

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Chairperson Maroko at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Colin, Fernandez, Warstadt, Zaremski, Chairperson Maroko  
Commissioners Absent: Commiato, Klinger  
Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Senior Management Analyst  
Gary Margolis, Cultural Arts Manager  
Sonnaca Luckey, Community Services Department

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chairperson Maroko invited Commissioner Warstadt to lead the Salute to the Flag in honor of her reappointment as a Commissioner.

**PRELIMINARY REMARKS:**

Chairperson Maroko reviewed the purpose of the Historical Commission and announced that the Museum will be open on October 1, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Senior Management Analyst Kelly Orta introduced the new Cultural Arts Manager and Staff Liaison to the Commission, Gary Margolis, who provided a brief summary of his career as a public sector arts and history administrator.

**D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to approve the Order of the Agenda. Hearing no objections, Chairperson Maroko so ordered. (Commissioners Commiato and Klinger were absent).

**E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACKUP MATERIALS  
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

- **Moment of History**
- **Proposed Historical Commission Committees and Subcommittees**

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to receive and file the Blue Folder Items. Hearing no objections, Chair Maroko so ordered, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1. THE AUGUST 17, 2022 MINUTES WERE MOVED TO THE OCTOBER 26, 2022 MEETING FOR APPROVAL.  
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**F.2. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REGULAR HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022  
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

- F.3. MOMENT IN REDONDO BEACH HISTORY**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**
- F.4. MUSEUM DONATION FUND AND FACILITY REPORT**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**
- F.5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200 TO BE USED FOR MONTHLY EVENTS AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**
- F.6. APPROVAL OF RESCHEDULING THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S OCTOBER MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 26**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment.

A member of the public noted extensive history in Redondo Beach and pointed out that St. James Church is over 100 years old.

There being no further comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to approve Consent Calendar Items F.1, F.2., F.3, F.4, F.5 and F.6. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - NONE**

- H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment.

A member of the public expressed stated that that the study of history is very important.

There being no further comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

**I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – NONE**

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

- J.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DISPLAY CASE FOR THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Senior Management Analyst Kelly Orta gave a report and discussed the following:

- The display case will be located in the center of the main entry room.
- Total estimated allocation is \$3,161.99.
- Funding is available in the Museum's budget.

Chairperson Maroko provided the rationale for a new display case. He explained that a thinner model placed in the middle of the room as opposed to against a wall will free up wall space for the display of additional pictures. Chairperson Maroko also explained that a case provides greater opportunity to tell a more in-depth story about a topic, and he used the Fox Theatre as an example.

In response to a question from Commissioner Colin regarding the size of the proposed display case, Chairperson Maroko stated the case, which replaces a Thrifty display case which can't be repaired, is made of Cherrywood and is 48 inches wide, 36 inches high (including the legs – the display area is 9 inches high) and 20 inches deep.

Commissioner Colin stated the new display case looks very modern and suggested looking for one that would be a better fit for an "historical" museum. He also suggested that the case should have a locking device.

Commissioner Zaremski agreed that the case should match the theme and feel of an historical museum.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being none, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to authorize funding for a locking display case not to exceed \$3,000 and that Commissioner Colin undertake a search and report back with staff at the next Commission meeting. Motion authorizes staff to purchase display case without any further action from the Commission. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**J.2. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO RENAME THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM FACILITY**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Senior Management Analyst Kelly Orta gave a report and discussed the following:

- The Commission decided to take up this item because the Museum is called by different names in various City locations and/or publications.
- If the Commission isn't able to come to consensus at today's meeting, the item should be referred back to the Marketing Committee with the charge to bring a recommendation back to the full Commission.

Chairperson Maroko provided additional details regarding the lack of a consistent name for the Museum by noting that there are places where it is referred to as the Queen Anne Museum.

Commissioner Colin supported the name Redondo Beach Historical Museum.

Commissioner Fernandez supported the name History Museum of Redondo Beach or Redondo Beach History Museum.

In response to Commissioner Zaremski, Chairperson Maroko explained the definition differences between Historical, History and Historic.

