the cable tv channel and if they have an idea to post on the channel who they would go to?

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated their IT Department handles it for them but does not know exactly who manages the channel but could figure it out for the Commission if needed.

- Are there deadlines to submit information for the newsletter and could they submit information and they can decide if they want to disseminate it?

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated they do have deadlines and typically finalize them several months before the quarter starts; referred him to look at their annual schedule for their newsletter which gives due dates for their instructors to submit information which is the same date they need all the information that would be in the newsletter.

- Asked if Community Services has been approached about having a farmers' market in North Redondo where the Artesia offices have a large parking lot.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated the Community Services Director has been working with members of the City as well as some community members but she is

not sure what has been discussed.

- Asked if her department is spearheading the World Cup for next year and the Olympics in 2028.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated her department will be working on some watch parties for the World Cup at Seaside Lagoon, but the overarching organization of the City's efforts will be managed through the City Manager's Department.

- Asked if CIP money is included in the Cultural and Performing Arts budget.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported it does not include CIP but explained the capital outlay is something new that they have for the building which is a 2% fee of all facility use and those fees go directly towards facility improvements; stated that, if they don't use that money and it continues to accumulate year after year, they could allocate that money into a CIP.

- Asked if on that same page, if that includes the Ralph Parson's fund.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated it does not include the John Parson's Public Art Fund.

- Asked when she thought the benches would be reinstalled by the roses in the circle around the fountain.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she was not sure, and she would have to ask Jack Meyer.

Chair Maroko referenced slide 13 from Deputy Community Services Director Orta's presentation; echoed her sentiments about Tony and stated he is worth engaging since he has seen everything in Redondo Beach and mentioned Katrina handwrote the flier in the lobby; encouraged everyone to meet Tony and Katrina; reported they have a Budget Committee now and asked Director Orta if they had a wish list so the Commission could advocate for them to the City.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated they do have a wish list and, if they could have some time to prioritize and organize it, they could put it together and talk offline with that subcommittee.

Chair Maroko stated Commissioner Yousufzai is in charge of the Budget Subcommittee if she wanted to speak to him directly; reported the Commission has been trying to collect pictures of weddings that happened in front of the Saint James Church windows and currently have one that dates back to the 50s and would get that to the Community Services Department; stated Leadership Redondo is starting again and if the Community Services Department has any projects that are either historical or recreation in nature they are always looking for projects; spoke of the Museum having a street sign that is sitting on Flagler that let's people know the Museum is open and thought that is contributing to more visitors going there; encouraged anyone who has not gone to the Museum to go and visit; recognized students in the audience, pointed out who could sign off for them, and invited them to speak if they wanted to.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no one online.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to receive and file the presentation outlining Community Services Department's division programs and activity.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUBLIC AMENITIES CURRENT AND PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEES

Chair Maroko commented that he thought Commissioner Caldwell was on the Preservation Outreach Subcommittee and wanted to clarify if he was still on it.

Commissioner Caldwell stated he would be happy to remain but commented that he is limited by his work schedule and anything prior to 6:30 p.m. would be difficult for him to get to.

Chair Maroko referred them to all look at page 93 and asked if any Commissioner wanted to be added to any of the committees; turned the floor over to Library Director Vinke since he added this item to the agenda.

Library Director Vinke stated the mission that evening was to delineate clear and succinct goals for each of the subcommittees; reported the rules for subcommittees are to list and document goals for each subcommittee.

Chair Maroko said Director Vinke should have gotten one from the Preservation Outreach Committee as part of the Blue Folder and one from the Pickleball Subcommittee.

Commissioner Galassi stated she did not include one for the Minor Alterations Subcommittee because the Minor Alterations Subcommittee existed even before the PAC and the scope has not changed.

Commissioner Yousufzai stated he wanted to get some feedback from the rest of the Commission regarding the Budget Advisory Subcommittee; wanted to see if there was any interest in creating a formalized form to fill out that would state the recommendation and what purpose it serves so there is a causation for the request; went into more detail on his thoughts and what role he would serve; suggested the list of deliverable could be done semiannually since there are two major budget times during the year; commented those were his initial thoughts but if there is no interest in his idea they can just put something together to recommend; stated he wanted to get everyone's feedback and then he could do whatever budgetary thing needed at that point.

