

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION – 7:00 PM

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Chair Colin, at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Redondo Beach City Council Chambers.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Robert J. Cota, James Gorbin, Alexander S. Hardy,
Tonya L. Stumphauzer, Chair Stevan Colin

Commissioners Absent: Erik E. Fernandez

Officials Present: Wendy Collazo, Finance Director
Gary Margolis, Cultural Arts Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Colin led in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gorbin, seconded by Commissioner Hardy, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented. Hearing no objections, Chair Colin so ordered.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis reported there were no Blue Folder Items.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 20, 2024

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.2. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gorbin, seconded by Commissioner Stumphauzer, and approved by voice vote, to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioner Fernandez was absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

There were no public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY RECOMMEND INCLUSIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET (JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025) AS IT RELATES TO MUSEUM EXPENSES AND PROJECTS.

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report; listed discussion items for infrastructure, the museum interior and part-time staff, and highlighted staff FY24-25 Budget recommendations.

Discussion followed regarding items that were approved under the previous budget, consideration of specific appropriations within the recommendations and the possibility of hiring someone with specific museum curation and project leadership experience, asking for funding for a new role specific to the museum such as a part-time, Lead Museum Specialist or Museum Manager or Consultant.

Chair Colin suggested a Total On-going Appropriation of \$50,000 and rather than asking for \$22,000, ask for \$32,000.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of getting pay rate information specifically for Museum Management and what is needed to run a museum.

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis suggested the following language, "An additional ongoing appropriation of an amount TBD, to maintain five part-time staff or four part-time staff at nine hours per week, plus an additional part-time staff at the market rates for a Museum Specialist".

Chair Colin felt it is better to request a hard number that City Council could adjust as desired and reiterated his suggestion of a Total On-going Appropriation of \$50,000 and rather than asking for \$22,000, ask for \$32,000.

Finance Director Collazo suggested that the Commission consider the goals it wants to pursue for the Historical Museum and allow staff to do the necessary analysis to remain objective and research how the requests could be funded; noted the importance of having the Historical Commission's voices heard; summarized the Commission's requests and urged the Commission to consider revenue-generating ideas for the museum.

Discussion followed regarding the need to improve cash-handling, growing interest in the museum and communicating to City Council the needs of the museum.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Gorbin, seconded by Commissioner Hardy, and approved by voice vote, City Staff recommendations, as presented and discussed.

Motion carried, 5-0. Commissioner Fernandez was absent.

Finance Director Collazo apologized for the City Manager, as he was unable to attend the meeting; commented on the importance of getting input from the various commissions and committees and providing feedback to the City Manager and Council on the budget process and offered to respond to questions from the Historical Commission and forward its requests and ideas to the City Manager and Council.

In response to a question from the Commission regarding ideas for raising revenue, Finance Director Collazo acknowledged it is challenging and suggested taking donations, operating a concession area, providing classes and possible grant opportunities.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming City Birthday Celebration; an upcoming free art exhibit of Watercolors by Caesar Hernandez at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center and other events at the Historical Museum.

J.2. HISTORICAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of upcoming events including a free art exhibit of Watercolors by Caesar Hernandez at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center and the Heritage Court Celebration of the City's birthday.

A discussion followed regarding activities, special displays and entertainment during the upcoming birthday celebrations.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Chair Colin reported meeting a 94-year-old frequent patron of the Historical Museum who shared a hand-drawn map of Old Redondo Beach with the various businesses that existed and stated when she is finished, she will share it with him and he with the Commission.

Commissioner Cota spoke about generating ideas for increasing revenue such as selling maps of Old Redondo Beach and Redondo Beach swag.

Discussion followed regarding needing to install point-of-sale equipment, including a discussion item on a future agenda to discuss ways of raising revenue, the possibility of renting out the museum for private events,

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:12 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Gorbin, seconded by Commissioner Hardy, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Chair Colin so ordered.

At 8:12 p.m., Chair Colin adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting of the Redondo Beach Historical Commission on May 15, 2024, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Hause
Interim Community Services Director