



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: Yousufzai, Galassi, McCauley, Chair Maroko

Commissioners Absent: Caldwell, Lang, Rowe

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

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

City Manager Mike Witzansky led the Commissioners in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to approve the order of the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were absent.

Liaison Butler reported no one online.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Chair Maroko reported two Blue Folder items in the packet for items F.3 and F.4.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to receive and file the Blue Folder items.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC

AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2026

F.2. Pulled by Chair Maroko

F.3. Pulled by Chair Maroko

F.4. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT RELATED TO HISTORICAL & PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Chair Maroko pulled items F.2 and F.3. and invited public comments.

Liaison Butler reported no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to approve items F.1 and F.4 on the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Chair Maroko stated he pulled the item so Director Vinke could provide some of the highlights going on in the Library.

Library Director Vinke announced that they will have a Special Author Program on Saturday, the theme is Find Your Joy for National Library Week, a special proclamation will be presented at next Tuesday's City Council meeting, they are preparing for Summer Reading, the Women in STEM Program, and they are celebrating National Poetry Month; stated they have started the One Book, One Coast series of programs and that title is available physically or digitally, most of their programs will occur in May; announced they will hold a Library book sale on May 9, 2026 and outreach will be done at the birthday party for the City at the Museum; reported that they are working on a new pamphlet that explores the City's historic resources on the City website and they will be updating the Library app on April 20, 2026 so users will need to update their app and re-log in with their library card; reported that they have about 10,000 Library app users.

Chair Maroko confirmed Amy Feller would be speaking about the two new programs. Library Director Vinke confirmed she would be expanding on those programs later in the meeting.

Liaison Butler reported no public comment.

F.2. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2026.

Chair Maroko referenced page 11 of the March 11, 2026, minutes and asked if the City Clerk decide if four votes were needed for the motion to pass or if it is the majority of the people present.

Library Director Vinke responded that the City Attorney said the code is silent on it so right now it is a simple majority.

Chair Maroko referenced page 17, which had Commissioner Lang's name highlighted in yellow.

Liaison Butler recalled the name had a typo and maybe they had forgotten to unhighlight it after.

Chair Maroko confirmed there were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to approve F.2 and F.3.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were absent.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Liaison Butler reported no eComments and no one online.

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA - None

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 26-27 BUDGET INPUT TO THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Witzansky stated they are the first Commission he is appearing before to gather input on the upcoming budget development; reported the City just completed their Mid-Year Review and are assembling the 26-27 FY period; said he is there to seek input, answer questions, and get ideas for consideration from the Commission as the City

begins the development and preparation; provided some background information on himself including his various positions within the City in his 20 years there; commented that the City has had success in their CIPs and a lot more in the queue; spoke highly of the internal staff and the work they have done; stated they want to make sure the budget is balanced and structural revenues are supporting structural expenditures; recalled the City used some one-time reserve funds to cover different expenditures last year and they hoped not to do that again; reported that property tax is strong for the City but sales tax and TOT have been weak; hoped the big events coming up will drive tourism but stated overall the market is soft for the City; stated their focus will be projects they have in the queue and noted the Aviation Park pickleball courts is an upcoming project and the design process is set to begin; stated they have over 100 CIPs.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked if there are any other market indicators, other than the global market and economy, that affects the TOT.

City Manager Witzansky spoke about the occupancy levels of 15 years ago being around 70% and between five and six years ago when the City had close to 90% occupancy; reported then Covid hit and they have not yet recovered and they currently hover in the 70 – 75% occupancy rate, which means they are \$2 to \$3 million short in TOT; stated they have another TOT implication which is the City's leaseback arrangement with the hotel owners at the Marine Avenue sites; explained in more detail what the site specific tax pledge agreement with the hotel owners entails; reported that due to that agreement the City is not seeing any TOT from those hotels, which affects the overall TOT by about \$3 million.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked how many beds are at those hotels.

City Manager Witzansky replied 450-500 for all three properties; noted that they still receive lease revenue from the site.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked if the City is collecting any TOT from short-term lodging units.

City Manager Witzansky stated that short-term lodging (anything under 30 days) is prohibited in the City's code.

Chair Maroko asked if that would change with the Olympics.

City Manager Witzansky explained that since they are in the Coastal zone it is unclear if they could ever change it back once it is changed, they are able to maintain the prohibition in the code because it predates the Coastal Act, and other cities have struggled with the LCP change; spoke about the conflict the state has with different departments have different priorities.

