



REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION – 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Youth Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Deputy Community Services Director Orta, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cho, Edwards, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Weiss, Chair Felde, Secretary Steinberg

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, Vice Chair Van Pelt,

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: Robles, Trone, McCauley

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation, Senior and Family Services Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Felde led the Commissioners in a salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

None.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Alina Rashid, a Redondo Beach youth representative for allcove Beach Cities Health District, shared a list of allcove events in May, including Movie Night on May 10, Easter Bunny Craft on May 11, and Clothing Upcycle on May 12. All events start at 4:30 pm. Further, she announced an Art Earth Day Art event on May 18, an Earth Day Workshop on May 22 at 5:00 pm, Life After Highschool on May 24 at 5:30, and the Second Annual South Bay Leadership and Wellness Conference hosted by allcove and Beach Cities Health District on May 31. She spoke about last year's conference, referencing last year's keynote speakers and breakout sessions and advertised allcove's ongoing fundraiser. Ms. Rashid recommended to follow allcove's Instagram and website for further information.

Rick McQuillan, South Bay tech developer and entrepreneur, updated the City regarding his efforts made on Artesia Boulevard and Beyond. McQuillan gave a description of the app, noting that it was a part of SouthBayStreets.com, and intends it to be a commerce map for residents, locals, commuters, visitors, tourists, home and apartment seekers. He spoke about using data maps as a starting point to create community commerce and informed that the current See Artesia website is a rough demo with old data. Mr. McQuillan noted that he planned to publish a new version of the app to let users update the maps manually, mentioned that he plans to include the Galleria with other maps following Riviera Village Corridors on PCH, Torrance Boulevard and other potential commerce areas. He spoke about volunteering at Redondo Union to help Mike Soo Hoo's Entrepreneur Class evaluate student business plans and referenced his request to Mike Soo Hoo to speak to students for potential internships. He acknowledged that he has a full staff but would like to hire interns for loading map data and performing related functions such as software testing, community outreach and marketing. He

advised anyone who is interested in Sea Artesia's project to email him at Rick@MC.QCORP.com or Mike Soo Hoo's website.

There were no further public comments or eComments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

I.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE YOUTH COMMISSION'S INPUT ON THE CITY'S FY 2025-26 BUDGET

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that the item requests the commission to provide input to the City Council as they develop the budget for the next fiscal year. She gave updates to items that were mentioned as part of the previous month's Youth Commission meeting. She notified the Youth Commission about a letter from the South Bay Forward Organization that did not make the agenda, but was provided earlier in the afternoon. Copies of the letter were provided to the commission.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to receive and file South Bay Forward Organization's letter. Motion carried 9-0-6, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

Chairperson Felde asked the Youth Commission if there were any items Commissioners would like to discuss regarding budgeting and what to allocate within the letter.

Commissioner Sorgen liked the letter's mention of bike lanes; proposed making a budget for more bike lanes in North Redondo, Ripley Avenue, and streets connected to South Redondo to reduce traffic, making it safer for bikers, and help students from North Redondo access Redondo High School easier.

Commissioner Steinberg agreed with adding more bike lanes, however, she expressed concern regarding how much power the Youth Commission has regarding bike lanes due to possibly long construction periods if implemented on a large scale. She agreed that many students utilize bikes and E-bikes for school transportation; expressed not seeing many bike lanes near Redondo Union High School, and felt that there should be one of the streets leading to the school.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh noted there are prominent bike lanes along Diamond but is not sure whether PCH has a bike lane. He expressed wanting to implement prominent bike lanes along Artesia utilizing reflective rods to improve night visibility, separate bikers, and reduce risk of collisions.

Commissioner Taghvei agreed with Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh about implementing reflective night rods for safety and to notify students where the bike lane is located.

Chairperson Felde mentioned a passage from the letter that stuck out to her which discussed enrolling Beach Cities Transit into the Metro Go pass and life programs, which would provide free transit to K-12 students and low-income residents. She requested more information regarding the difference from implementing BCT into Metro Go and a Tap card considering Tap cards are also free for K-12 and low-income residents and are accepted to use for Beach Cities Transit.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta advised she would forward Chairperson Felde's question to the Beach Cities Transit division.

