

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION AGENDA
Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

415 DIAMOND STREET, REDONDO BEACH

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION - 6:30 PM

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION - 6:30PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Blue folder items are additional back up material to administrative reports and/or public comments received after the printing and distribution of the agenda packet for receive and file.

E.1. [For Blue Folder Documents](#)

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Business items, except those formally noticed for public hearing, or those pulled for discussion are assigned to the Consent Calendar. The Commission Members may request that any Consent Calendar item(s) be removed, discussed, and acted upon separately. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be taken up under the "Excluded Consent Calendar" section below. Those items remaining on the Consent Calendar will be approved in one motion. The Chair will call on anyone wishing to address the Commission on any Consent Calendar item on the agenda, which has not been pulled by the Commission for discussion. Each speaker will be permitted to speak only once and comments will be limited to a total of three minutes.

F.1. [APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2025](#)

F.2. [APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, OCTOBER 8, AND NOVEMBER 12, 2025.](#)

F.3. [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.4. [RECEIVE AND FILE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This section is intended to provide members of the public with the opportunity to comment on any subject that does not appear on this agenda for action. This section is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker will be afforded three minutes to address the Commission. Each speaker will be permitted to speak only once. Written requests, if any, will be considered first under this section.

H.1. [For eComments and Emails Received from the Public](#)

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

This section is intended to allow all officials the opportunity to reveal any disclosure or ex parte communication about the following public hearings.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. [RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION OUTLINING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION](#)

L.2. [DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUBLIC AMENITIES CURRENT AND PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEES](#)

L.3. [COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE](#)

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

O. ADJOURNMENT

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Administrative Report

E.1., File # PA25-1688

Meeting Date:

TITLE

For Blue Folder Documents



Administrative Report

F.1., File # PA25-1689

Meeting Date:

TITLE

APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES
COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2025

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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Legislative Body	Public Amenities Commission
Posting Type	Regular Meeting Agenda
Posting Locations	415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 ✓ Adjacent to Council Chambers
Meeting Date & Time	December 10, 2025 6:30 p.m.

As Library Director of the City of Redondo Beach, I declare, under penalty of perjury, the document noted above was posted at the date displayed below.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Vinke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dana Vinke, Library Director

Date: December 5, 2025



Administrative Report

F.2., File # PA25-1690

Meeting Date:

TITLE

APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, OCTOBER 8, AND NOVEMBER 12, 2025.



Minutes
Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION – 6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Yousufzai in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Edward (E.J.) Caldwell, Desiree M. Galassi, Mara Lang, Ron Maroko, Christopher McCauley, Jeffrey E. Rowe, Chair Masood K. Yousufzai

Officials Present: Dana Vinke, Library Director
Marc Wiener, Director of Community Development
Steven Giang, Senior Planner
Becca McNeely, Library Program Coordinator

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Yousufzai led in the Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Commissioner Maroko requested moving Item No. L.1 to after Item No. E.1.

Discussion followed regarding moving both Items No. L.1 and L.2 prior to Item No. J.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Galassi and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as amended, to move Items No. L.1 after Item No. E.1 and L.2 prior to Item No. H.

The motion carried 7-0.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1 For Blue Folder Documents

Library Director Vinke reported four Blue Folder Items which were included in the folder and emailed.

It was noted that the Blue Folder Items all pertain to Item No. J.2.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Rowe and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Blue Folder Items.

The motion carried 7-0.

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. L.1.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2025

F.2. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2025

F.3. RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATES RELATED TO HISTORICAL & PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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

There were no public comments on this item.

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

The motion carried 7-0.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. L.2.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

There were no public comments on this item.

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Maroko reported speaking with Commissioner Lang and one of the property owners.

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. J.2.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1. A PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERING A CEQA EXEMPTION DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS application FOR THE demolition of a POTENTIALLY HISTORIC single-family residential structure, AND SEPARATE CONSIDERATION OF REMOVAL FROM THE POTENTIAL HISTORIC RESOURCES LIST AT 1811 Clark lane, pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 10 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code.

APPLICANT: Ronald Carl Seydel
ADDRESS: 1811 Clark Lane
APPLICATION NO: 2025-0091

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Open public hearing and administer oath;**
- 2. Take testimony from staff, applicant, and interested parties;**
- 3. Close public hearing and deliberate; and**
- 4. Adopt a resolution by title only approving the request to remove the property from the Potential Historic Resources List subject to the findings and conditions contained therein, but if denied; then**
- 5. Adopt a resolution by title only approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of the residence at 1811 Clark Lane.**

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF A PROPERTY AT 1811 CLARK LANE FROM THE POTENTIALLY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 10 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CEQA EXEMPTION DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS THE demolition of a POTENTIALLY HISTORIC single-family residential structure AT 1811 Clark lane, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 10 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE.

Commissioner Maroko approved motion to open public hearing.
The motion carried 7-0.

Senior Planner Steven Giang narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report.

Discussion followed regarding including third party content in staff reports and staff's reliance on reports from third-party consultants and typically summarizing professional reports, subjectivity and objectivity of reports, the need to consider the source of the information and the possibility of obtaining skewed information, industry standards and city requirements.

Director of Community Development Wiener explained the process for hiring third-party consultants; noted staff will question anything that seems out of place and mentioned that in this case, there is nothing out of place that would make staff question why the property should be historic and spoke about needing to possess high artistic value, represent the work of an important creative individual as well as other standards.

Discussion followed regarding federal, state and city criteria, standards for voluntary listing, the criteria for mandating listing and evaluations based on state criteria.

Commissioner Maroko offered his services to do research on the history of properties; mentioned there are two properties on the property; spoke about availability of a list of prior occupants and talked about staff including more information in future reports regarding why properties may be important in relation to people. He pointed out this is an A-rated property and questioned why it needs to be destroyed.

Director of Community Development Wiener explained it is based on the professional reports and on information in the historic context statement.