Commissioner Galassi recognized short-term housing doesn't relate to Public Amenities but wondered if there was a possibility to make an exception for events such as the World Cup and the Olympics.

City Manager Witzansky responded that once they create the exception the concern is how do they maintain the integrity of their original prohibition.

Commissioner McCauley asked the City Manager if he had any idea how many properties in the City are offering short-term housing.

City Manager Witzansky reported several hundred properties are annually marketed in Redondo Beach and they have done a lot of noticing for those properties that are breaking the rule.

Commissioner McCauley asked if he knew had an estimate of potential revenue.

City Manager Witzansky said it ranges from a couple hundred thousand to a million dollars; stated the theory is having people comply with the rule so that people will stay in their hotels.

Discussion followed regarding the notices sent, compliance, and enforcement of the code; City Manager Witzansky said enforcement is complaint based and they have not had a lot that rise to his level.

Commissioner Yousufzai referenced the discussion they had last year about budget shortfalls and revenue shortfalls; stated he asked the question because he is wondering how the City is going to make up TOT revenue that is being lost and noted the volatility with property tax.

City Manager Witzansky responded that historically the City has benefited from people selling their property at an assessed value that is much greater than its previously assessed value; stated that they still have enough older stock in the community and when generational homeowners sell for the first time the City will see big gains with those properties, which offsets short sales; stated that property tax for the City has been positive 3% to 5% for the last 10 years so he views property tax as dependable for the City in the short term; explained that Redondo Beach has a unique situation with transfer tax, it is affected by a stagnant market, and reported that it has been \$2.5 to \$3 million a year in the past; noted that sales tax is down but the City is not greatly affected by sales tax since the City is made up of many small businesses.

Commissioner Yousufzai stated he was a TOT tax auditor for a Coastal city so he is aware of trends and said it was surprising that the occupancy is not at least at pre-Covid numbers.

City Manager Witzansky commented that the City's ADRs have pulled back quite a bit.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked what the City's TOT rate is.

City Manager Witzansky replied 12% and that they are preparing a ballot measure to go to the residents to raise the rate up 2 to 3%.

Commissioner Yousufzai stated that 12% is low and 15% is market.

More discussion followed.

Commissioner Yousufzai, referenced Chair Maroko's earlier statement about the Commission's subcommittee to put together ideas to present to the City Manager or Council for the next budget cycle, asked if the City Manager had a methodology he would prefer in terms of communicating the wish list they create.

City Manager Witzansky responded that a bullet list is fine and would help if they prioritized which projects were more important to the Commission; added an expansive list of ideas, concepts, programs, and projects they would like to be considered is fine; said it could be transmitted by the subcommittee through Director Vinke.

Commissioner Yousufzai explained that the subcommittee was looking at the budget and matching items to various funding sources in the proposed budget.

City Manager Witzansky said identifying funding sources, since he is familiar with them, is helpful but not necessary; explained how he looks at the items from the Commissions and internal requests to try to match them up and prioritize the projects.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked when the City Manager would like the list.

City Manager Witzansky replied ideally in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Galassi stated that Commissioner Lang had put together some recommendations that were part of the Blue Folder packet at the last Commission meeting; stated that she submitted her thoughts and two Strategic Plan items as well.

City Manager Witzansky reported that they were received and it was part of the commentary to the Council as part of their agenda packet, Council considered it, and there was conversation on some of the items.

Commissioner Galassi asked if the City Manager wanted them to take what was submitted and put the list together including those items.

City Manager Witzansky stated that they have two opportunities to give him insight as they prepare the budget; said once the budget is proposed they will have another chance as a Commission to make comments and advise the Council on his recommendations; noted the earlier he gets feedback the more he can work on possible outcomes.

Commissioner Galassi commented that it was interesting that the Aviation Park pickleball was still part of the conversation.

City Manager Witzansky provided some explanation regarding the project and why it is still an active conversation; highlighted what Torrance recently did at their facility which has led him and Public Works Director Winje to want to take a look at the Torrance contract to see if they have an opportunity to bypass the traditional process.

Chair Maroko asked Commissioner Galassi if she wanted to ask the City Manager for statistical information regarding the reservation system for the pickleball facility.

Commissioner Galassi asked if they could get data on the Alta Vista pickleball facility in terms of return on investment.

City Manager Witzansky stated that they have not formalized the reporting structure, but they have the data through the Alta Vista court reservation system that logs the information; noted that they haven't compiled the information yet.