Chairperson Felde expressed support for improving publicity and communications to advertise Beach Cities Transit for people throughout Redondo, Hermosa, and El Segundo.

Commissioner Chabot voiced concerns regarding how much power the Youth Commission has over advertising transit and recommended prioritizing transit issues such as timely stops and implementing more buses to properly accommodate transit users before advertising BCT's services. She requested for the conversation regarding advertising to be pushed.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta agreed to postponing advertising discussion.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta the nuance of a recommendation in the letter regarding the 405 Express Bus improvements to the Metro system on the highway.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that she was not sure since the letter came from an outside organization. She further responded that there were representatives from South Bay Forward Organization present for the meeting and asked Chairperson Felde if she wanted to open public comment now to talk through the letter with the representatives.

Chairperson Felde preferred to discuss within the Youth Commission before opening to public comment.

Chairperson Felde asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if those from within the Youth Commission who frequently ride Beach Cities transit could give a subsection of responses.

Commissioner Campisi volunteered to provide transit updates considering he is a daily rider of BCT.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta agreed to hearing transit updates and encouraged Commissioner Campisi to send any updates or concerns through text or email when they occur, which would help staff track the incidents to find solutions. She spoke about the Transit Division exploring new social media platforms to communicate to users, mentioning that transit is only on the X platform and that they were very excited to hear from the Teen Survey that Instagram is popular and preferred.

Chairperson Felde asked if there were any other comments regarding the letter. With no further comments, Chairperson Felde brought the conversation back to the budget. She referenced the previous meeting where she recommended for the Youth Commission to look back at the Teen Survey Data for budget ideas and opened up the conversation to the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Sorgen recommended a budget for after school recreation programs for middle schoolers. He mentioned that there is already a waitlist for elementary recreation programs and proposed a larger budget to help with overcrowding.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that the Community Services Department has completed registration for next year of the after-school program and has hired more staff to accommodate larger enrollment numbers. Currently, the waitlist has been cleared, however, staff continue to hire more staff to support continued interest.

Commissioner Sorgen asked if those resources were pertaining only to elementary school programs.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed those programs were for elementary school students only.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh recommended adding a program similar to Adams and Parras, referencing three points of data within the Teen Survey: classic games such as a billiard table and pool, cooking and baking, and field trips. He mentioned that his family enjoys going to the South Bay Botanical Garden and proposed the South Bay Botanical Garden as a potential field trip location to get teens involved with the Teen Center.

Chairperson Felde liked the idea of hosting field trips as a way to boost Redondo businesses. She mentioned previously speaking to Youth, Senior, and Family Services Manager Michelle Pinedo from the Community Services Department about partnership events hosted outside the Teen Center such as cafes, the Seaside Lagoon, and volleyball tournaments. Chairperson Felde proposed partnering with Alta Vista and hosting a pickleball tournament. She loved the idea of hosting events outside of the Teen Center and informed the Youth Commission the next meeting will be discussing planning for the facility.

Commissioner Campisi mentioned middle school events hosting popular fundraisers at locations such as a boba place.

Commissioner Chabot asked if the next meeting is in May and if it is also the last meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that the commission's last meeting would be in May or June.

Recreation, Youth, Senior and Family Services Manager Pinedo informed the Youth Commission that there is enough funding for two part-time staff members to lead the teen program with one staff member available to work 900 hours, and the second staff member available to work up to 1,500 hours, annually. She notified that the budget to purchase supplies for the Teen Center currently stands at \$9,000 and advised Youth Commissioners to include a starting point in how the funds should be allocated. Pinedo asked Youth Commissioners to consider the amount of money it takes to furnish the Teen Center and advised that she will be accounting for costs and drawing up an estimate of how much money will be left versus how much money will be needed in order to create a draft for City Council.

Secretary Steinberg recognized a pool table can be a very fun activity but proposed adding an arcade game such as Pac-Man since not everyone knows pool. She acknowledged that the Teen Center may include both amenities, but Pac-Man machines are relatively low-priced and offers a retro aesthetic to the space. Secretary Steinberg felt it would be fitting to decorate the Teen Center with a retro aesthetic because third spaces were popular in the 80's and there was a need for a resurgence of third spaces from the Youth Commission draft letter.

