



Minutes
Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION – 6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Yousufzai in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Edward (E.J.) Caldwell, Mara Lang, Ron Maroko, Jeffrey E. Rowe, Chair Masood K. Yousufzai

Commissioners Absent: Desiree M. Galassi, Christopher McCauley

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

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Yousufzai led in the Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Library Director Vinke asked to remove Item No. L.1 from the agenda noting that staff's goal is to bring the item back during next month's PAC meeting.

Commissioner Maroko requested moving Item No. L.2 prior to Item No. F since there are guests in attendance to address it.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as amended, tabling Item No. L.1 to the next PAC meeting and moving Item No. L.2 prior to Item No. F.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Galassi and McCauley were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1 For Blue Folder Documents

Library Director Vinke reported one Blue Folder Item was received for Item No. L.2.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Lang and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Blue Folder Item.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Galassi and McCauley were absent.

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. L.2.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 9, 2025

F.2. This Item was pulled by Commission Maroko.

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

F.4. This item was pulled by Chair Yousufzai.

There were no public comments on this item.

Commissioner Maroko pulled Item No. F.2 and Chair Yousufzai pulled Item No. F.4 from the Consent Calendar for separate discussions.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Chair Yousufzai, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as amended, excluding Items No. F.2 and F.4 which were pulled for separate discussion.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Galassi and McCauley were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

F.2. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES AND GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING RECREATION AND PARKS-RELATED ITEMS

Commissioner Maroko expressed concerns that the PAC is not receiving any updates regarding the historical aspects of its jurisdiction.

Deputy Director of Community Services Orta explained delays including the hiring of a new Cultural Arts Manager and offered to provide more information at upcoming meetings.

Brief discussion followed regarding an update on the use of RBUSD playgrounds and green space.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Lang, and approved by voice vote, Item No. F.2.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Galassi and McCauley were absent.

F.4. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2025

Chair Yousufzai noted that he was not in attendance at the June 11, 2025, meeting, was unable to listen to the recording and abstained from voting on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, and approved by voice vote, Item No. F.4.

The motion carried 4-0-1. Chair Yousufzai abstained and Commissioners Galassi and McCauley were absent.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

There were no public comments on this item.

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION – None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. M.

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC RESOURCES PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND PROGRAM

This Item was tabled to the August PAC meeting.

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO NAME A PARK IN HONOR OF JOSEPH "JOE" CARL DAWIDZIAK

Commissioner Maroko reported that the PAC voted to agendaize this item at its last meeting; noted the attendance of Claire, daughter and Kyle (not Brian as was mentioned), son-in-law of Mr. Joe Dawidziak; spoke about his service to the State,

County and City and suggested recommending to the City Council to rename one of the Homer Eaton parkettes in his honor.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the parkettes.

Commissioner Caldwell voiced his support of the item but stated he would not feel comfortable specifying the location.

Commissioner Maroko reiterated his support for one of the Homer Eaton parkettes, as there are two, currently.

Chair Yousufzai invited public comments.

Kyle Pretsch spoke in support of the recommended action; addressed Mr. Dawidziak's service and legacy and talked about the importance of telling his story.

There were no other public comments.

Members of the Commission commented favorably about honoring Mr. Dawidziak by renaming one of the Homer Eaton parkettes.

Discussion followed regarding the accomplishments of Homer Eaton and notifying the family of the changes being considered.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko to recommend to the City Council, consideration of renaming one of the two Homer Eaton parkettes in honor of Joseph "Joe" Carl Dawidziak.

Commissioner Caldwell reiterated he would support recommending to City Council to name a park after Mr. Dawidziak, but not a specific location and preferred letting the City Council make that decision.

Commissioner Lang spoke about City Council being busy and the research done by Commissioner Maroko, adding that Council should be aware of that research. She supports the renaming of one of the parks.

Commissioner Rowe is fine with the renaming of one of the parks as long as it is not taking anything away from Homer Eaton.

Chair Yousufzai mentioned naming a park compared to other commemorative donations and the pros and cons of recommending a specific location.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Dawidziak's contributions to the community and the Ito parkette.

Commissioner Caldwell felt that if the PAC is to recommend a specific location, it and staff needs to do the necessary research; stated that stripping a park of its name sets a precedent and opined that family members should be involved.

Amended motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, and approved by voice vote, to recommend that City Council consider naming a park, in honor of Joseph “Joe” Carl Dawidziak.

The amended motion carried 4-0-1. Chair Yousufzai abstained and Commissioners Galassi and McCauley were absent.

Chair Yousufzai returned to Item No. F.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Library Director Vinke spoke about the success of the Summer Reading Program.

Commissioner Maroko spoke about the upcoming program of Main Library’s 30th anniversary on July 26th at the Main Library.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Maroko noted no one from Planning attended tonight’s meeting and requested an outline regarding what topics they will cover when presenting to the PAC; referenced an annual state report due around May and asked whether it has been filed and if so to be given a copy. He offered to provide information to Director Vinke, offline.

Commissioner Lang commented on a group forming in the City, to encourage tree preservation and planting and announced they will meet this coming Sunday in the Redondo Room at Beach Cities Health District.

Commissioner Rowe provided a brief update of the Volunteer Subcommittee.

Chair Yousufzai mentioned the Bylaws Subcommittee, continuing the overall conversation about subcommittees and requested an update at the next meeting.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 7:17 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Public Amenities Commission, motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Chair Yousefzai, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Galassi and McCauley 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