



**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: Caldwell, Lang, Rowe, Galassi, McCauley, Chair Maroko

Commissioners Absent: Yousufzai

Officials Present: Dana Vinke, Library Director  
Lane Butler, Administrative Coordinator/Liaison

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Kennedy Calloway led the Commissioners in the salute to the flag.

**D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to move item K.1 after the Blue Folder documents are received.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Yousufzai was absent.

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

**E.1. BLUE FOLDER**

Library Director Vinke reported four Blue Folder Items: two public comments, one regarding the subcommittee updates, and one for item N regarding Commissioner Items.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, to receive and file the Blue Folder Items.

Liaison Butler reported no public comments.

Commissioner Galassi clarified that the Blue Folder Item for the pickleball courts also has the Preservation Subcommittee Report attached to it.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Yousufzai was absent.

Chair Maroko moved on to item K.1.

**K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA – Moved up by Chair Maroko**

**K.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESEARCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY IN REDONDO BEACH**

Library Director Vinke stated that the direction received from the City Council remains the same; reported that more direction and clarification was given at the City Council meeting regarding the artwork; said it is up to the PAC's discretion if they want to create a subcommittee to pursue the research or how they would like to navigate the request.

Chair Maroko asked if there was any interest by the PAC in forming a subcommittee and if so, a formal motion would be needed.

Discussion followed that the timeline had been extended so more research could be done on the item.

Chair Maroko stated he would serve on the subcommittee if a motion was made.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to form a subcommittee for the research of the history of the LGBTQ community in Redondo Beach.

Chair Maroko invited public comment.

Liaison Butler reported no public comments.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Yousufzai was absent.

Commissioner Caldwell asked if there was any way to work jointly with the Cultural Arts Commission (CAC).

Chair Maroko stated that the CAC is working on the artwork as their contribution; provided some background regarding the project, noted it was brought to the Historic Commission twice but it went nowhere; reported that Councilmember Obagi is the one who suggested that the PAC come up with the history of the LGBTQ community for the context.

Commissioner Rowe asked if there were definite conclusions given by the Council at their meeting for the project.

Library Director Vinke replied that Council gave clear direction to staff regarding the artwork but by his estimation nothing changed for the PAC.

Discussion followed that the proposed location is the North Branch Library on the corner of Green and Artesia, that it will get lots of visibility since it is also the location of the Farmers Market.

Chair Maroko asked if they discussed the survey during the Council meeting.

Library Director Vinke responded that they discussed it briefly but since he was not involved in the discussion, he was not well versed to provide feedback on it; suggested to watch the meeting.

Chair Maroko asked Director Vinke if he could request someone from Community Services to come update them regularly on the progress of the project.

Library Director Vinke said he would make the request.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1. 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

**F.2. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 13, 2026**

**F.3. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2026.**

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

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Chair Maroko invited public comment.

Liaison Butler reported no one online and no eComments.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Caldwell (except for F.3 which he abstained from), Lang, Rowe, Galassi, McCauley, Chair Maroko

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Caldwell from item F.3

Motion carried 6-0-1 by roll call vote. Commissioner Yousufzai was absent. Commissioner Caldwell abstained from item F.3, which are the Minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Caldwell abstained because he was not present at the previous meeting

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

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Liaison Butler reported no written requests.

Chair Maroko invited public comment; reported approximately 13 students were in the audience from the high school.

Liaison Butler reported on one online and no eComments.

**I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None**

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA**

**K.1. Moved after Blue Folder Items by Chair Maroko**

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

**L.1. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE**

Chair Maroko asked for updates from the subcommittees, the updates were as follows:

Minor Alteration Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi reported no updates.

Facilities User Subcommittee

Commissioner McCauley reported no updates.

Volunteer Acknowledgement Subcommittee

Commissioner Rowe reported a pending nomination in the queue; encouraged more nominations for the surfboard awards; said he would reach out to the City Council and that he and Commissioner Caldwell are trying to figure out who else to reach out to.

Commissioner Lang asked about a nomination she submitted.

Commissioner Rowe apologized for the delay and stated it was in progress.

Chair Maroko asked how people submit nominations.

Commissioner Rowe said he would work on possibly getting a nomination form placed on the City website with Director Vinke; explained that the award is specific to volunteers for Parks and Recs, there is a nomination form, they vote on the nominees, and the recipient receives a plaque and a miniature surfboard; noted that they need more nominations.

Chair Maroko suggested attending the Youth Commission meeting to ask for nominations.