Commissioner Galassi reported that Torrance uses the same system and she wanted to conduct an analysis of it because Torrance said it hasn't been as sophisticated as they needed; questioned if it would work for the needs in Redondo Beach and whether they could maximize any opportunities for revenue in programming, lessons, and any other events.

City Manager Witzansky said he has not received any commentary internally from Community Services staff about deficiencies in their system and he will look into it as they evaluate the efficacy of the new courts.

Commissioner Galassi stated in order for them to provide feedback they will need to see data; reported that El Segundo provides their Parks and Rec Commission with detailed reports and stressed that it would be helpful for their Commission to have more data in order to provide feedback for improvement on programs, such as senior programming, and not just potential projects.

More discussion followed on staff doing a better job of assembling data internally, where staff's focus has been, and on how programs are doing.

City Manager Witzansky noted that data is important and suggested using pickleball as a trial.

Commissioner Galassi said they understood staff's time is maxed out, but they are committed to doing the job and wanted staff and Council to utilize them as needed.

City Manager Witzansky noted their Commission is the first of the consolidated format, appreciated all their work and volunteerism; understood the value of reporting.

Commissioner McCauley referred to discussions they have had regarding the 109th corridor transmission lines; mentioned they would eventually come down, and the land would be repurposed in some way; stated that the community was hoping the land would be used for recreational purposes but remembered there were significant barriers last time it was discussed.

City Manager Witzansky stated on the plus side the power plant is no longer operating but the ownership is in a precarious state; went into more detail about the problems involving the ownership and reported to further complicate matters AES is being bought by a new entity that is being formed; stated the City is unsure of the intentions as it relates to the disposition of the property so they are in a "wait and see" period for the site; stated it is unknown who's responsibility it is to eliminate the infrastructure and repurpose the turnaround site and currently the switch is owned by Edison; further explained that there

is a licensing and access agreement for a portion of the power plant site that hosts Edison's switch and the switch is relevant to the whole grid which would need to be moved; commented that there are a lot of variables and Edison has other projects to focus on.

Commissioner McCauley asked if the City had any recommendations on how to prepare for a scenario where the land becomes available and could be transitioned to park land.

City Manager Witzansky responded that the City could invest in property acquisition but it doesn't guarantee that opportunity is there since there will be other suitors for the land or the City can incentivize redevelopment that encourages that type of repurposing; stated that the incentivization could occur through land use changes or it could occur through the transmission corridor itself; noted that given the nature of the litigation the City just needs to wait and reported the City has been the subject of some litigation brought by the prospective purchaser.

Commissioner McCauley asked if the power plant is in limbo.

City Manager Witzansky stated the operation is dormant and its current configuration is no longer allowed.

Discussion followed on what types of uses could occur at that site and that it is zoned for power, park and open space.

Commissioner McCauley asked if Redondo Beach had control over the decision on zoning.

City Manager Witzansky reported it is inside the Coastal zone and the City has a local Coastal program that enshrines the City's current zoning, which is enshrined further in the City's LCP and is approved by the Coastal Commission.

Commissioner McCauley and City Manager Witzansky discussed the area that the City has zoning control over, which is east of PCH.

Commissioner McCauley asked, with the power plant non-operational, could the City re-zone the area.

City Manager Witzansky responded yes, subject to Article 27.

More discussion followed regarding the process to re-zone and for recreation it may not have to be re-zoned; spoke of the challenges in incentivizing Edison to spend millions to remove the infrastructure if it were to be used for park and recreation purposes.

Commissioner McCauley asked could there be a plan to initiate incentivization.

City Manager Witzansky stated it would require commitment from the residents to tax themselves to support funding; reported that the City does license portions of the land currently for medicine on five-year increments; provided some background on estimates they have done in the past to take down the corridor.

Commissioner McCauley asked, in the meantime, could the City re-zone it minimally for recreation and create a nature walk from PCH east; asked if the current lawsuits and litigation would prevent the City from doing that.

City Manager Witzansky responded that the lawsuits and litigation would not prevent it and they would not have to re-zone because it is already eligible for those uses under the current zoning.

Discussion followed on cost of expansion, licensing options, possibly having Edison license to a non-profit and how they can get ahead of it with the purpose of recreation as opposed to housing or commercial use.

Commissioner McCauley stated the real revenue kicker would be the self-tax on the residents.