Commissioner Campisi recommended considering a foosball table because it is easy to learn and is similar to pool and arcade games.

Chairperson Felde recommended to prioritize sound equipment to utilize when hosting events. She reminded the Youth Commission that the Teen Center will contain side rooms and proposed one of the side rooms can be a listening room where teens can share their favorite music on quality speakers. She mentioned utilizing proper sound equipment for future events such as a battle of the bands or hosting a youth band performance.

Commissioner Taghvaei proposed hosting a beach day event and a talent show at the Community Center as cost-effective events.

Commissioner Chabot brought up an idea from the Teen Center subcommittee to collaborate with other groups such as children or seniors to provide community wide unity. She proposed whiteboards for the Teen Center for students to do their homework.

Commissioner Weiss agreed with installing a whiteboard.

Chairperson Felde mentioned a popular response from the Teen Survey was up-to-date gaming equipment such as a PS5. She quoted a survey response as, "If you have a PS5, everyone will go." She mentioned a 3-D printer was another popular response and felt it would be interesting to include one if it fits within the budget. Additionally, she recommended a vending machine or food pantry.

Commissioner Chabot agreed with the 3-D printer suggestion and recommended regular printers for students who do not have printer access in their homes.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh proposed adding a bulletin board at the Teen Center to post announcements, flyers, and marketing outside of social media. He recommended the bulletin board to be a space where outside organizations could post opportunities for students who are looking to complete their community service hours.

Chairperson Felde proposed workshops would be popular at the Teen Center and recommended hiring independent contractors to teach workshops due to a possible lack of volunteers. She further noted that cooking classes were a popular response in the Teen Survey.

Commissioner Weiss added on to Chairperson Felde's proposed idea, recommending students to volunteers and contracting instructors.

Chairperson Felde suggested buying TVs or a projector due to a friend from the South Bay Film Society stating they would love to host events at the Teen Center due to their demographic being predominantly aged 60 and over. She proposed a designated indie movie night and recommended the allocation of funding for purchasing the appropriate equipment.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh proposed adding computers and monitors similar to the library at the Teen Center for teens to do their homework.

Chairperson Felde spoke up about envisioning the Teen Center as a space outside of being an extension to allcove or the library. She advised Youth Commissioners to think about what could make the Teen Center unique.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh circled back to the talent show proposal and suggested hosting a talent show for Seniors as a way to give back to the community and provide teen exposure.

Commissioner Sorgen asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta what the furniture currently looks like.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that the Teen center has 6-foot tables and chairs to be displayed in any configuration. She advised Commissioners to

think about the layout design of the Teen Center based on the Teen Survey responses.

Commissioner Sorgen agreed and expressed concerns about funding for new technology such as a 3-D printer before purchasing proper furniture.

Commissioner Chabot recommended sofas or bean bags.

Chairperson Felde expressed wanting ergonomic seating since the desks at school are not comfortable; proposed allocating funds for a community garden or a pallet garden. Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked Chairperson Felde if the teens would be maintaining the garden.

Chairperson Felde answered yes and to cultivate a farm to table experience and build community bonding. She suggested growing strawberries, cucumbers, or snap peas as they do not take long to grow.

Commissioner Weiss asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta whether the barbecue on the patio was working.

There was no confirmation whether the barbecue currently works but it is on their list for repair or replacement. She explained they asked about the garden because they are able to set aside space in the patio for such activities.

Chairperson Felde recommended using the patio to host a summer event since the Teen Center would most likely reopen in the next school year and to expand capacity space.

Secretary Steinberg suggested introducing the Teen Center at a back-to-school event, so the Teen Center is fresh on students' minds.

Commissioner Weiss mentioned plans to have a pickleball tournament, snacks and letting people walk through the Teen Center.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh raised concerns about needing supervision in the garden and expensive equipment to prevent the space from being mishandled by other teens.

Secretary Steinberg asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta how many rooms the Teen Center has.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that there are no other separate rooms; it is one big space with an outdoor patio. She advised that it would be helpful for the Commissioners to walk through the space to help section the layout. She referenced the Teen Survey responses, which conveyed a desire for a lounge area. Staff intends to section a lounge space with a mounted TV, a reading nook, and figuring

out where to place other items such as a foosball table or tables with comfortable chairs.