Commissioner Maroko referenced a 1905 property that was historical; reported someone did not do their due diligence and the property ended up demolished and expressed concerns about destroying a structure that does not consider the historical significance, thoroughly.

Director of Community Development Wiener agreed the topic needs a broader discussion and reiterated that City Council will review it in an upcoming meeting and suggested reviewing the application based on its merits and not whether the topic will come before Council as it is planned to be on the agenda during strategic planning discussions. He added that the City Attorney's office is reviewing the list and where it stands and hoped that within the next year, staff will have clear policy direction and return to the Commission with additional information.

Discussion followed regarding use of a historical inquiry form created in 2019.

Chair Yousufzai invited public comments.

Ron Seydel, trustee of the Seydel Family Trust, stated he feels defeated as it sounds like there is no process in place for a smooth, streamlined settlement; reported his situation is identical to the prior applicant's; claimed there are no permits related to the work done in 2000; talked about changes in code requirements and permits over the years and noted that based on age, the house could be historical but based on quality

and usability, the house is ready to fall down. Additionally, he reported hiring an expensive consultant to research the history of the house and following all of the instructions provided by the City and reiterated concerns about the lack of a process.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Chair Yousufzai and approved by voice vote, to extend Ron Seydel's time for speaking by 1 minute.

The motion carried 7-0.

Ron Seydel continued noting that the house is old and not of much value as it exists.

Commissioner Lang spoke about the importance of the PAC to do its due diligence and talked about determining whether there is a path forward to preserve what it can.

Discussion followed regarding incentives offered by the Mills Act.

There were no other public comments.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Chair Yousufzai and seconded by Commissioner Maroko.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Caldwell spoke about the importance of preservation in the City; felt the City does not have the needed resources or dedicated resources to prioritize preservation; stated he would expect the word to spread and alleged there will be many people coming to the City with similar requests. He reiterated the City should do public outreach to let residents know they are on the list and address the limitations and provide residents with the opportunity to take advantage of tax incentives.

Commissioner Maroko commented on the grade of the property adding that he has never seen an A grade property be demolished.

In reply to questions from Commissioner Lang, Ron Seydel reported that his plan is to sell the property to a developer.

Commissioner Rowe indicated he is in favor of removing the historical designation of the home.

Commissioner Galassi agreed with removing the house from the historic resource designation and did not feel comfortable with demolishing it.

Motion by Chair Yousufzai and approved by roll call vote, to adopt a resolution by title as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF A PROPERTY AT 1811 CLARK LANE FROM THE POTENTIALLY HISTORIC

RESOURCES INVENTORY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 10 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE.

The motion carried, 7-0, as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Caldwell, Galassi, Lang, Maroko, McCauley, Rowe,
Chair Yousufzai
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. K.

J.2. A PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERING A CEQA EXEMPTION DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A POTENTIALLY HISTORIC SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, AND SEPARATE CONSIDERATION OF REMOVAL FROM THE POTENTIAL HISTORIC RESOURCES LIST AT 1224 HARPER AVENUE, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 10 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE.

APPLICANT: Mickel Khayat
ADDRESS: 1224 Harper Avenue
APPLICATION NO: 2025-0255

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Open public hearing and administer oath;**
- 2. Take testimony from staff, applicant, and interested parties;**
- 3. Close public hearing and deliberate; and**
- 4. Adopt a resolution by title only approving the request to remove the property from the Potential Historic Resources List subject to the findings and conditions contained therein, but if denied; then**
- 5. Adopt a resolution by title only approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of the residence at 1224 Harper Avenue.**

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF A PROPERTY AT 1224 HARPER AVENUE FROM THE POTENTIALLY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 10 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CEQA EXEMPTION DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

THE demolition of a POTENTIALLY HISTORIC single-family residential structure AT 1224 Harper avenue, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 10 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Maroko, and approved by voice vote, to open the public hearing.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lang left the chambers.

Senior Planner Steven Giang, narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report including the recommended resolutions and actions required.

Commissioner Lang returned to the chambers.

Discussion followed regarding ownership of the property.

Carrie Chasteen, Chronicle Heritage, reported that the Drake Family owns the property, which is up for sale and Mickel Khayat (applicant) is the buyer. She added that the person living in Canoga Park is the trustee of the estate who has the authority to sign the affidavit.

Commissioner Galassi requested clarification regarding the two resolutions and Senior Planner Steven Giang reported that the applicant may still request a demolition, even if it is on the list and the Commission is considering a second action, based on the criteria presented, to demolish the structure.

Director of Community Development Wiener talked about the code providing two separate processes, one for the removal from the potentially historic list (separate from demolition) and the other the demolition. He added that both resolutions are discretionary, and the Commission is not required to approve the second resolution if it does not approve the first resolution.

Commissioner Caldwell spoke about the two alternatives requested by the applicant, specific criteria related to making the required findings for each, the Commission's ability to deny both resolutions, impacts of merging the various Commissions in terms of Members having different areas of expertise, the Commission's desire and need for knowledge and the importance of the decisions being made.

Discussion followed regarding a history of the house, when it was surveyed, when it was placed on the list and when alterations were made.

Chair Yousufzai invited public comments.

Carrie Chasteen, Chronicle Heritage, Senior Architectural Historian, reported she is

being paid, and her role is to be an objective, third-party peer reviewer; noted the permits for the alterations were issued in 2000; spoke about the alterations and felt the entirety of the building has been severely compromised and no longer reflects the early history of Redondo Beach. She addressed association with significant events and offered to respond to questions from the PAC.

Discussion followed regarding permits for the front porch, whether the City's Preservation Commission review the project prior to the alterations being made, staff's ability to review alterations administratively, the scarcity of available public records in compiling ownership history and research sources reviewed.

Commissioner Maroko reported this is the number 4 oldest building in Redondo Beach and is over 100 years old; announced the person who owned the home prior to the Drake Family was Ellen Miller, a long-time resident of the area and provided a history of her family; noted this is all public information that could be gleaned from newspapers and census reports; opined the report is incomplete and listed his concerns and continued providing a history of the home and its prior owners. He expressed concerns that there has not been enough effort to figure out the significance of the persons prior to the annexation of the property into Redondo Beach in 1927/1928; spoke about the Miller Family having strong ties into Hermosa Beach; referenced Warren Miller and reiterated that the report does not explore historically significant people; felt this is a Hermosa Beach preservation issue as well and that the report is deficient.