City Manager Witzansky said the challenge is the lack of certainty and that it is tough to conceptualize the measure; stated there isn't enough clarity coming from Edison or the disposition of the site to know if there is an opportunity for the City; explained that the City had a lawsuit claiming they had acted to devalue the site so it had to become open space so they need to be careful when it comes to property disposition for property they do not own; reported that the City has full right over zoning and land use matters, explained that is what they did with the Edison site west of PCH, east of Francisca for the purpose of installing open space; said if funding were available for them to continue that effort they would do it but there is risk with the short-term license.

Some discussion followed.

Commissioner Galassi asked if the City Manager had any updates on Dominguez Park.

City Manager Witzansky reported that the fences were taken down and they received the LEA letter yesterday.

Commissioner Galassi asked if there was any movement in designating the King Harbor sign as a landmark so they could apply for a grant to pay for it.

City Manager Witzansky responded that there is no movement on City staff's end to pursue designation; reported that they are still putting together the maintenance agreement, painting, and sign installation agreement per Council direction but was not sure when they would have that ready.

Commissioner Galassi asked if there was a way to get the sign designated and then apply for a CLG grant.

City Manager Witzansky said it is a policy decision, but it is not an item that Council has given direction through the Strategic Plan or their work plan yet.

Chair Maroko asked if there was any progress towards Wilderness Park being designated as a Historic Landmark.

City Manager Witzansky stated he was told that there was progress, but he didn't have any specifics for the Commission; reported he was told that the signs at Ito Park have been approved and they were close to fabrication on it.

Chair Maroko commented that a couple of buildings with significant signs would be going down and wondered if they could be moved to Dominguez Park on the Torrance side or further down on PCH; mentioned one of the signs was the sign for Joe Kerby's Auto Repair which has been closed, and said they could make it a touristy area where people could sit and be nostalgic; reported that he went to his Council person's meeting the previous Saturday and they discussed repurposing Perry Allison Park; mentioned that Commissioner Lang had been looking for a location to do a community garden and suggested it would be a good location for the garden.

City Manager Witzansky said it was a good thought but the challenge they face with that parkette is it is difficult to meet the parking accessibility requirement without significant street work and paving work and that is where the new amenities can be problematic; explained that certain sites don't have dedicated parking and would have to rely on a right of way parking spot.

Chair Maroko mentioned they saw 10 to 15 spaces that could be made available on 190th St.

City Manager Witzansky replied that regular parking isn't the problem, it is the site for accessible spaces and the path of travel to the new amenity in a conforming way.

Chair Maroko said he understood that Ito Park funding was being carried over from last year and is nearing fabrication.

City Manager Witzansky confirmed that information was what he had heard as well.

Chair Maroko stated he heard the Path of History signs were carried over from last year; reported that one of his subcommittees is Recognizing Historical Landmarks and they have 150; noted that the City Manager gave him an estimate on putting the bricks in the sidewalk and most of the cost is internal labor; asked if the City has a fixed rate that is assigned to it and is it a separate budgetary item.

City Manager Witzansky replied that they have a published rate schedule to apply to restitution issues or special events and it's a fully loaded rate based on the number of personnel involved; stated, when it comes to a budgetary item, there's a one-time appropriation for personnel overtime for the work and a request for a one-time appropriation can be made which would be for additional public works staff resources to complete the brick project.

Chair Maroko asked if that would be done through a Memo of Understanding.

City Manager Witzansky explained whatever the item is staff is installing, such as the brick or plaque, would need to be handed in to staff in its proper form and then staff would embed through an installation effort.

Chair Maroko confirmed that the Commission would need to get the bricks taken care of through fundraising and then negotiate with the City for the labor cost and commented that made sense.

City Manager Witzansky stated that the Commission could also hire a licensed paving contractor to pull a permit and install on behalf of the group which would be the external way to do it; encouraged the Commission to explore pricing.

Chair Maroko replied that option would require additional permitting because they would be ripping up City property; noted at the Strategic Planning Session there was discussion about the renaming of parks and the Community Services Director commented that it is a very low priority for them and projected it was six to eight months out; asked that the City give the Commission the opportunity to handle it since they have two former chairs and a former commissioner of Parks and Rec; stated that they would be an ideal group to come up with drafting something that the City could approve; suggested that it would be a good use of the Commission and would like to discuss how to make the Commission more effective for the City.

City Manager Witzansky stated that was a good idea and appreciated the suggestion.

Chair Maroko spoke about the subcommittee doing outreach for preservation and asked if the postage to send out the letters come from the Community Development budget.

City Manager Witzansky said he would need to speak to Director Wiener to see if there was sufficient capacity within their existing resource but a one-time appropriation for that specific initiative would be helpful.