Secretary Steinberg recommended separating the homework area from the lounge area.

Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo mentioned that there is also the Perry Park Senior Center nearby, which has a space ready to be utilized if there is heavy teen activity on a weekly basis; suggestions were made that the space in Perry Park Senior Center can be used as a study area when available if necessary.

Commissioner Chabot circled back to Ad Hoc Huynh's security concerns and recommended to have good security for the Teen Center considering there will be a Playstation 5 and arcade machines. Staff noted that the Teen Center does have an alarm system installed, and if needed, PD would be able to set up cameras.

Chairperson Felde expressed taking inspiration from the El Segundo Rec Center when noticing they had no quiet spaces and raised concerns that the Teen Center would echo loudly without sufficient furniture. She suggested taking advantage of the outdoor space to create a Zen Garden or outdoor seating and recommended utilizing the outdoor space as a study, quiet-reflection zone.

Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo noted to the commission that the Teen Center is located off Grant and the Fire Department is located on the corner cross street, resulting in Grant being a very busy street. Any outdoor spacing would be in the patio and conversations have been made with Public Works for the space to be blocked off. She informed the Youth Commission that the Teen Center's outdoor patio currently only has a fenced gate with a see-through wind screen. There could be possibility to create a quiet zone after the space has been sectioned off.

Chairperson Felde expressed excitement to have an outdoor space and would like to see native habitats. She acknowledged conversations regarding planting would be a later discussion but expressed advocacy for native landscapes and habitats. She raised concerns that it would be awkward for the facility to only have overhead lighting and no music and suggested using creative lighting such as a disco ball or strobe lights.

Secretary Steinberg agreed with Chairperson Felde, expressing that the majority of people enjoy soft lighting compared to fluorescent lighting that could lead to a colder feel and headaches. She recommended lamps or fairy lights to improve the atmosphere, which are easily purchased on Amazon.

Commissioner Chabot agreed with both Chairperson Felde and Secretary Steinberg, expressed atmospheric lighting could further provide a retro aesthetic. She suggested to bring back nostalgia through making the space colorful.

Chairperson Felde liked Chairperson Chabot and Secretary Steinberg's ideas as it would help teens envision what they would like to see in the Teen Center. She suggested printing photos and posting them on the wall to help teens envision the Teen Center at the Open House.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh recommended sectioning spaces for studying and lounging to increase organization.

Chairperson Felde expressed holding a tournament at Alta Vista utilizing extra sports equipment from Parks and Rec. She suggested to purchase sports equipment if the Parks and Rec Department did not have extra.

Commissioner Chabot raised concerns about volume in the Teen Center and suggested designated quiet hours to divide the noise.

Chairperson Felde agreed and suggested to continue the discussion at the next meeting planned to suggest discussions envisioning the Teen Center as an agenda item for next meeting. She asked if there was anything else to discuss regarding budget, including discussion about the pier. She asked Commissioner Chabot if she had any ideas on how the pier can provide low-cost activities since she suggested that during the previous meeting.

Commissioner Chabot suggested it would be beneficial to ask multiple people about what cost-effective activities would they participate in at the pier. She referenced her own experience at the pier and wanting to have activities outside of food.

Chairperson Felde suggested a section of parking for E-bikes for the Teen Center.

Secretary Steinberg asked what the scope of power is the Youth Commission has to look at the pier, including how the Youth Commission could implement different activities, who would be leading them, and the overall process.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that the Youth Commission are only making recommendations to the City Council and City Council will be able to make future decisions from the perspective and recommendations the Youth Commission has provided. As an example, the Youth Commission supports the future development of more teen focused and low-cost amenities at the Pier.

Chairperson Felde referenced the Fun Factory's closing and expressed hope that whatever will be implemented will be centered to teens and not a smoke shop. She expressed the restaurants at the Pier are not teen friendly and teens need more accessible, convenient, approachable businesses at the Pier.

Secretary Steinberg expressed an increase in restaurant closures with replaced locations either being too expensive or being bars, leaving little space for teens. She suggested establishing a hot dog stand or pop-up shop.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh agreed with Secretary Steinberg and suggested transportable food stand. He referenced that the Fun Factory's closing has left a lot of open spots at the Pier and suggested if any pop-up shops gain traction, there could be an opportunity for them to be allowed a permanent establishment.