Chair Maroko stated he thought the City Manager would be coming to the Commission sometime in March; felt if Commissioner Yousufzai got the systems in place it would be better for the Commission and noted there are cost centers for Community Services, Community Development and the Library; stated Library Director Vinke is good at articulating when the Library would like their help.

More discussion followed on what they could ask for and how to articulate it cohesively.

Commissioner Yousufzai went into more detail on his thoughts in terms of budgeting and how he would approach articulating it to the City Manager; recommended they put some ideas and thoughts of what they want to see within the next budgetary cycle in a cohesive type of form and asked the Commission for their feedback; said he drafted a form and to avoid any Brown Act violations could facilitate it through Library Director Vinke prior to next month's Commission meeting; spoke of the urgency of working on the budgetary component and getting it to the City Manager in time prior to the March budget meeting.

Chair Maroko asked when the next Strategic Plan Meeting was scheduled for.

Library Director Vinke stated he does not have that information but could get that to them.

Chair Maroko stated some of the ideas are not for the next cycle and some take more time to get traction; supported the idea of a form to keep them focused on what they are promoting; stated he was told the only way to get things done in the City is through a CIP or in the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Yousufzai stated professionally speaking projects should align with the City's Strategic Plan but their list are just "asks" from the Commission from feedback or recommendations they receive from people and felt they should keep it at that; noted anyone individually could make a recommendation and do their own due diligence and see if it aligns with the City's Strategic Plan or not but he felt the goal of this subcommittee was to just present the idea.

Chair Maroko stated one of the goals was to be able to have it so they don't have to wait two months and spoke of the subcommittee as a way to have a forum to constantly talk about different ideas.

Commissioner Yousufzai explained that they should look at this Subcommittee similar to how they run the Volunteer Acknowledgement Subcommittee, when they have a volunteer they want to nominate they submit it; stated when the Budget Advisory Subcommittee has an idea they want Council to consider from a budgetary perspective he can write the narrative with the budgetary component and submit it.

More discussion ensued regarding when the City reviews the budget and the CIP and the timelines associated with it. Chair Maroko and Commissioner Yousufzai continued to voice their opinions regarding the Budget Advisory Committee and decided Commissioner Yousufzai would complete the draft of the form and facilitate it through Library Director Vinke.

Commissioner Yousufzai said if the form is sufficient, then the Commission could start using it when they had a recommendation, facilitate it through Director Vinke who would give it to him, and he can give an update during their periodic subcommittee updates.

Commissioner Lang asked if they are facilitating the recommendations through Director Vinke or if Director Vinke is just initially sending the Commission the form Commissioner

Yousufzai created.

Discussion followed on the process they should follow and decided they would do it similar to the Volunteer Acknowledgement Program and just have the forms submitted directly to Commission Yousufzai.

Commissioner Yousufzai stated he didn't forward his goals and deliverables to Commissioner Lang but they agreed to meet or coordinate something; agreed to call the subcommittee the Budget Committee.

Commissioner Lang spoke of not understanding how the budget process all works and was excited about the subcommittee and stated she has a few ideas and felt putting them in an organized packet to provide directly to staff was nice.

Commissioner Galassi read a goal she submitted for the Pickleball Subcommittee: to assist staff to evaluate the current reservation system and determine if it will meet the needs of the pickleball program and capture accurate revenue data, recommend possible solutions to recommend to the City Manager for inclusion in the City budget if there are costs associated and tied that goal to also apply to the Budget Committee; stated she would fill out the form and submit it to Commissioner Yousufzai.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to receive and file the reports that have been submitted and put it on next month's agenda as a continued item.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Commissioner Caldwell voiced concern that the subcommittee workload would also add to the City's staff workload; noticed that during the earlier presentation given the staff allocation to the needed services provided by the City is very thin given the size of the City and the services the City provides; commented that it would be impossible for a subcommittee to be successful without staff dedication and activity on top of their actual workload; noted that the City has a decent amount of turnover and their Commission is asking a lot of the staff members and wondered if they have the bandwidth for each of the subcommittees they are creating to succeed; asked that if they are discussing this next month that staff provides an assessment of the ability and capability for all the subcommittees; stated there needs to be a balance and understood the importance of all the subcommittees but wanted to voice his concerns.

Commissioner Lang reviewed the list of subcommittees and provided her comments as follows:

- Preservation – is required
- Facilities User Subcommittee – stated the only time they have staff involvement is when they set their meeting dates which is about twice a year.
- Volunteer Acknowledgement Program – stated she is unsure how much the staff is involved with it and said that Commissioner Rowe takes care of the screening and submits them to Kelly Orta.