Chair Maroko reported that there are about 1,500 people on the Resources List; commented that the opening of Dominguez Park was good news and reported that he volunteered to purchase outdoor benches to place near the fountain at Heritage Court but was declined on his offer by Community Services Director Hause; stated it would be nice to have a sitting area since the rose garden is blooming and the fountains are working.

City Manager Witzansky said they could talk offline about it but asked what type of bench he proposed; mentioned that the donated benches would need to comport with the City's requirements in material and architecture in order to be accepted.

Chair Maroko stated what he proposed was made of wood, supported 850 lbs., and is an outdoor bench.

City Manager Witzansky said they could talk at another time about that possibility.

Chair Maroko asked if he anticipated that staffing levels would go up over the next year.

City Manager Witzansky responded that if they had the revenue in the City to support it they would but he imagined staffing levels would be fairly flat over the next two years based on where their core budget was at; noted that they may see some one-off exceptions but the budget will be more austere that year.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked if the City had issued their 2025 ACFR or their single audit yet.

City Manager Witzansky responded that both items are still in progress; explained that the City was delayed in finalizing their 23-24 ACFR because they changed auditors going into the 2023-24 cycle and they will be quicker about closing out 2024-25.

Commissioner Yousufzai said one of the main reasons he asked is because he took a look at the City's 2024 SEFA and noticed there were only two types of grants: a HUD Section 8 voucher grant and a DOT one but nothing for parks; stated, as they talk about the budget, the City might want to explore different opportunities as it pertains to park redevelopment since the City has revenue shortfalls.

City Manager Witzansky commented that the City does a great job pursuing county, state, and regional funding sources but have not been successful in pursuing federal grant funding; reported they have recently had one exception, which was the grant they just received through Ted Lieu's office for repairs at the Marina and should be flagged in the 2025 audit; stated that they have submitted a number of requests to the federal government over the last year and this year on a Citywide basis but have not been awarded much.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked even through pass through grants through the State of California.

City Manager Witzansky reported that they received \$10 million from the State of California for Seaside Lagoon.

Commissioner Yousufzai commented that those are directly funded by the State but wondered about grant funds passed through the Feds through the State that are available and explained the difference.

City Manager Witzansky responded that he would ask staff which ones they have specifically pursued but noted that they have not had a lot of success at the Federal level even on the pass-through grants.

Commissioner Yousufzai stressed that he was specifically speaking about park redevelopment and that there are a lot of NOFAs that are issued for park redevelopment; suggested it would be a good funding source to get certain projects done and the City should look into it.

City Manager Witzansky said if there are NOFAs that he is familiar with and thinks the City would be eligible to send them to him.

Commissioner Yousufzai commented that he would send them to him.

Commissioner McCauley wanted to go back to the topic of 190th in the corridor and commented that the nurseries were gone.

City Manager Witzansky stated that a nursery has licensed some space and that more

nurseries would be repopulating the spaces.

Commissioner McCauley asked if there was any available space there.

City Manager Witzansky mentioned an area but was not sure and would call Diane Forte with Edison to find out.

Commissioner McCauley asked if Edison would do shorter term leases or temporary rentals of the land.

City Manager Witzansky replied that they would do shorter periods but there are significant limitations on what can be put underneath the corridor.

Discussion followed regarding the restrictions and limitations for use of that land; stressed that anything that could conduct electricity is not allowed.

City Manager Witzansky stated that Dominguez Park and Dale Page Park predates Edison's right of way use policy and they have been grandfathered in; spoke in detail about the area on Artesia Blvd. being an example of maximum capacity for that land but that it was a laborious process to get through Edison's permitting and they are sensitive to maintaining access; said the sooner the Commission could get him any from feedback or input from the subcommittee the better; thanked the Commission for their hard work.

L.2. RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION OUTLINING REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMMING.

Amy Feller reported that she is the Adult Programming Librarian for the Redondo Beach Library; provided a presentation which included the Adult Program Mission:

- Support the Mission of the Library
- Promote the Library
- Support lifelong learning
- Engage the community
- Offer educational or recreational activities that enhance quality of life

Librarian Feller stated that they promote their programs through print fliers, digital promotions on the website, the online calendar of events, digital signage, and social media; spoke about community outreach through health fairs and farmers' markets where they give away books and bring program fliers; explained what people will see when they come to the Adult programs but that all the real work is in putting the program together from the concept down to the promotion of the program; listed the types of Adult programs:

- Author talks
- Book groups – in person and via Zoom
- Local history – reported that they did Dining in the South Bay from the late 1800's through 1945 and the presenter was Richard Foss; reported that Lisa Blanc, a

librarian historian, spoke last year and again this year for the 250th celebration of America and for Women's History Month; noted they also did a Redondo Beach trivia contest.