Chairperson Felde asked Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo if the Youth Commission was lacking anything regarding the budget.

Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo responded that she would be interested in knowing if the Youth Commission would like to do pop-up events. She referenced a conversation with Rena about disconnected cafes establishing pop-up events at historic libraries or community-driven spaces. She suggested the Youth Commission could also establish a pop-up event inviting a coffee house to provide coffee and teas for three hours to promote the Teen Center. Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo informed the commission that waterfront development would be a hard conversation to have with City Council regarding opening a business and it would be easier to request building an experience through field trips or work with local shops off the pier. She advised the Youth Commission to workshop through similar ideas to estimate what the quote would be and how much would be potentially spent.

Chairperson Felde stated being open to participating in those activities and asked what specifically Community Services is asking the Youth Commission to think of regarding pop-up shops.

Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo asked if the Youth Commission would be interested in hosting pop-up events, what locations would the Youth Commission be excited for, or if they would want to try pop-ups at City owned locations. She informed the Youth Commission it would be easier to book a space at a City-owned location.

Commissioner Weiss preferred spaces the City owns for simplicity purposes and suggested starting pop-ups at the Teen Center to gain more traction.

Commissioner Chabot agreed with Commissioner Weiss and expressed interest in hosting pop-up events.

Chairperson Felde asked if it was possible for Youth Commissioners to ask businesses to request a partnership from the Youth Commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that they can certainly reach out to businesses. She informed the Youth Commission that there are different methods and this would be one of them.

Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo explained that this is where they would rely on the support from a Teen Events or Programming Subcommittee to work with the staff so Teen Center staff can help execute future pop-ups or hosted events.

Chairperson Felde asked if they could brainstorm where to host and expressed interest in the Seaside Lagoon or somewhere in Redondo Beach. She suggested using the beach and the courts for tennis or pickleball could be fun and expressed immense interest in throwing a pickleball event at Alta Vista for their ample court space.

Commissioner Sorgen suggested Veterans Park for a food truck or food events, like a picnic.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh suggested Anderson Park as a great location for a food event because it is next to the Anderson Park Senior Center. He mentioned there is a parking lot where an ice cream truck arrives daily and suggested a coffee house coming to Anderson Park, but was unsure on the process since it is an open space.

Secretary Steinberg suggested The Boy and The Bear Coffee House as a potential location because it is local and not a major corporation like Starbucks.

Chairperson Felde suggested Local 90 could cater and bring their own oven to the Teen Center where the Teen Center can host a Customize Your Pizza event.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta informed the Youth Commission that staff has a good idea of the types of events the Youth Commission would like to do. She expressed plans to generate a general number for the City Council next year, stating that they have an extensive list of amenities Youth Commissioners would like to see at the Teen Center.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta opened the floor to public comment.

Michael Lee Chang, a 21-year-old college student and District 2 resident, shared he graduated from Redondo Union High School in 2022 and was previously a member of the Youth Commission. He commended the Youth Commission's professionalism and gave them an overview of his background as a community advocate and youth organizer. He introduced himself as a representative for South Bay Forward, a volunteer-led team of residents across South Bay cities with a focus on housing, public transit, and street safety. He felt moved by the Youth Commission's letter for third spaces and expressed how a lack of third spaces made him and his peers feel limited and isolated. He shared how he tragically lost five classmates during his junior high and

high school years, reminding him of the importance of building connection. Chang expressed his support to the Youth Commission's requests for more afterschool programming, BCT busses, art programming, and Teen Center funding. He requested the Youth Commission support their recommendations, including the recommendation for the City to utilize Metro Go Green passes so students can ride transit for free, an opportunity available to Los Angeles K-12 and community college students. He further noted the organization's recommendations for protected bike lanes, youth housing and renter protections, and offered support in collaborating with the Youth Commission.