Carrie Chasteen, Chronicle Heritage, Senior Architectural Historian, offered to add the history as part of the report but noted her evaluation will still declare the building has been substantially altered (2000) and does not convey an association to that important history any longer.

Discussion followed regarding a construction history for siding and window changes and the general scope of work in the permits for the changes made in 2000.

David Drake, Drake Family Trust, provided a history of his family's time of residence in the home; addressed alterations and listed problems with the house.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Maroko, to extend David Drake's time for public comment.

David Drake continued listing details of the alterations made over time; talked about the Commission's decision having a big impact to his family noting his he and his brothers need to sell the house for as much as possible and spoke about the great memories his family made living there.

David Drake responded to questions regarding his family's awareness of the survey, other houses in the neighborhood and the fireplace.

Commissioner Maroko spoke about the possibility of the owner donating the original

structure to the City and moving it to the third pad in Dominguez Park which was set up to have a historic home there and the costs could be shared by the City and the seller to be turned into a visual art center for the community.

David Drake stated he is open to a solution that is agreed to by all parties.

Chair Yousufzai pointed out that when extending a speaker's time, the motion should include a time specification and needs to be voted on.

Josh Mata, Real Estate Broker, spoke about the Drake Family; noted that the home is meaningful to them but has not been a true example of a historical home and asserted that historical designation was set in place by inaccurate information and was a possibly placed on the list by a drive-by designation without notification to the owner. He addressed alternations during the years, delayed maintenance and an unsafe, settling foundation, financial impacts to the remaining family and spoke in support of allowing the owners to remove the structure in preparation for sale of the property.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, to extend Josh Mata's time for public comment by 2 minutes.

Substitute motion by Chair Yousufzai, seconded by Commissioner Maroko, and approved by voice vote, to extend Josh Mata's time by 1 minute.

The motion carried 7-0.

Josh Mata urged the PAC to remove the historical designation for the benefit of the Family, the City and community.

Edward Moore, shared a statement about his friend and neighbor, Jack Drake, who passed away last January and owned the subject house; reported he was a grandfather for his children and voiced support for the Drake Family during this difficult time to pay homage to Jack and honor the memory of his kindness, generosity and sincerity. Additionally, he felt the historical designation of the property represents a potential overreach when other properties in the neighborhood can be completely torn down for new construction to be put in its place and hoped the PAC will exercise fairness and discernment in consideration of statements along with letters of support and signatures of neighbors and friends who have endorsed lifting the designation.

Motion by Chair Yousufzai, seconded by Commissioner Maroko, and approved by voice vote, to extend Edward Moore's time by 1 minute.

The motion carried 7-0.

Edward Moore read a letter into the record from neighbor Janet Reynolds in support of the Drake Family's request. He distributed copies of the letter for the Commission.

Commissioner Maroko expressed concern there will be no more historical homes in North Redondo and in response to his question about the possibility of having a historical home on the property, Edward Moore stated he deferred to the wishes of the family and the executor of the estate.

Christopher Drake clarified the border between Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach; spoke about new developments in surrounding properties; mentioned when the Craftsman designation was applied to the house and in response to Commissioner Maroko's about moving the structure to another location, he did not believe the house provides anything historical to society or the community about the City's past nor is the endeavor worth the while.

Brief discussion followed regarding the timeline for demolition if permits are issued.

John Drake, via Zoom, referenced a letter he submitted in support of removing the house from historical designation and noted that in terms of financial considerations, this is something that is needed in order to secure the brothers' retirement in their old age.

Adam Cannella, via Zoom, godson of Jack Drake and trustee of the estate, spoke about his duty to fulfill his godfather's explicit wishes; confirmed that he was never informed that his property had a historic designation and that the designation currently in place does not align with his vision and intentions or his rights as the property's owner and asked that the Commission remove the historic designation so that he may fulfill his legal and moral responsibility to carry out Mr. Drake's will, as he intended.

Library Program Coordinator McNeely announced that 7 eComments were received in support of the demolition.

There were no other public comments on this item.

In reply to Commissioner Maroko's question, Library Director Vinke mentioned that eComments are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Commissioner Lang reported that in the past, the Commission would decide whether to have the eComments read aloud, or not.

Commissioner Galassi spoke about the difference between a property being a historic landmark and being on the list of potential historic resources and asserted this house has not been designated as a landmark.

There were no other public comments on this matter.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, and approved by voice vote, to close the public hearing.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Caldwell asserted that if the City wants to preserve the community, it has to make investments; felt it is appalling that the City is asking community members to make these decisions and yet is not willing to do an adequate survey and talked about the Preservation Commission asking, on numerous occasions, for a survey and attending City Council meetings to implore the City Council to invest in a survey. Additionally, he questioned whether the current house would meet the qualifications for its current status; mentioned specific alterations including the front balcony and windows that would have never been allowed on a historic property and voiced support for Resolution A.

Commissioner Maroko agreed this could have been resolved with a more recent survey and found it appalling that people on the survey have not been notified by the City that they are on the survey; hoped that staff will send notice to everyone on the survey; reiterated concerns about running out of historic homes in North Redondo; spoke about the possibility of donating the structure and mentioned this is a good project to bring up the need for a survey to Council.

Commissioner Lang spoke about the value of older homes; expressed disappointment with how the City is categorizing architecture in Redondo that was built over 100 years ago and labeling them in a way where they seem less valuable and noted she struggles with taking these homes off the historical resources list, mentioned bungalows that are not forced into one categorization and are still seen as valuable.

Commissioner Rowe indicated he is in favor of removing the historical designation; opined it would be incredibly costly to make the existing house, livable and felt the City should let the property owners do as they wish.