- Arts and crafts – highlighted the Women's History Month arts and crafts, noted they did a tea and color program which had both adults and children.
- Educational – listed some of the programs: safety, finance, health, and gardening; reported that the South Bay Parkland Conservancy, the South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, and the Water Replenishment District came and spoke.
- Performances
- Film screenings

Librarian Feller stated that they have presenters from community organizations such as the Foundation for Senior Services Help (501c), South Bay Literacy Council, government organizations (such as the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation), authors, subject specialists, musicians, and entertainers; provided pictures of some of their recent programs; noted that a local high school student conceptualized the Multigenerational Chess Program and it has been successful; spoke of, 87-year-old Japanese American, Don Hata and his program regarding Japanese internment of Japanese Americans; spoke about the collaborative reading program called One Book, One Coast with libraries in California, Oregon, and Washington which is centered around one book and this year the book is *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei; reported that the Library has a lot of programs scheduled for May that support the One Book, One Coast program; announced that an organization would be coming in to do a living history art program where children and adults will join in creating artwork based on stories of families taken to internment camps; stated that they have a lot of gardening programs so people can learn to create better gardens for the local climate; stated their Summer Reading Program and National Library Week are supported through outreach and there are themed programs and opportunity drawing during that time; mentioned that the Summer Reading Program was created by the National Library Association mainly for children but the City likes to be all inclusive and developed one for adults too; noted that certificates are given by Friends of the Library and drawings for gift cards are done; reviewed the statistics from the adult programming; highlighted that from January through March this year they have had 21 adult programs with over 400 attendees, and had three multigenerational programs with about 75 attendees; reported that many of the programs are supported by Friends of the Redondo Beach Library that use the revenue from their bookstore and said the Adult Programming uses it for the Summer Reading Program, National Library Week, Opportunity Drawings, Honorariums, program speakers, and supplies; stated that when she gave the presentation last year some suggestions were made and reported that they have done almost all of what was suggested such as How to use the library app, Clutter Management, Senior Safety, Fraud, and Scams (they partnered with the RBPD and Sergeant Scott Martin ran the program), Local History Trivia Program, and some of the Movie Programs; reported that they have been collaborating and cooperating with their

Youth Services Department and other City departments on programs; provided an example of a graphic novel using George Takei's book, showed the flier for the One Book, One Coast event, and announced they would have some programming to align with the America Semi Quincentennial Program; stated that they signed up with an association to receive free pocket sized copies of the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence to hand out during those programs; announced the Women in STEM Careers Program geared towards parents and their middle and high school aged students would be held that Saturday; reported that George Takei would be the keynote speaker for the One Book, One Coast at the East Los Angeles Library on May 31st and the information is on the website.

Chair Maroko asked when the One Book, One Coast Program would take place since the Ito Park signs are going in, and it would be a good tie in.

Librarian Feller said she would send over the dates and that they would be posted on the website; to answer Chair Maroko's question, answered that the Alex Moreno Areyan Program would be on May 2nd.

Commissioner Galassi asked about the gardening program the Library had for adults.

Librarian Feller responded that they did four separate programs including two ran by the Water Replenishment District that focused on small container gardening and landscaping with the purpose of using less water and for the proper type of plants for the area, one provided by the South Bay Parkland Conservancy, and one given by the South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

Commissioner Galassi suggested creating a program at the North Redondo Beach farmers' market when it opens specific to growing produce/vegetables, with a possible focus on how to grow them in small containers; stated that she would be interested in taking a class like that.

Librarian Feller said she would note that as a program for the following year; reiterated that most of the suggestions from last year have happened.

Library Director Vinke stated he has been impressed with the work Librarian Feller has done over the years and he has seen programs expand and be more inclusive; noted that she always finds good presenters and gets the word out about the programs.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to receive and file the report.

Chair Maroko invited public comments.

Liaison Butler reported no one online and no eComments.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were absent.

L.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESEARCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY IN REDONDO BEACH

Library Director Vinke reported that the item was a referral from City Council and deferred to Chair Maroko to provide more background regarding the item so they could come up with the best direction on moving forward.