Devin Hollowood, a District 3 resident and software engineer in Playa Vista with a background in astrophysics, expressed feeling inspired by the Youth Commission's letter. He expressed his favorite memories as a teenager were at third spaces and stated that public transit is important for teenagers' independence. He advocated for every generation to have access to third spaces and transit services. Hollowood expressed how protected bike lanes would reduce stress and protect bikers' safety. He stated that Redondo Beach needs streets that are safe and pleasant for everyone, especially youth, many of whom ride bikes daily to school. He further advised that bike lanes are comparatively cheap infrastructure and can be quick to install, proposing community quick builds where the City works with volunteer groups to put up infrastructure and paint lanes. Hollowood shared that South Bay Led Forward is working on a campaign to put Class 4 protected bike lanes along the length of Prospect Avenue. He shared that this campaign would be transformative for his neighborhood and requested the Youth Commission to consider signing on to their Prospect Avenue Community Proposal, both as individuals and a body. He additionally asked the Youth Commission to consider including a request for the Prospect Avenue Mobility Study in the budget input letter to the City. He informed the Youth Commission that South Bay Forward also focuses on affordable housing and expressed frustration at the housing crisis where many young people can no longer afford to live in the community they grew up. He asked the Youth Commission to consider working with South Bay Forward on affordable housing for all.

Brianna Egan, founder of South Bay Forward, thanked the Youth Commission for reading their letter and considering their items. She introduced herself as a Redondo Union High School graduate, class of 2012, a third-year medical student with hopes to be a public health physician, and founder of the community garden at Alta Vista Park. She spoke further on the areas of housing affordability and transit and informed the Youth Commission that in the 1980's, Redondo Beach was once a relatively affordable Beach City, but has not built enough houses in the past decades to keep affordable costs. She shared how many friends and married couples can't afford housing and are forced to live at home. Egan expressed interest in wanting to see the City expand its temporary and permanent housing options to incentivize transit-oriented development near the Redondo Beach Transit Center; implement renter protections and transparency; and meet housing goals by approving more multi-family, mixed income, affordable housing. She asked the Youth Commission to recommend BCT, RBUSD, and Metro to enroll in Metro Go pass. She expressed wanting to see the City fund service frequencies and improvements to BCT lines 102 and 109, and additionally

asked for further support to recommend a budget item for the Council to fund a study for protected bike lanes on Prospect Avenue, connecting 11 schools, including RUHS, Parras, and two elementary schools.

Chairperson Felde asked Brianna Egan what the benefits are to enrolling in Metro Go Pass compared to the TAP card.

Brianna explained that Go Pass is a relatively new program that Metro provides to K-12 students to ride participating transit lines for free. She informed the Youth Commission that if they look at the Metro website, Beach Cities Transit nor the local Redondo Beach School District transit are not enrolled and students can't access the Go Pass program. She advised that South Bay Forward are advocating for the City and School District to enroll into Metro Go Pass.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh suggested funding another express bus because there is only 1 express bus on the green line.

Brianna Egan shared that was a great idea and explained that they are an advocacy organization made up of volunteers who work on advocating to the City. She advised Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh that his idea is perfect to implement in their letter so the City can then fund and advised the Youth Commission to check out South Bay Forward on social media.

There were no further public comments or eComments.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta recommended to the Youth Commission for her to briefly go over the general concepts, themes, and items they have discussed. If there is an objection to an item being part of the recommendation, it can be pulled for further discussion or call a vote to see if the majority desire to have it included in the final motion. The list of items included:

- Support for an expansion of after-school programs for Junior High students
- Consideration to implement a community garden for teens, possibly at the Teen Center or patio area
- Implementation of bike lanes and education on where to find bike lanes and policies for use
- Low-cost and teen friendly amenities at the Pier
- Teen Center amenities, as discussed, including and a number of events, ideas, and concepts

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to approve the Consent budget recommendations. Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Secretary Steinberg left the meeting at 7:33pm, prior to the vote taking place. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

I. 2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING UPCOMING STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSIONS

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced the item and briefly went over the high-level topic areas that were addressed in the letter drafted by Chairperson Felde, including comments related to the City's transit system, safe and affordable spaces dedicated to teens, and the development of third spaces. She asked the Youth Commission to affirm that the letter properly discusses and captures the intent of the commission.

Chairperson Felde asked the Youth Commission if they were able to read the letter and if there anything missing or misconstrued in the letter.

No discussion was had over the letter.

Chairperson Felde opened the floor to public comment.

There were no public comments or eComments.