Commissioner Galassi expressed concerns about notification to all people on the list of homes with potential historic resources and felt the City should have a record of the notification; felt the City did not do its job when it allowed changes to occur without research; confirmed that three family homes will be built on the property if the demolition goes through; wondered how that will impact CEQA relative to parking, the neighborhood and the school district; mentioned the deficient report and thanked Commission Maroko for the added information and alleged that moving the house will take time and money. Additionally, she talked about clarification of what moving it and returning it to the original look entails; questioned whether the City would want to engage in such a project when so many architectural elements are missing; spoke about the Commission meeting its requirements and the need to make decisions without an emotional component.

Commissioner McCauley felt this case highlights issues that need to be resolved; suggested residents Google, "Redondo Beach Historical Survey List"; noted it was unfortunate for the property owner not to have been notified; affirmed that he takes staff's recommendation, seriously; imagined more and more people will make similar requests to have their property removed from the list and talked about avoiding what this family

has endured, in the future.

Commissioner Rowe mentioned the idea of moving the house would have been a great solution if it had been feasible and thanked Commissioner Maroko.

Chair Yousufzai agreed that an update of the potential historic resources list is overdue and in response to his inquiry, Director of Community Development Wiener reported this is an eligibility list that flags properties to warrant additional professional review; noted the list is updated as actions are taken, that City Council approved funds for an updated survey which will progress throughout the next year.

Discussion followed regarding making judgements based on the evidence provided in professional reports.

Chair Yousufzai spoke about notifying people that are on the list, updating it and voiced support for Resolution A and about relying on the City's recommendations.

Discussion followed regarding the firm performing the survey and the process to flag potential historic properties in the City.

Commissioner Maroko spoke about the Morrell House as an example of moving a historic structure and noted it can be done.

Discussion followed regarding moving and restoration costs, the possibility of exploring the option going forward, needing to have a better process in place, getting an estimate of all costs, investigating the Hermosa Beach interest in the property and the PAC's options for action at this time.

Commissioner Caldwell stated he does not know if the Commission has a say on this topic; listed options available to the City if it would like to pursue the project and those available to the property owner; claimed the PAC has no say in telling the property owner what to do with that structure and summarized the recommended actions.

Discussion followed regarding the appeal process and potential timeline.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, and approved by voice vote, to adopt a resolution by title as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF A PROPERTY AT 1224 HARPER AVENUE FROM THE POTENTIALLY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 10 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE.

The motion carried 4-3-0. Commissioners Galassi, Lang and Maroko were opposed.

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. J.1.

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. L.3.

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CERTIFICATES TO CARL LEACH AND MATTHEW MCCAULEY

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Commission, Chair Yousufzai presented a certificate in acknowledgement to Carl Leach and Matthew McCauley of their volunteer services to the community.

Chair Yousufzai returned to Item No. F.

L.2. STAFF PRESENTATION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Item L.2 was moved before Item H.

Community Development Director Wiener introduced Associate Planner Sean O'Rourke and noted he will be the new liaison to the Commission going forward; reported he would be providing a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the City's Historic Preservation Program; noted that there were a few new members to the Commission and wanted to make sure everyone was trained and could ask any questions they had; explained the Historic Preservation Program consists of three primary documents: 1) Historic Preservation Ordinance, which is in the Municipal Code, 2) Historic Context Statement, which is the guide to determining whether a property should be historic, and 3) Historic Preservation Plan, provides guidelines for making historic modifications to buildings; mentioned all three are posted on the City's website; provided a slide with the purpose for the Historical Preservation Plan Program and highlighted certain ones including: it's to safeguard the City's heritage and protect the City's landmarks, enhance the visual character of the City by preserving diverse architectural styles reflecting the past, and also taking reasonable and necessary steps to safeguard property rights of the owners; detailed the nomination process per the City's ordinance and noted that only the owner of the property could give consent and the structure must be 50 years old or older with a few exceptions; stated there is also a process for forming a Historic District, which also requires property owner consent; reported there are 154 properties currently landmarked, noted one reason owners place their property on the list is because they are seeking a Mills Act contract; stated there are criteria for listing as a landmark and those can be found in the municipal code; reported the City has a list of Potentially Historic Properties which are not designated by the owner but the City did a historic resources inventory in 1986 and 1996, and there are 1024 properties listed on it, 173 of them are rated A or B, the rest

are C, D, or no rating; stated this is significant because, pursuant to the municipal code if you want to demolish or alter a building that is potentially historic, it requires a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission; stated there is limited ability to impose historic requirements on these properties and provided the reasons:

- 1) There's a statute that says that inventory that the City has needs to be updated every five years for the purposes of CEQA to create a presumption that the property is historic
- 2) It does conflict with the requirements for owner consent in the City's municipal code, however, it does state that in order to demolish or make alterations it requires a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Community Development Director Wiener provided a slide regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) and the criteria required; commented that they are standards and subjective and jurisdictions will apply them differently; provided the Secretary of Interior's standards for rehabilitation, noted there are 10 of them and covered the ones he felt come up most often; noted it is really up to the Commission and the City to interpret the standards and how they are applied to the properties; provided more information on CEQA and provided the four criteria required by the State Register; recommendation by staff is for the Commission to receive and file the report.

Commissioner Lang stated she would like to have seen more on the process that the City goes through in receiving, seeing the applicants in the agenda, and reading the reports; felt staff do not always provide reports on the property.

Community Development Director Wiener stated that any project that comes before the Commission includes a staff report, and he is not aware of any instance where one was not provided; asked Commissioner Lang if she had anything specific in mind.

Commissioner Lang stated she was looking for the staff reports on both of the projects they are seeing that evening; noted she saw a recommendation and a report from the private firm but not one from staff.

Community Development Director Wiener explained where she could locate the report.

Commissioner Lang asked who the point person is that works on the applications.

Community Development Director Wiener reported that Sean O'Rourke would be the person taking on that role moving forward.

Commissioner Galassi stated she served on the Preservation Commission and noted that the staff representative, Stacy, provided reports to them in PowerPoint format and it was much clearer and more helpful.