Chairperson Maroko polled the Commissioners. The following preferences were indicated:

- Commissioner Fernandez – History Museum of Redondo Beach or Redondo Beach History Museum
- Commissioner Warstadt – Redondo Beach Historical Museum
- Commissioner Zaremski – Redondo Beach Historical Museum
- Commissioner Colin – Redondo Beach Historical Museum

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being none, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to refer to City Council that the name Redondo Beach Historical Museum be the official and only name of the Museum and to direct staff to research what would have to happen to ensure that consistency. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT A HISTORY MAKER PROGRAM INTO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S MONTHLY MEETING AGENDAS**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Senior Management Analyst Kelly Orta gave a report and discussed a proposal for a "History Maker Program" that would invite individuals to come to Commission meetings and speak on topics of historical Redondo Beach significance and would become a regular item on each monthly meeting agenda. Orta requested that the Commission consider additional program components including how individuals would be selected and a timeline to select speakers and convey that information to staff so that staff would have sufficient time to review potential materials.

Commissioner Colin remarked that his vision for the History Maker Program was to provide an opportunity for people to share their personal experiences and/or involvement with City events that could contribute to the breadth and depth of the City's understanding of its history. He felt that it should be a very informal process, free from as much red tape as possible. Colin also remarked that all the commissioners probably know people who have these kinds of stories, and they could be invited to share those stories with the Commission. Colin provided some examples including stories from folks who won significant athletic championships while in high school.

Chairperson Maroko suggested there were several decisions to be made regarding this item:

- Whether or not to add this item as a permanent item on the agenda.
- If added, where on the agenda would it go.
- If added, deciding on a framework for the presentations, including number of speakers and amount of time for each presentation.
- If added, deciding whether or not a more structured process was necessary, including notifying staff in advance of the meeting, and a description of that process.

Maroko also stated that he prefers inviting people in advance so that they can be placed on the agenda. He compared it to when City Council presents proclamations to individuals and groups.

Senior Management Analyst Orta recommended that a committee could be tasked with selecting the speakers and reviewing the presentation material(s) prior to contacting staff for inclusion on an agenda. She also recommended inviting people to present as opposed to relying on people approaching them.

Chairperson Maroko stated that he saw the program as potentially being able to create historical content and bring to the attention of the Commission and the public new resources capable of adding to the Museum's current ability to fully tell the story of Redondo Beach's history.

Cultural Arts Manager Gary Margolis stated that one positive outcome of such a program would be the collection and possible archiving of high-quality video since Commission meetings are televised. Margolis stated a second positive outcome from such a program might be the ability to identify themes based on the content provided by the speakers and then creating new videos using pieces from multiple presentation videos based on those themes. Margolis thought that these theme-based compilations could be of significant benefit to teachers and students of local history.

Chairperson Maroko suggested placing the program on next month's agenda on a trial basis and asked Commissioners Warstadt and Colin to identify and invite a speaker and that the length of a presentation should be limited to five minutes.

Commissioner Zaremski suggested it may be easier for potential presenters to contact City staff directly.

Commissioner Colin suggested the committee could invite potential presenters and if they agree, they will be directed to call staff, and Chairperson Maroko noted that the committees will be going through a restructuring process next month.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being none, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Warstadt, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to include the History Maker Program as a regular item on the Commission's agenda starting with the October meeting and going forward and that the committee consisting of Commissioners Warstadt and Colin make their recommendations to staff regarding proposed speakers before each meeting.

Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**J.4. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PATH OF HISTORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE WALK THROUGH HISTORY SIGNS AROUND DOMINGUEZ PARK AS PART OF THE DOMINGUEZ PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT, LANDSCAPE AND WALKWAY PROJECT (PROJECT #30730).**

**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Chairperson Maroko gave a report and recommended bringing history outdoors by installing a series of interpretive signs along the park's existing walking path each depicting a period of Redondo Beach history and each having a QR code which would direct visitors to additional information. If approved by the Commission, the next step would be seeking approval from the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Commissioner Colin suggested the signs should focus only on events that happened in or near Dominguez Park rather than trying to cover all of Redondo Beach's history.

In response to Commissioner Colin, Chairperson Maroko stated that the vision for the "Walk Through History" project was to present in an outdoors format a chronological history of Redondo Beach. Recreation and Parks will determine the number of signs.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being no comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to approve the project and seek the approval of the Recreation and Parks Commission. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**J.5. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Chairperson Maroko's introduction to this item reminded the Commissioners that the scope of the Strategic Plan is limited to the Historical Museum, Commissioners have been assigned to various parts of the plan, and short-term goals were defined as those that can be accomplished in a year, mid-term goals – those that can be accomplished in two years, and long-term goals – those requiring more than two years to achieve.

Chairperson Maroko noted that Commissioner Warstadt had expressed a desire to see a portrait of Pat Dreizler in the Museum, and Maroko was happy to report that the Museum does, in fact, now have such a portrait.