Chair Maroko stated, when he was on the Historical Commission, the City Council requested a similar scenario from them with regards to the history of the LGBTQ community; reported, in 2023, they had a full blown discussion on it and his position at the time was to fund a researcher; said, back in 2023, the impetus was the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City which started the process for LGBTQ rights; noted in 2024 it was brought back to the Historical Commission to revisit but due to a lack of quorum that Commission meeting was cancelled and now the item is sitting with this Public Amenities Commission; said there have been talks about a public art piece at the North Branch Library but no concept of the art piece has been designed and that the history that the Commission puts together will probably end up being incorporated into the sculpture; noted that they do not have a time-frame but it would be another opportunity to bring out some history of the City; said what he was looking for from the Commission that evening were volunteers to participate in a subcommittee to guide the project; noted that many Commissioners were absent that evening but asked if anyone wanted to participate so they could come up with concepts and update the Commission regularly; suggested they also re-agendize the item.

Commissioner Yousufzai recommended they continue the item till the next meeting since almost half the Commission is absent.

Chair Maroko decided to take a poll of the Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Yousufzai stated that he would feel more comfortable continuing the item.

Commissioner Galassi said it would depend on when the item needed to be turned around because she is currently serving on several subcommittees for the Commission at that moment as well as other things.

Commissioner Yousufzai pointed out that there is only one more Commission meeting before Pride Month.

Chair Maroko stated it would not coincide with Pride Month; reported that it was Councilmember Obagi that approached him with the item and explained that the Council wants the Commission to come up with history to inspire the sculpture or artwork they plan to do.

Library Director Vinke commented that some level of research is needed, there are several ways to approach it, and he would be happy to bring the item back.

Some discussion followed regarding the timeline for the project.

Library Director Vinke stated his understanding is that the concept might be outside the North Redondo Branch Library and that he can ping the department to see if they have a timeline; said he thought that a lot of the project has been led by the Cultural Arts Commission and they might have their own timeline and suggested that communication between the two Commissions would be helpful; said he could request that more context for the project is given.

Commissioner Galassi asked if reaching out to the Cultural Arts Commission would be something that Director Vinke would undertake.

Library Director Vinke responded that he could and then report back to this Commission with more information if they continue the item to the next meeting.

Chair Maroko noted that the Cultural Arts Commission liaison, Jack Meyer, speaks to their Commission regularly; reported that he spoke to Jack Meyer about the artwork and he didn't think they had made any progress on it; stated he would probably do some research on it but wanted to see if anyone else wanted to participate; said that he is happy tabling it till next month.

Commissioner Galassi asked if a Commissioner from the Cultural Arts Commission would want to come to their Commission to speak about the project.

Library Director Vinke said he could reach out to the liaison and determine if it would be a good idea.

Chair Maroko added that the Councilmember could come speak about the concept as well; suggested to Commissioner Galassi that she could speak to Councilmember Obagi to gain context since he is her Councilmember.

Motion by Commissioner Yousufzai, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to continue item L.3 to a future Commission meeting.

Liaison Butler reported that there was no public comment.

Chair Maroko confirmed that the motion was to continue the item until next month's meeting and it will be on the agenda again.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were absent.

L.4. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

Minor Alteration Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi reported nothing has come to them.

Facilities User Subcommittee

Commissioner McCauley reported no progress and Commissioner Yousufzai reported no updates.

Volunteer Acknowledgement Subcommittee

Commissioner Yousufzai reported he had nothing and has not been able to meet with Commissioner Rowe.

Bringing History to Community Subcommittee

Chair Maroko reported the signage for Ito Park is being sent for fabrication in the next month; noted the Path of History markers are still on the timeline and he will be sending out eight potential dates to the subcommittee to pick which dates they want to put as markers at Dominguez Park.

Commissioner McCauley had no updates to include.

Franklin Park Playground Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi stated she had not received any updates regarding Franklin Park Playground for groundbreaking or anything, so she had no update; when asked about the cornhole controversy, she said she heard about it but is not involved.

Alta Vista Pickleball Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi stated that they had a successful ribbon cutting at Alta Vista; noted that staff and elected officials attended and played on courts; reported that the courts have been getting busier with more usage from the community.

Preservation Outreach Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi reported that the subcommittee meeting was canceled and they are working on scheduling another meeting; stated they have two events and outreach opportunities to discuss; announced that the first event is the Riviera Village Festival in June, they have a table set aside for the event but no materials prepared yet; announced the other event is for Landmark Designated Homeowners, which they are targeting for the fall; noted that they need to discuss budgeting for these events to see if Community Development has money in the budget to cover the materials needed.