- Bringing History to the Community Subcommittee – stated she has personally not spoken to staff in regard to anything for this subcommittee.
- Franklin Park Playground – stated it was created by the City for a project and would be dissolving soon.
- Alta Vista Pickleball Subcommittee – stated the subcommittee did a lot of interfacing with staff but felt it was important and needed.
- Preservation Outreach – commented nothing has been done on that yet.
- Recognition Subcommittee – stated nothing has been done yet.

Commissioner Lang stated she was under the impression that the subcommittees would meet, do the work needed, and if they have action items that require staff then they would bring staff in; stated she thinks staff is really working for the Commission and they are trying to accomplish a lot; mentioned if the other four Commissions were still around they would also have subcommittees working on stuff.

Commissioner Lang commented that when they had a Preservation Commission the City had a dedicated staff member for it and the City no longer has a position dedicated.

Chair Maroko commented that the City does have a consultant now that handles the preservation items and has the ability to educate the staff.

Commissioner Caldwell stated he appreciated the perspective and his comment was more focused on if staff has the bandwidth for the work; noted Commissioner Lang went through all the subcommittees and stated it doesn't seem like a lot of work but was concerned there is more behind the scenes that they are aware of and that is why he is asking staff to come back to the Commission and let them know the limitations of their time if any.

Commissioner Lang stated she would like to know what staff's involvement is in the subcommittees behind the scenes; noted she is on some of the subcommittees and has had no interaction with staff but if they are doing work the members are unaware of that would be helpful to know.

Commissioner Yousufzai commented that he thinks there is a lot of staff workload, not as much to the subcommittees, but given to the general function of the Public Amenities Commission; pointed out that every item the Commission agendas staff has to spend time to come back to them with information.

Library Director Vinke agreed with Commissioner Yousufzai; stated the subcommittees are intangible because they are at different levels and different times, but the Commission alone does take staff time; noted they are happy to support the Commission.

Commissioner Yousufzai agreed with Commissioner Caldwell on his point that they need to be mindful of staff time; spoke of the need to consider all the requested items they agenda and it is not really about time the subcommittees will pull from staff; noted they should remove any subcommittees that are not useful when they can; reiterated that the issue isn't necessarily the subcommittees but the general asks regarding items in the

agenda.

Commissioner Lang asked Commissioner Caldwell if he was at the last meeting (he responded yes); she recalled at one of the Commission meetings discussing the need to take on more work so that staff would not have to in terms of research and items they could tackle; stated she thought they discussed subcommittees being a great way to explore ideas and do some of the work and that is why they came up with the Preservation Outreach Subcommittee.

Commissioner Galassi commented that being required to submit goals for the subcommittees was a good exercise because it made her focus on the purpose of the subcommittee and how they could be helpful; mentioned that their Commission is comprised of four different arms and they cannot get everything done in their meetings and spoke of the subcommittees as a way to break up the work and help staff move items along; gave an example, that under the Pickleball Subcommittee, she and another pickleball ambassador for Redondo Beach did a lot of the legwork for the research for the pickleball courts so that staff had the ability to make decisions and that was the intent of the subcommittee; provided another example of how they will be helping staff using the Preservation Subcommittee, showed the outdated brochures, and stated the Preservation Plan and survey has not been updated since 1996 and that is something the subcommittee will be working on; noted that staff expressed excitement for their help; stated a lot of the work can be done on their own time; stated she does understand Commissioner Caldwell's concern and agreed the list could be intimidating for staff if they do not know what each individual subcommittee does; commented that she wanted to put his heart at ease that their overall aim is to offload the work for City staff and not to add to it.

Chair Maroko stated that is why he spent time last month reviewing the new ordinance that the City put out; noted that some of the items are dictated by what the City expects from the Commissions but ultimately City staff are the only ones that can make a decision; stated he can give staff as complete a report as he can so that the decision making is relatively easy but the question is when does it percolate up to get resolved; noted staff will get to items as they can get to it; appreciated Commissioner Caldwell for sticking up for the staff and stated he tries not to overwhelm them but they should give it a shot and see how it works; voiced his excitement about the Preservation Outreach because the Community Development Director has voiced his support for their help; reported the City is going to do a whole thing on Preservation in the next six months or so; stated their role would be important and said the Preservation Outreach Subcommittee will probably end up being part of policy discussion.