Commissioner Warstadt stated she remains interested in working on an audio tour but will need assistance.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being no comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to table this item to the next meeting and bring more ideas. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**J.6. HISTORICAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Chairperson Maroko gave a report and suggested having a volunteer coordination team to help recruit and train docents for the Museum who would report to the Commission and staff. He also reviewed the staff report and committees.

Maroko also reviewed the five events that the Commission approved funding for as part of the Consent Agenda and encouraged the Commissioners to get involved by talking with staff.

- Architectural Display – November 18, 2022
- Charter Day Display – January 21, 2023
- Redondo Beach History Display – March 11, 2023
- Redondo Beach's 131<sup>st</sup> Birthday – April 29, 2022
- The Second Annual Art of Caesar Hernandez Display – June 16, 2023

Oral History Committee

Nothing to report.

Joint Fundraising Committee (JFC)

Nothing to report.

Museum Fundraising Committee

Nothing to report.

Travelling Museum Committee

Nothing to report.

Path of History/Virtual Path of History Committee

Chairperson Maroko reported that two signs have been fabricated and are in the process of being shipped to Redondo Beach. One focuses on Vincent Park and the other on the Ainsworth Stairs where the Hotel Redondo once stood. Future signs include Aviation High School and Old City Hall. Additional funding is required to finish those two.

Albert P. Arizmendez Moment of Redondo Beach History

Chairperson Maroko stated that Commissioner Fernandez would be preparing the Moment of History for the October Meeting.

Budget Committee

Nothing to report.

Technology and Website Committee

Nothing to report.

Historical Murals Committee

Nothing to report.

Writing Competitions/Scholarships Committee

Chairperson Maroko reported that he will be meeting with high school college counselors regarding student internships as docents, scholarship programs, and a writing competition.

Community Outreach Committee

Rolling out as consolidated.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee thanked the Commission for approving the "Walk Through History" project.

Museum Improvement Committee

The Dreizler family donated a portrait of their mother, Pat, who was instrumental in the development of the Museum. The portrait is currently on display. Commissioner Warstadt suggested that chairs be placed outside on the patio so that visitors to the Museum can share their stories about Redondo Beach.

Museum Sales Committee

See Fund Report under consent calendar.

Museum Inventory Teams

Nothing to report.

Museum Signs and Displays Committee

Chairperson Maroko announced that the Museum finally discovered the history of the "Lynne Stool" and installed signage telling that history.

Field Trips and Walking Tours of City Historical Sights Committee

Nothing to report.

Museum Audio Tours Committee

Nothing to report.

Grants Committee

Nothing to report.

Park Dedication for Ito Family Park Committee

Nothing to report.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being no comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Chairperson Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Colin, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Commiato and Klinger absent.

**J.7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Senior Management Analyst Orta gave a report and discussed the following:

- Preliminary inspection of the Historical Museum by herself and Public Works staff to determine scope of needed repairs
- Status of requests to upgrade computer system, acquire internet access and have the Museum become an internet hotspot
- That she would connect with Public Works regarding the Heritage Court Fountain



- Status of creating a list of City time capsules, their location and dates when they should be opened.

Orta congratulated the Commissioners for volunteering at the Museum and thanked Chairperson Maroko for organizing the volunteers. There is a link on the City's webpage for people who want to volunteer:

[http://www.redondo.org/depts/recreation/volunteer\\_opportunities.asp](http://www.redondo.org/depts/recreation/volunteer_opportunities.asp)

She also mentioned that a 16 mm projector with a film labeled "Spearfishing in the Harbor" had been donated to the Museum. Staff was unable to view the film because an attempt to do so blew a fuse.

Chairperson Maroko informed Cultural Arts Manager Margolis of the storage room behind the stage at the Performing Arts Center.

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

Commissioner Warstadt commented on how beautiful the rose bushes are at Heritage Court, and she asked staff to connect her with Gemma so she could thank her. She also asked if it would be possible to "refresh" the hardwood floors in the Museum before the event on October 1 and offered to do some of it herself if an appropriate product could be recommended. Senior Management Analyst Orta said she would follow up with Public Works.

Commissioner Colin suggested the Commissioners could help clean the Museum if they were given the appropriate equipment. He also referred to the north end of the building and noted that the orange trees look like they need water. Senior Management Analyst Orta said she would follow up with Public Works.

Chairperson Maroko announced that the Hermosa Beach Historical Society and Museum will be presenting a webinar on September 29 at 7 p.m. on the topic "South Bay Origins: Harbors, Railroads and Real Estate."

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Colin, Warstadt, Zaremski, Fernandez, Chairperson Maroko  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Commiato, Klinger

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Cameron Harding,  
 Community Services Director