Recognition Preservation Subcommittee

Chair Maroko reported that he met with a couple members of the new Historic District to discuss concept of bricks to be imbedded in sidewalk outside historic buildings. Maroko wants to discuss the concept of the bricks being embedded into the sidewalk and they seemed fine with it; asked Director Vinke if they could move forward and work with Public Works on the project; Director Vinke said that he could move forward with it; commented

that he hoped the funding will be independent of the City; noted that the negotiation of the labor costs is an internal cost which the City would incur; stated that some members of the Historic District expressed their preference for the sign to announce “This is the Garnet Street Historical District” so he will look for a vendor to manufacture it, commented that he thinks he can do it for under \$200.

Budget Subcommittee

Commissioner Yousufzai reported that he had not received any budget input from the Commissioners since the last meeting; stated that his understanding was that everyone was going to give individual budget items they wanted to include in the collective submittal.

Library Director Vinke updated the Commission that during the Strategic Planning Session many of the items were conveyed already; suggested he can send out an email to the Commissioners to get additional feedback and then the subcommittee could meet to discuss.

Commissioner Yousufzai recalled that they discussed items that might have overlapped between Strategic Planning items and items for the budget so they are just looking for items to include for the budget discussion being that Strategic Planning has already happened; asked Director Vinke if he could facilitate and group the items still available for the budget so that they could move the process along by collecting budget input by Commissioner’s and get it over to the City Manager.

Library Director Vinke responded that he could do that. Commissioner Yousufzai said he would work diligently to have a draft remitted to be circulated to the Commission before they submit it to the City.

Commissioner Galassi asked if she could add something.

Discussion followed regarding turnaround on information, subcommittee discussions, and submittals to the City Manager.

Ad-hoc Committee for City’s Birthday Celebration

Commissioner Yousufzai gave full credit and thanks to Commissioner Rowe for working on getting contracts, entertainment, and vendors for the event; reported that Commissioner Rowe has been working with Jack Meyer on getting a contract with a face-painter.

Chair Maroko announced that the event is set for Saturday April 25th from 11:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m. Chair Maroko said the flier should be distributed the following day.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to receive and file the committee review and updates.

Liaison Butler reported no public comment.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were absent.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Library Director Vinke and Liaison Butler reported that the 700 form from Commissioners Lang, Yousufzai, and McCauley are missing.

Chair Maroko reported that he received a letter that his was not processed and he would be fined \$10 per day up to \$100; stated it is easy to complete.

Library Director Vinke reported that the City Clerk is available to assist; noted it is an annual thing, and he will put it on the calendar to remind everyone.

Discussion followed and it was reported that they have phone numbers on their business cards for the Commissioners.

Library Director Vinke stated if they get voicemails staff will reach out to the Commission; noted the old numbers were wrong but he tested out the new numbers and they work and he does receive notifications when there is a message; pointed out that staff sent the Commissioners an email regarding continuing education for preservation.

Chair Maroko encouraged the Commissioners to look at the last item, regarding reporting to the Certified Local Government Annual Reporting (CLG) to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP); Commissioner's are required to provide documentation reflecting any training they've received relating to historic preservation. Chair Maroko reported that Commissioner Galassi's resume was completely on there, due to Commissioner's resumes also being submitted to the CLG, and if she wanted to change her bio and any other information on her resume, that would be the time to do it.

Library Director Vinke reported that the Senior Planner is working on it and he reached out to Library staff; commented that he thought when the applications are submitted there is an ability to attach a resume and submit it; stated they were primarily interested in gathering information if any Commissioners had attended Preservation training for the years 2024 and 2025 for the report; requested that the Commissioners let staff know either way.

Chair Maroko mentioned there were two trainings, one with Planner Kinsella and one with Public Works Director Wiener and the attendance should be verified in the minutes for those meetings.

Library Director Vinke stated they looked at the attendance records, but a lot of the meetings were cancelled.

More discussion followed.

Library Director Vinke said they would promote the birthday celebration on the website to cross promote the event

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Maroko stated he had a tentative approval to create eight veteran banners honoring their veterans for Artesia Blvd.; spoke to his Councilperson regarding pictures the City has of people that served in World War II and the Korean War and he was given verbal permission to use them and he would get an estimate for the banners for their next meeting; commented that he hoped to get private funding so it doesn't have to come back to the Commission.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Chair Maroko asked if there was any public comment.

Liaison Butler reported no public comment.

Motion carried 4-0-3 by voice vote. Commissioners Caldwell, Lang, and Rowe were 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 May 13, 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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