### Bringing History to Community Subcommittee

Chair Maroko reported that two of the three signs for Ito Park have been ordered from the fabricator and that he is meeting with a family member to go over the language for the third sign; spoke about the Walking Through History Timeline template and reported that it is part of his Committee Report.

### Franklin Park Playground Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi reported no updates.

Commissioner Lang said that the Community Services Department are getting ready to order playground equipment.

Commissioner Caldwell reported no updates.

### Alta Vista Pickleball Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi reported receiving emails from a resident regarding day passes for guests of members; explained that, at this time, in order to play at Alta Vista you need a membership and also need to pay a court reservation fee, which also applies to out-of-town guests; said that she has even wondered about it because she has kids that live out-of-state; stated that it is something that needs to be discussed by Kelly Orta, Deputy Director of Community Services, and Michelle Pinedo, Recreation Manager, to brainstorm a remedy to this issue; referenced another email received by the same resident about court dividers; noted that there are four pickleball courts, a tennis net separates the two courts from the other two courts, and often times other balls migrate over from the other courts; explained that it can be a dangerous situation if someone steps on the stray ball and that some of the users have placed items along the tennis net to try to block the stray balls; said the resident suggested having some inexpensive court dividers installed which would prevent balls from traveling in-between courts; made a recommendation to Director Orta to look into the court dividers and to remedy it quickly; stated she would look into the costs of the dividers.

Commissioner Galassi reported a topic that was posted on the Redondo Beach Pickleball page regarding issues in deleting court reservations through the scheduling software and having to call in order to cancel a reservation; suggested that someone look into the reservation system.

### Preservation Outreach Subcommittee

Commissioner Caldwell reported no updates.

Commissioner Galassi reported they had a virtual meeting last week to put a plan together for participation in the Riviera Village Summer Festival; noted that Commissioner Rowe secured the E-Z up tent, tables, and materials from the Museum Heritage and Memorial House related to housing; reported she mocked up an 8 ft. banner for the outreach event; announced that the subcommittee would be meeting on Monday to discuss the materials and brochures they would be providing to the public; noted that the current materials are all outdated and they are working on bringing them current; asked that the other Commissioners sign up for a shift or two for the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and she will be sending a sign-up sheet around for that.

Chair Maroko commented that he knew the City was in flux on how they want the Preservation Ordinance changed and asked if there was a way to put the material together that will stay despite the fact that it may be changed.

Commissioner Galassi stated that the part that is in flux is the identification process.

Chair Maroko stated his understanding is that they are doing the whole thing but since she is meeting with the Community Development Director, he will be attuned to what direction the Council is going in; confirmed that the meeting would be in-person; asked about a potential event to be held at the old Historical Library.

Commissioner Galassi stated that event would be for people who own property that has already received landmark designation and the goal is to connect people with each other so they can share information with one another but it is open to the public and is another outreach effort; said the thought is to have it at the old Historical Library and the date for the event is pending upon hearing back from Deputy Director Orta.

Chair Maroko asked Library Director Vinke if he could help with the request and Director Vinke said he could look into the request and follow up.

#### Recognition Preservation Subcommittee

Chair Maroko brought in examples of designs and fonts for the Garnet Historic District; explained that he is waiting to hear back from the font expert and for confirmation from staff on which design is acceptable; described the significance of the designs, reported that Redondo Beach is known as the Carnation City; asked that the Commissioners provide feedback on the design; stated, once he receives approval from the City on the design, he will go out and purchase the sign.

Commissioner Lang stated she liked the second option the best, disliked the two options

on the right, and requested that Garnet and Historical District be centered.

Chair Maroko commented that the community members are okay with the design. Commissioner Rowe agreed with Commissioner Lang's choice of option two.

Commissioner Galassi stated Historical District pops out on option three but she can't see it on the other ones and felt it was important to see Historical District; suggested some changes to the font and design

### Budget Subcommittee

Commissioner Lang stated that she read the minutes from last meeting but wanted clarification that the feedback collected from the Commission regarding the budget would come back to Director Vinke.

Library Director Vinke stated all the suggestions and recommendations he received have been submitted to the City Manager and noted that the City Manager also attended the last PAC meeting; said that he would keep them posted on the updates regarding their requests but they are currently still in budget process.

Commissioner Lang asked if a collective document of what was submitted could be viewed by Commissioner's.

Library Director Vinke explained that he consolidated the recommendations provided by the Commission for both the Strategic Plan items and budget and submitted those to the City Manager; stated that he could bring those back to the Commission to review and then circle back to them on the status of those requests.

More discussion followed regarding the process and what was submitted.

Chair Maroko asked if the Commission could get a copy of what was submitted to the City Manager.