Commissioner Maroko stated what led to tonight's request for a presentation was subjective decisions vs objective decisions and noted that Community Development Director Wiener stated the guidelines are subjective; felt the only objective decision is whether the property is eligible at 50 years or not and everything else is all really

subjective because the Mills Act takes away from city property taxes; mentioned there's a balance between having too many historic landmarks and not having enough; asked if he is missing anything on the subjective vs objective.

Community Development Director Wiener responded that the Mills act is an incentive to landmarking and doesn't think the City is trying to limit it or balance it out in relation to tax revenue impacts; felt Mr. Maroko is correct that when it comes to making modifications and listing a property that is subjective; stated he has seen dueling historical preservation reports that have completely different takes on a property; opined that it's all subjective but with the right guidance he hopes decision makers go down the right path.

Commissioner Maroko asked if Director Wiener views the Commissions role as proactive or reactive in the community promoting historic preservation. The application was brought to the commission.

Community Development Director Wiener stated he would need to get back to the Commission on that since the duties and roles of Commissions were merged but stated that he knows their role is to review the applications for listing and delisting properties and for making modifications and demolitions on an individual project basis; stated, if they would like, he can look into the duties of the Commission in terms of providing policy input to the Council or being advocates.

Commissioner Maroko referenced slide 6 of Director Wiener's presentation regarding historic resources surveys must be updated every five years and asked, since theirs is over a quarter of a century old and the properties from the 1950s through the 1970s had the potential of being demolished without any input from the Commission, does he think the City's preservation statute and policies are being served.

Community Development Director Wiener responded that he thinks it is due for an update and noted that the Council has funded it; mentioned that the policy discussion and the survey is coming back to Council in the next few months and the Council is in the process of updating the City's General Plan land use element which has policy language on historic preservation; noted that staff is seeking policy direction from the Council since the language regarding the historically eligible list is vague and he wanted the Commission to know it would be addressed by the Council soon.

Commissioner Maroko voiced concern over a number homes from the 50s that are being demolished and there's no process that seems in place to bring it to the attention that they may be potential historic resources; reported he wrote to Sean Scully asking for information on the building and background but has not heard back; stated he is concerned that the 50s homes that are rated A or B are going to end up being demolished and asked what kind of safeguards could they get from the Community Development Department.

Community Development Director Wiener stated the code explicitly states the owner has to nominate the property and states an objective to protect property rights but, at the same time, states objectives to preserve history; noted it is a voluntary program and CEQA, supported by professional analysis, would be the only other protection outside of the code.

Commissioner Maroko mentioned there was supposed to be a quarterly newsletter on preservation and efforts for preservation; asked how members of the public know they are on the Historic Resource Service Survey, and what effort is done by the Community Development Department to notify people that they might be eligible for landmark status.

Community Development Director Wiener noted that outreach in promoting the program is lacking at the moment, noted that the list is posted on the City's website for anyone to view, and that the ones that are on the Register were volunteered and the owner knows and it would be carried on to new ownership; stated the ones done in the 1996 survey may not know and may be unaware that they are on the list of over 1,000 properties; noted that is an item they will take to Council as a policy discussion and will be seeking guidance and direction for the program from them; agreed that there is more the City could do to promote the programs particularly the Mills Act Program.

Commissioner Maroko stated there's a state historic report called The Certified Local Government Annual Report that includes information on the Commissioners and staff on the classes and courses everyone has taken; mentioned a requirement for an annual class; stated he requested a copy of it from staff and believes that the report due in March 2025 has not been completed or submitted to the state.

Community Development Director Wiener stated it has not been submitted but they intend to get back on track with submitting the reports to the state; noted that it had been sidelined and explained they do not lose their certification status due to it.

More discussion followed regarding when the City plans to get back on track with it, that the consequences of not submitting it are not dire.

Commissioner Maroko stated the LA Conservancy has a grading scale and that Redondo Beach is getting zeros; spoke of the LA Conservancy implying that owner consent is not necessarily needed to get on the historical landmark stuff; also referenced the list of approved landmarks on the City's website and asked what the Historical Overlay Zone in the ordinance means; noted it has only been used once for landmark #2.

Community Development Director Wiener responded that he would need to look into that and get back to the Commission at a later date.

Commissioner Maroko asked Chair Yousufzai if he has ever signed a resolution since he has been Chair that adopted the landmark stuff.

Chair Yousufzai stated he has not. Commissioner Maroko asked Director Wiener why it hasn't happened.

Community Development Director Wiener stated he would need to look into that since it gets processed through the City Clerk's office not just theirs.

Commissioner Maroko referenced Commissioner Lang's question about process and asked how long it typically takes from the time the Commission approves a resolution to the time of a Mills Act Contract is approved by the City Council.

Community Development Director Wiener said based on his experience typically two months and, after Council approves the agreement, it doesn't go into effect until the next calendar year.

Commissioner Maroko asked if post landmark inspections are done in the City.

Community Development Director Wiener stated since he has been there, he is not aware of any; mentioned it is something he intends to look into with the Mills Act agreements.

Commissioner Maroko felt the process to get on the Historic Resource List is just somebody driving by and saying it looks old; commented that there are no property restrictions other than if you want to demolish it and asked if that was a true statement.

Community Development Director Wiener stated that is correct and said it was a windshield survey where a historic preservation professional driving through town, flags sites and provides thin statements on why the property could potentially be historic.

Commissioner Maroko asked about the restrictions on remodeling when an owner applies to become a landmark property.

Community Development Director Wiener explained once a property becomes a landmark, any modifications would have to comply with the Secretary standards and guidelines; stated he would have to go through and look at the fine print in regard to the Mills Act contract but normally modifications have to be consistent with the Secretary's standards.

Commissioner Maroko asked if a landmark property becomes part of the historic district if additional restrictions apply to the property.

Community Development Director Wiener stated it follows a similar process to being a landmark property and would need a Certificate of Appropriateness for any alterations; noted he offered to do more research on other additional distinctions between the districts vs individual properties.