Motion by Commissioner Chabot, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to approve Chair Felde's Recommendations for Strategic Planning letter. Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced explained that it was a standing item to provide an opportunity for subcommittees to share their progress since the last Youth Commission meeting. She reintroduced three active subcommittees, including the Substance Abuse Subcommittee, Communications Subcommittee, and the Teen Events and Teen Center Subcommittee.

Commissioner Campisi shared that they Teen Events and Teen Center Subcommittee is planning an Open House on Monday, April 14 from 5-6 PM. He requested for Youth Commissioners to show up as there will be food, drinks, and raffle prizes.

Chairperson Felde shared that they received the full-sized flyers for the Open House and that she was planning to meet Youth Commissioners after the meeting to disperse flyers to pass around Redondo Union High School. She advised the commission to

assist in the marketing and handing out of flyers since Spring Break would start the day after tomorrow. She shared that they attempted to promote their message in the morning announcements, but advised Youth Commissioners to speak to their classmates because the Commission is made up of different grade levels.

Recreation, Senior, Youth, and Family Services Manager Pinedo advised Youth Commissioners to inform any friends or family in Junior High to attend the Open House because the Teen Center will be building out and they will potentially be able to use the Teen Center by next year.

Chairperson Felde agreed that early middle schoolers could work as well and opened the floor to hear from other subcommittees. She asked if the Substance Abuse Subcommittee has been active regarding public participation about the cannabis ordinances.

The Substance Abuse subcommittee had no updates.

Chairperson Felde turned her attention to the Communications Subcommittee and communicated having knowledge about an Instagram being made. She asked if there had been any progress with posts or thinking of content to post.

The Communications Subcommittee had no updates.

Chairperson Felde asked if there had been any schedule conflicts or the amount of people for the quorum.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh agreed that it was about the amount of people attending the meetings.

Chairperson Felde asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if absenteeism for subcommittee meetings was something to be addressed.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that it would be up to the commission. She referenced last meeting where two subcommittees were removed after completing their work, informing that they could review the Communications Subcommittee if they would like to have a formal discussion at the next meeting. She reminded the commission that it has one to two meetings left and that, likely, whatever work the subcommittees are going to do will be left for a new Youth Commission in October to decide whether they would like to remain with a pre-existing subcommittee or choose a new one.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Secretary Steinberg to move on from the updates. Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

J.2. STAFF LIASON REPORT

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced the item, reiterating the upcoming Open House event. The Community Services Department is hoping to see teens and their younger siblings come to help envision and reimagine the space. She informed that there would be food, snacks and a raffle and would take place on Monday, April 14, from 5 to 6 PM at the Perry Park Teen Center. She encouraged Youth Commissioners to reach out if they have any questions or concerns. Deputy Community Services Director Orta also reminded the Youth Commission that the city is currently accepting applications for next year's Youth Commission. She hopes all who are eligible will reapply, reminding the commission that they must reapply if they want to serve next year. Applications are due by May 30, 2025. She encouraged commissioners to share the application with friends or siblings to continue the momentum of the commission.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Chairperson Felde asked the Youth Commission if anybody had any ideas about what to discuss at the next meeting. She expressed that the Teen Event and Teen Center Subcommittee has not been meeting as often as she would like and suggested a future discussion regarding the planning of teen events and the Teen to a future meeting. She clarified that she is not suggesting that they dissolve the Teen Event and Teen Center Subcommittee, but recommending the commission discuss these items as a whole.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Member Huynh suggested getting a detailed look at the budget next meeting and plan around that. He felt that there were many great ideas but there is a strong need to have a discussion to decipher what should be prioritized.

Chairperson Felde stated that she was not sure whether a budget would be ready by next week and event planning will be an item for the next Youth Commission Meeting. She suggested planning summer events or programs before the Youth Commission closes.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta advised for those items to be formally added to the agenda, a motion and a second and a majority vote will be needed.

Motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Weiss to file items for future agenda. Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 7:57 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Youth Commission, motion by Commissioner Campisi, seconded by Commissioner Taghvaie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 01, 2025 in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried 8-0-7, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Cheves, Cunningham, Flinn, Reeds, Secretary Steinberg, and Vice Chair Van Pelt were absent. There being no objections, Chair Felde ordered the meeting to be adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Hause
Community Services Director