Commissioner Galassi added she was told that on January 6th Preservation will be an item at the Council meeting and if they wanted to attend, they should put it on their calendars.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

L.3. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

Chair Maroko asked for updates regarding the subcommittees for their Commission, the updates are as follows:

- Minor Alteration Subcommittee: No Update
- Facilities Users Subcommittee: No Update – Commissioner Yousufzai commented that he is trying to get in touch with Commissioner McCauley since he did not attend last meeting or that evening's meeting and hoped he would be in touch with him before the next meeting. Commissioner Galassi stated she emailed him as well.
- Volunteer Acknowledgement Subcommittee – Commissioner Yousufzai stated he was hoping to speak to Commissioner Rowe since he just joined this subcommittee; hoped to connect with him before next meeting so they can update the Commission.
- Bringing History to the Community Subcommittee - Chair Maroko is working on getting the three signs at Ito Family Park; noted he did not feel comfortable writing about the social implications so got permission from the National Park Service to use their text; stated he wrote something on the family and Commissioner Lang will do the edits on that.
- Franklin Park Subcommittee – Commissioner Galassi stated that it was voted on and approved by City Council and the subcommittee was near completion. Commissioner Lang commented that Council used a couple of their recommendations and thought they should be able to dissolve the subcommittee.

Discussion followed regarding when to dissolve the subcommittee. They decided to dissolve it in February since the playground is currently in the implementation stage.

- Alta Vista Pickleball Subcommittee – Commissioner Galassi reiterated what Director Orta mentioned earlier regarding the funding issue that is holding up the resurfacing of the courts, reported there is a \$20,000 to \$30,000 delta from what was appropriated by the City; stated she met with Director Orta earlier in the week to explore funding solutions, noted that the project cannot be held up indefinitely so they are working on schedules and fees so they would be ready when they have the courts.
- Preservation Outreach Subcommittee – Commissioner Galassi stated her report was included in the Blue Folder; spoke about the Outreach event possibly being at the Historic Library and would be a good way of educating the community about historic properties.

Chair Maroko suggested an alternative event location could be in the historic district located at Gertruda if they can't have it at the Historic Library.

- Recognition Preservation Subcommittee - No update

- Budget Committee – Covered earlier in the meeting.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Yousufzai, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, to receive and file the subcommittee review and project update.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Library Director Vinke reported they have no items but will be meeting in January; stated they have gone through the list of meeting dates for next year and the only date that appears to be in conflict is Veterans' Day in November; stated Community Development has indicated that they plan on having a hearing in January.

Chair Maroko asked Director Vinke if he could send the meeting dates to the rest of the Commission.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked if staff furloughs.

Library Director Vinke stated they do but they will be back on the 2nd of January and would be able to get the agenda together for the meeting; noted the hearings are normally time sensitive.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Galassi spoke about the Redondo Beach King Harbor Gateway sign; noted there has been a lot of chatter on Facebook and the City Council voted to update the sign on Tuesday; described the changes that will be made to the sign and stated there has been significant pushback from the public regarding the changes; stated many believe it is an iconic sign and should be landmark designated but because it is on City property that nomination would have to come from the City; stated she is unsure that once the changes are made if the sign could still be designated a landmark but noted they should agendize the center of the sign for discussion because City Council voted that the center piece be saved and put in the museum; suggested they also agendize how they would like to commemorate the history of that sign.

Chair Maroko asked to clarify whether she wanted two items agendized or for it to be one item to be agendized.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, to agendize a discussion to deal with the center logo on the King Harbor sign for a future agenda.

More discussion followed regarding when it would be put on the agenda, that more information was needed regarding the removal of the center piece and the need to speak

with the City Manager's office and the appropriate staff prior to putting it on an agenda.

Library Director Vinke noted that Council directed staff to look at possible locations for the center piece.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

Chair Maroko made a suggestion for a motion for Commissioner Galassi's item to agendize a historical commemoration for the sign.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to refer to both the Commission and to the Bringing History to the Community Subcommittee to come up with ideas to commemorate the King Harbor Gateway sign.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

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O. ADJOURNMENT – 8:43 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to adjourn at 8:45 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 January 14, 2026, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach

Motion carried 5-0-2 by hands raised. Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were absent.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dana Vinke
Library Director