Commissioner Lang asked what constitutes a historic district.

Community Development Director Wiener stated it is defined in the code and gave more explanation.

Commissioner Maroko stated in December the Commission voted to agendaize a discussion to recommend to the City Wilderness Park to be designated a historic landmark, noted it is a City owned property, and asked when the item would be placed on the Commission agenda for discussion.

Community Development Director Wiener stated that staff have not received direction from the City Council to pursue that for City property; noted that the Commissions do not create assignments, projects, or send staff in certain policy direction and that the Commission could make a recommendation to the Council through the liaison who forwards those to the Council.

Discussion followed regarding the recommendation to the Council that Wilderness Park to be designated a historic landmark and that this recommendation could be revisited in Member Items for Staff.

Commissioner Maroko presented Director Wiener with a copy of the book The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton-a great book on preservation.

Commissioner Galassi stated the City has an ordinance that must be followed and there is a plan with tasks for the Preservation Commission and the City and asked how the plan is defined.

Community Development Director Wiener reported the ordinance is a local law passed by a legislative body; explained the plan is a guide in addition to the ordinance and is meant to cover gaps that are not covered by the ordinance; noted there is flexibility in how it is applied, and amendments can be made.

Commissioner Galassi stated she had read the plan three and a half years ago and recently reread it; noted that some of the questions Commissioner Maroko posed are answered in the plan; as an example, pointed out that communication with the community is addressed in the plan; referenced and read from Section 2.1.2 of the plan; commended Commissioner Maroko for his work researching and potentially identifying historic people; mentioned the upcoming 2028 Olympics and asked how will Redondo Beach position itself and provide information about the community and history; felt the City's website could do more in promoting and providing information regarding preservation; opined not enough is being done in that respect and asked whether the Commission can work in developing a plan or help or if that is something that the City must do.

Director of Community Development Wiener stated the plan is an advisory document and not a mandate; spoke about the Commission being activists in the community and participating in events and contacting the newspaper to feature certain properties; agreed that staff could use the help and reported he will research the topic and return to the Commission with a report.

Chair Yousufzai suggested that a subcommittee could be established for historic outreach.

Commissioner Galassi stated she is not looking to put additional work on the City but more that they want to help with things that matter; reported to Commissioner Maroko that training is addressed in Section 5.1.1 in the plan and that it would be useful to the Commission to have some training; referenced Section 3.1.1 of the plan; felt there is an opportunity to review demolition of un-surveyed properties that are 50 years of age and older for placement in the Historic Resources book or to prevent demolition; noted it does not address the 50-year starting point 1986 and wondered whether the City is missing any homes that were built in the 1970s and 1980s and whether anyone is evaluating that.

Community Development Director Wiener reported it is not part of the application process, and the City follows code procedure; stated it is a subject he intends to raise with City Council in terms of the policy direction going forward and mentioned it is trending towards being mandatory but currently it is a voluntary program; talked about the flip side of where it impacts the individuals that live in the homes and that they can be challenging situations for the City and Council; warned that they need to be very thoughtful and mindful of situations.

Discussion followed regarding room for modifications, having the City do more to educate the public, that the purpose is not to scare people away from being on the historic program and that some cities take a “more-relaxed” approach, allowing tolerance for changes and modifications and considering reductions in taxes under a Mills Act contract.

Commissioner Galassi spoke about a situation where a commercial property had done some work and then had come to the Commission for approvals but the work done did not conform to the required standards and said she asked the liaison at the time and found there was no penalty for having done that; asked how do they prevent things like that from happening.

Community Development Director Wiener noted it is addressed in the Municipal Code under Section 10-4.802, in the historic chapter Penalties which says it can be deemed a misdemeanor; mentioned it may be more a matter of enforcement and that the City has the tools and the code that give the City the authority.

Commissioner Galassi commented that there have been more examples of homes that were either on the Register of Historic Resources or a house that has been designated landmarked and proceeded with work without coming to the Commission first.

Community Development Director Wiener felt the discussion was very helpful and educational and looked forward to working with the Commission moving forward; mentioned that with more marketing and outreach they will have more people applying for the Mills Act Contract and voluntarily listing their property; felt the policy discussion with the City Council will help provide direction on the process for deeming properties historic.

Commissioner Galassi requested that Members of the PAC remain informed on issues pertaining to when Commission-related topics are presented to City Council.

Community Development Director Wiener stated he would be able to work with the Commission on that and plans on attending more of the meetings when historic preservation matters come up; stated he will look into the recommendation to list Wilderness Park as a historic landmark in the State register and addressed impacts to property values by designating a property as a historic landmark.

Commissioner Maroko asked if landmark homes increase property values, decrease property values, or have no impact on the value.

Community Development Director Wiener felt there is no one-size-fits-all answer and it depends on the circumstances, gave examples of where it could be positive and where it could be negative; stated he couldn't really answer that question.

Commissioner Caldwell spoke about his experience on the Preservation Commission; felt that when he learned more about each item, he was more confident in making decisions; stated he would like to reach out to staff and discuss his thoughts on the subject of promoting preservation.

Community Development Director Wiener suggested adding the topic to an upcoming agenda in terms of appointing a subcommittee to work with staff.

There were no public comments for this item.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, to receive and file the presentation.

The motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

Chair Yousufzai moved to Item No. H.

L.3. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

Library Director Vinke reported review of the Commission By-laws is still on hold.

Commissioner Maroko provided an update on the Bringing History to the Community Subcommittee and commended Cultural Arts Manager Jack Meyer for getting the National Parks Services to authorize the City to use two of the National Park signs related to the Japanese Internment in Ito Park.

Commissioner Galassi reported that the Franklin Park Playground Subcommittee has had two meetings, is moving towards doing a redesign where all of the units are combined, the shading will be more optimal and perimeter items will be added as well.

There were no public comments on this item.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Director of Community Development Wiener commented on the meeting; noted preservation has his full attention and hoped that the City will have a smoother process going forward.