Library Director Vinke responded that he could do that; explained further that when staff solicited information for the budget from the Commission it was simultaneous with the Strategic Plan so the information was bifurcated; reported that the information regarding Strategic Plan items were forwarded to Council and also budgetarily separated; stated he would bring them back for the Commission to view.

### Ad-hoc Committee for City's Birthday Celebration

Commissioner Rowe reported that every year in April the City has a birthday party for the City of Redondo Beach; provided background information that the City is 133 years old

and the City was incorporated on April 29, 1892; recapped the April 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, noted that they had about 400 people attend, it was from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and it included a juggler, stilted 10-foot Abraham Lincoln, face painting, and more.

More discussion followed regarding the location of the event.

Library Director Vinke added that they had expert library historians there to promote Library resources.

Chair Maroko stated it felt more like a community event than other prior years and suggested they expand it to a community fair next year since they have a lot of grass area.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, to receive and file the oral and written reports.

Chair Maroko invited public comment.

Liaison Butler reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Yousufzai was absent.

## **M. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Library Director Vinke spoke about the Friends of the Library book sale that took place over the weekend; reported that the Friends made about \$1,400 at the book sale and it was a collaborative effort with Don Hata, a retired historian and author/artist, who sold some of his artwork; noted that all the proceeds went to the Friends of the Library; stated Professor Hata's speaking on his experiences from the internment camps was educational and very inspiring; announced that the Friends of the Library were having a special fundraising event at the Library on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with the PennyRoyal players; noted there would be a silent auction, the information is on the website, and he put a flier in the attachment; announced the Summer Reading Program along with a joint kickoff event for Juneteenth which is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> in the traffic circle from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; stated that the flier should be circulated soon as well as a brochure for the Summer Reading Program with the activities for all ages; reported that the Library has seen an increase in foot traffic and library card registrations since the Farmers Market has opened by the North Branch facility and looked forward to collaborating with the market in the future.

Chair Maroko asked about the start date for the Summer Reading Program and what the goal is for that year.

Library Director Vinke responded that the start date is June 13<sup>th</sup> and they reached about 1,900 registered last year so they would like to get over 2,000 this year.

Chair Maroko asked if it would be possible to have a staff member from each department come on a quarterly basis to the Commission meeting to answer questions.

Library Director Vinke said his goal is to have someone from the City's Circulation Department come and give a presentation; mentioned that someone from the Library would also come and give an overview of Youth Services; reported that the Library was invited to the Youth Commission to present and it was a successful outreach so he may do that more often to gain feedback on what the Library can do more effectively.

Chair Maroko clarified that he was referring to the Community Development Department Director or other staff; explained that he would like to find out if there were items the Commission could help with and provided an example using the Naming of the Park Policy; noted that several Commissioners have served on the Parks and Rec Commission in the past and have the expertise to help with the project; asked Director Vinke if he could relay that back to the department.

Library Director Vinke responded that he will convey that sentiment to the department.

Commissioner Lang requested that if someone will be attending that they know ahead of time so they can be prepared with questions.

Chair Maroko invited public comment.

Liaison Butler reported no one online and no eComments.

## **N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS**

Chair Maroko mentioned they received a Blue Folder item regarding Arbor Day and hoped to hear more about it; reported that the property on Harper Ave. that the Commission was asked to remove from the Historical Inventory Survey in August 2025 was demolished last week; commented it took one day to demolish a house built in 1914.

Commissioner Lang reported that on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> they held their first ever Arbor Day Tree Planting for the City of Redondo Beach; stated that Mark Garlock, City's Arborist in the Public Works Department, and his team provided a lot of help by pre-digging the holes; noted that they planted five new trees at a park in North Redondo and that Councilmember Kaluderovic attended; hoped it would be the first of many tree planting days.

Commissioner Galassi requested some data on the reservations, revenue, and membership of the Alta Vista Pickleball Courts since the time they have been running so they can review the City's return on investment.

Chair Maroko said it was his understanding that the Certified Local Government Report had been submitted to the State of California for both 2023 and the current one; hoped to get a copy to share it but he was not able to; stated the City could now do some fundraising and grant proposals, the Commission could help identify opportunities and they may possibly form a Grant Subcommittee for that purpose; hoped it would get approved so they could move forward; suggested they come up with a way to recognize

and educate the public on the amazing 100-year-old trees Redondo Beach has in the City.

**O. ADJOURNMENT – 7:30 P.M.**

Chair Maroko thanked the RUHS students in the audience and their professor for making it part of their assignment.

Motion by Commissioner Rowe, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Yousufzai was absent.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission will be a regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 10, 2026, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Dana Vinke  
Library Director