



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION - 6:30PM**

### **A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Youth Commission was called to order by Deputy Community Services Director Orta at 6:33 PM, in the City Hall Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California and Teleconference.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta designated herself as Chair Pro-Tem in order to help facilitate the discussion until the commission elects a commissioner to fulfill that role, as the Youth Commission was previously inactive.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Campisi, Chabot, Cheves, Cho, Felde, Flinn, Reeds, Sorgen, Taghvaei, Van Pelt

Commissioners Absent: Bubenicek, Edwards, Cunningham, Steinberg, Weiss

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Present: Huynh, Robles, Trone

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members Absent: None

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

### **C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Deputy Community Services Director Orta led the Commissioners in a salute to the flag.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta took a moment to thank the room and introduced the Youth Commission's order; composed of twelve Youth Commission members, three Ad Hoc Subcommittee members, and three adult commission members; and provided instructions to the group including general information.

#### **D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Felde, seconded by Commissioner Cho, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Edwards, Cunningham, Steinberg and Weiss were absent.

#### **E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

##### **E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS**

None

#### **F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Commissioner Van Pelt seconded by Commissioner Cheves, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Edwards, Cunningham, Steinberg and Weiss 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

Aleena Rashid, a Redondo Beach High School Junior, spoke up on behalf of the Beach City's Health District's Youth Advisory Council, a youth-led working group whose mission is to improve youth mental health and prevalent issues such as substance abuse. She shared previously with City Council the Youth Advisory Councils accomplishments; announced an upcoming event regarding education over the dangers of youth substance use and fentanyl for Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>; and an Open House and Co-fest on October 5th.

District 3 Representative and Mayor Pro Tem Paige Kaluderovic, thanked Youth Commission members for their contribution to the City of Redondo Beach, emphasizing the City had been missing a youth voice in Redondo Beach's local government. She gave words of inspiration to Youth Commissioners and offered business cards to the Commissioners in case they ever need to reach out and be heard.

Motion by Commissioner Felde, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to receive and file District 3 Representative's business cards. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Edwards, Cunningham, Steinberg and Weiss were absent.

Public Safety Commissioner Austin Carmichael thanked all of the Youth Commission, saying it was a great honor. He imparted advice and reassured the Youth Commission that the hardest part is over. Mr. Carmichael reminded Youth Commissioners that their roles are important and to always lead with empathy and thoughtfulness.

Mayor Jim Light thanked the Youth Commissioners, Mayor Pro Tem Paige Kaluderovic, and the Community Services Department for reviving the Youth Commission. He encouraged Commissioners to always reach out for help and expressed that the City Council will reach out to the Youth Commission for their insight on future items to represent the voice of Redondo Beach youth.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no further public comments.

## **I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

None.

## **J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

### **J.1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**CONTACT:** ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

In the absence of five Commissioners, Deputy Community Services Director Orta provided the option of postponing the election of Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Secretary to the next Youth Commission meeting and explained the positions up for election.

Commissioner Felde voiced concerns and asked whether being a high school senior would affect her chances of qualifying for any position.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta clarified each position's term is a duration over a school year as the commission takes recess on summer break. All members of the commission, excluding the Ad Hoc Subcommittee, are eligible to serve.

Commissioner Felde notified the commission that she would be absent for the next meeting and would like to have her name considered for election at the next meeting.

Commissioner Taghvaei voiced interest in being nominated as Chairperson; asked what the nominating process would look like and how the decision regarding postponing item J.1 be determined.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained all decisions are made in the form of a motion including inputting nominations before going into a vote.

Commissioner Taghvaei nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta asked the Youth Commissioners whether or not to postpone the election of officers.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Felde, seconded by Commissioner Robles, to push the election of officers to the next meeting. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Edwards, Cunningham, Steinberg and Weiss were absent.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta advised Youth Commissioners to voice their interest in being nominated at the Youth Commission meeting next month and further explained that commissioners can make nominations for each other.

Commissioner Felde noted that she was unsure of which position she would like to nominate herself for.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta advised Commissioner Felde that she can take time to consider and to notify a fellow commissioner or her before the next meeting.

Commissioner Huynh asked why an Ad Hoc Subcommittee member would not qualify for Chairperson.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that Ad Hoc Subcommittee members do not have voting power and are only able to provide input; to be able to lead the meeting, one must have the power to vote.

Commissioner Felde asked for clarification regarding the role of Secretary being labeled as ceremonial.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that the role of Secretary is only a title for the municipal code since staff will be responsible for providing minutes.

Commissioner Robles asked if those who would like to be nominated need to provide a reason for why they should be nominated.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained a commissioner does not have to provide a reason for their self-nomination but can if they choose to.

Commissioner Van Pelt asked if commissioners are allowed to nominate themselves for a secondary if they were not elected under their first choice.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded yes to Commissioner Van Pelt's question.

## **J.2. RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT OUTLINING THE YOUTH COMMISSION'S MOST RECENT DISCUSSION ITEMS AND TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE COMMISSION'S PROJECT PLANNING DISCUSSION**

**CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced the item and laid down some future expectations for the Youth Commissioners, including goal setting and plans for key projects and items the commission would like to approach throughout the next year. Deputy Community Services Director Orta presented key focus areas of the teen population, responses from interviews, projects and activities the city would like the

Youth Commission's input on, and past examples of items discussed or considered by previous commissions.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta notified Youth Commissioners to also think about the ongoing construction at the Teen Center at Perry Park as once it reopens, the City would be relying heavily on Youth Commissioners' input for the facility. This input could be from a subcommittee solely focused on the Teens Center at Perry Park and/or a full commission discussion to discuss what amenities, facilities, and programs should be provided.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta opened up for any questions; directed Youth Commissioners on how to proceed, stating there needs to be a motion to receive and file; explained there are no actionable item and no need to provide direct input, however if one was provided, it would be captured and pushed to next month's agenda.

Commissioner Felde asked when the projected opening date of the teen center will occur.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded there is not an official date but a projected timeframe of early 2025. She further clarified that the Teen Center's exterior was recently painted, and the interior was undergoing a complete renovation.

Commissioner Van Pelt asked if one wanted to discuss other potential projects outside of those provided from the administrative report, would it be possible to discuss them at the next meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta affirmed and advised Youth Commissioners that if there were any additional items outside of those discussed tonight, to write them down for next month's meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta confirmed there were no public comments for this item.

Motion by Commissioner Felde, seconded by Commissioner Campisi to receive and file. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Edwards, Cunningham, Steinberg and Weiss were absent.

**J.3. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

**CONTACT:** ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

None.

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

Deputy Community Services Director Orta introduced the item, explaining that Commission members could introduce items not on the agenda for future discussion considerations.

**L. ADJOURNMENT - 7:10 PM**

Motion by Commissioner Reeds, seconded by Commissioner Campisi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried 10-0-5, by voice vote. Commissioners Bubenicek, Edwards, Cunningham, Steinberg and Weiss were absent

Respectfully submitted:



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Elizabeth Hause

Community Services Director