Library Director Vinke thanked Director Wiener and his team for attending tonight; encouraged the PAC to look at his Director's report and commented on upcoming Library tours and the status of the Open+ program.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, and approved by voice vote, to agendize a future discussion regarding having the north side of Garnet Street being considered a historic district.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Maroko provided an update on Dawidziak Park; offered his help to staff with the Quarterly Newsletter and stated he would like to explore, with staff, the possibility of installing commemorative bricks in the sidewalk of historic landmark homes and privately raising funds for the bricks.

Library Director Vinke thanked Director Wiener recommended forming a subcommittee towards that effort.

Chair Yousufzai spoke about the need to have a conversation about subcommittees in general.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Lang, and approved by voice vote, to agendize a discussion about publicizing historic landmarks.

The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Lang suggested the discussion on subcommittees include the name and members of each.

Commissioner Galassi asked about maintaining a list of items the PAC wishes to agendaize and suggested creating a shared Google document to manage and update the list. Additionally, she announced that City Council voted on the sound study for Alta Vista; recalled she had previously requested to be informed when the sound study would occur and talked about people who were invited to participate but expressed concern that no one from the PAC was informed. She talked about the importance of improving communications moving forward; mentioned she found out about allowing the City to create a park on a property on Herondo and North Francisco and about Dominguez Park from Facebook and hoped that the PAC will be informed about these and other projects, regularly. She felt that the PAC is not being utilized as it should be.

Motion by Chair Yousufzai, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to form a subcommittee to address pickleball reservations, best practices and operations at Alta Vista Park and to have Commissioner Galassi as its member and not to exceed 6 months.

Discussion followed regarding the need to have a discussion regarding all subcommittees, in general, waiting to form another subcommittee until further clarification/direction from Council is provided, the need to make decisions, quickly, having a conversation with staff offline, the pros and cons of forming another subcommittee, ensuring that the PAC is not left out of the process, commenting with individual Council Members.

The motion carried 6-1-0. Commissioner Caldwell, abstained.

Chair Yousufzai spoke about the importance of having a thorough discussion of subcommittees in general, their members and schedules.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 10:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Public Amenities Commission, motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers 415 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, California.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dana Vinke
Library Director



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Public Amenities Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission was called to order by Commissioner 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: Maroko, Lang, Galassi, Rowe, McCauley

Commissioners Absent: Caldwell, Chair Yousufzai

Officials Present: Sean Scully, Planning Manager
Dana Vinke, Library Director
Sean O'Rourke, Associate Planner
Becca McNeely, Library Coordinator

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Lang led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

Director Vinke reported Blue Folder items related to the Public Hearing were emailed to the Commissioners and he has hard copies if needed.

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

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

F.2. Pulled by Commissioner Galassi

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

F.4. Pulled by Commissioner Maroko

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no eComments and no one online.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to approve Consent Calendar items F.1 and F.3.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

F.2. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Commissioner Galassi asked that under section L.1, paragraph four, that she asked the question regarding how the program was able to exceed the statistics and not Commissioner Maroko.

Commissioner Maroko stated under F.4 he asked a series of questions to the Community Development Director Marc Wiener which he felt were not reflected in the minutes; mentioned he said he was going to do amendments, which he did, and sent them off to the City around September 30th; wanted them to be received and filed by the Commission so when it comes back up on the agenda to approve the August minutes, they would have the ability to read them; disclosed Commissioner Lang reviewed them and he sent a copy over to Commissioner Galassi as well.

Motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to receive and file Commissioner Maroko's amendments to the August minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Rowe, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to approve September 10, 2025, minutes with the requested change.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments for the item.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

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

**CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER**

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she is happy to answer any questions they have regarding the item.

Commissioner Maroko mentioned the Park Ranger Program had been on their agenda in the past and they were told it would be brought back to them but it hasn't and wanted an update on the status.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported staff decided it was an item that would be best suited for a larger conversation on subcommittees because that was a discussion on whether to develop a subcommittee for the Park Ranger Program; noted the Commission has had other discussions on subcommittees as a whole and to decide how to proceed with development of subcommittees so staff has tabled it until that is decided.

Commissioner Maroko stated the Commission was not notified about the Herondo Park dedication on September 30th until a couple of days prior to that date and wondered why they were not told sooner about it since they are taking over parts of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta mentioned her team was not too involved in that event either so she cannot speak on the details of when that was finalized.

Commissioner Maroko asked if any programs were produced for that event.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta said she was unsure and was not able to attend that event but could see if there were any programs and provide them with copies.

Commissioner Maroko reported the person that is trying to get the Riviera Park plaque reached out to him via email stating that the City still needs to determine if the language on the plaque is appropriate; mentioned the Commission already voted on it and moved it forward.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported they have no intent in changing the context of what is written but the City still needs to put the information through some historical accuracy testing to make sure the information is confirmed; spoke of adding additional content to some dates that were mentioned in the context provided.

Commissioner Maroko questioned why they didn't propose that at the time Commissioner Lang was doing the clean up on the language.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta noted at that time that was between Commissioner Lang and the family.

Commissioner Maroko asked when it would be completed, and Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she cannot give an exact date but hopefully soon.

Commissioner Lang asked if Parks and Rec did not plan that event who planned it.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that Public Works took the lead on that event and worked with the City Manager's office.

More discussion followed on who plans certain events and that it is dependent on the purpose of it.

Commissioner Lang asked if Community Services plans any events if the Commission can be notified via email. Deputy Community Services Director Orta replied yes.

Commissioner Galassi reported that she saw a Facebook post by the Mayor inviting everyone to attend the groundbreaking event, realized the Commission was not notified and reached out to Councilmember Obagi who did send out an email to everyone; wanted it recognized that he did send out the email; asked Deputy Community Services Director Orta if she wanted to update them now about committees regarding Alta Vista and Franklin Park.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta agreed to provide the updates; mentioned the City Council allocated about \$500,000 to redo the playground at the location; stated they are keeping the same footprint but replacing the playground structure at Franklin Park, the subcommittee has met with the stakeholder group and they are at the stage where the playground equipment has been refined and they are fine-tuning the colors and layout; communication with the playground manufacturing company has been made and they are producing 3D renderings and a flythrough video for them; noted it will be the first fully-accessible playground in Redondo Beach so they want to make sure the stakeholders feel confident with their selections; reported they have received quotes for the resurfacing at Alta Vista which will include full-court resurfacing of all eight existing tennis courts, one of which will be turned into four pickleball courts; stated the three quotes received were higher than what has been allocated for it and will review the quotes to see how to get them down; reported they are meeting tomorrow to discuss; stated they have finalized the order for the sound mitigation blankets for the western fence line which came from a separate fund and explained some next steps.

Commissioner Galassi asked if they are still on track for December and Deputy Community Services Director Orta replied it looks like they are but she will keep them updated.

Discussion followed to clarify the number of courts being resurfaced and that one of the eight tennis courts will be converted to four pickleball courts; more explanation followed regarding the decision made by Council and staff on the full resurfacing of the courts in conjunction with converting one to pickleball courts.

Commissioner Maroko asked for an update on Dominguez Park.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she is not as involved with it but her understanding is that Public Works would be meeting with the County to talk about the requirements to get the park open.

Commissioner Maroko mentioned page 31 of the materials and complimented the docent on the graphics of promoting the museum and asked that she relay that to the person.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, to receive and file Community Services Department updates related to Historical & Parks and Recreation activities.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Jill Klausen, resident since 1994, spoke about the Ann Baker historic home and mentioned that Ann Baker recently passed away; reported the home had a Public Notice posted stating the current owner wanted to tear down the home and build a duplex; noted that the August 20th date has passed and wondered about the outcome; stated she came to speak today because Commissioner Galassi mentioned it was on the list of historical resources; read from an article featured at the home which stated one of her sons wanted the home to be kept intact and be declared a historical landmark; read a comment she received from her Facebook post from Jennifer Korban that said, "Historic properties have local and state preservation laws that protect properties historic integrity. Please save this home from developers. Our neighborhood doesn't need another overpriced townhouse."; hoped there was something the Commission could do to prevent that home from being demolished.

Commissioner Maroko asked if there was a public hearing.

Jill Klausen clarified that a public notice was posted on a stake on the front lawn of the property, the public hearing was scheduled for August 20th but she forgot about it; wondered if there was anything the Commission could do.

Commissioner Maroko asked Planning Manager Scully about the project.

Planning Manager Scully said it would have come to the Commission since August 20th was a Wednesday.

More discussion followed and the address of the home was given as 218 South Helberta Avenue.

Jill Klausen read that August 20th was the comment deadline and application requests for consideration of an exemption declaration and administrative design review to permit the construction of a two-unit residential development on property located within a residential R3 zone.

Planning Manager Scully explained it is going through an administrative design review process, it is not subject to the preservation ordinance based on its survey designation and as a result does not fall under the purview of the preservation ordinance.

Commissioner Lang commented that it needed to fall under an A or B rating and that is just from the visual survey.

Planning Manager Scully agreed.

Commissioner Maroko commented that Ann Baker did not want her home to be a historic landmark when she was alive but stated they will take a look and discuss it further at some point.

Jill Klausen asked if the item would come before the Planning and Public Amenities Commissions in the future where the public will have opportunities to comment.

Commissioner Lang suggested that Jill Klausen go on the City's website, look up the historical survey, find out what rating the property was given and if it was given an A or B rating noted it would come before the Commission and the public would have an opportunity to speak; recommended that she reach out to her Councilperson as well.

Commissioner Galassi reported she looked it up and that it was given a C rating but that the Commission could examine the property; noted that the City website has a historic context statement and read one of the bullet points that stated re-evaluation can be discussed.

Library Director Vinke interjected to point out the item is not on the agenda and that staff or others could reach out to Jill Klausen offline.

Commissioner Galassi pointed out that it could also be agendaized at a future meeting.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported one person online but no hands raised and one eComment from Jill Klausen.

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1. Public Hearing for Consideration of an Exemption Declaration and Certificate of Appropriateness for Restoration and Rehabilitation to a Landmark Property 519 South Catalina Avenue, Pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 4 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony, receive and file all documents and correspondence on the proposed project;**
- 2. Accept all testimony from staff, applicant, and public;**

3. Consider the action;
4. Close the public hearing;
5. Adopt a resolution by title only approving the request subject to the findings and conditions contained therein:

A resolution of the Public Amenities Commission of the City of Redondo Beach, California approving a CEQA Exemption Declaration and Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation, repair, removal of unpermitted shed, and tenant improvements of a landmark property at 519 South Catalina Avenue pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 10 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to open up the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

Commissioner Maroko asked if they need to put the witnesses under oath.

Planning Manager Scully stated he would recommend it just to be safe.

Commissioner Maroko asked anyone planning to speak to stand, and Planning Manager Scully administered the Oath.

Planning Manager Scully stated that Associate Planner Sean O'Rourke would be providing the presentation and that they also have the property owner, the property owner's architect and her contractor available in the audience.

Associate Planner O'Rourke stated the item is regarding the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the repair and rehabilitation of a landmark property located at 519 South Catalina Avenue; provided an overview and noted it was designated a local landmark on May 4, 1994; stated the reasons a Certificate of Appropriateness is needed per the municipal code; provided a slide featuring what the applicant is proposing for the replacement, repair and restoration of specific items of the home; provided more detail on other repairs that would be done to the home; stated the ADU is not within the purview of the Certificate of Appropriateness; showed pictures provided by the applicant of the primary structure, the rear of the structure, the previously unpermitted living space at the rear of the property, and the garage; stated the next three slides were plans provided by the applicant and demonstrate the proposed project and are also included as a Blue Folder item; provided detailed explanations of the plans on the slides and noted Condition No. 13; stated that the Redondo Beach Municipal Code details the criteria for the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness and read the code; stated the prescriptive standards refer to the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and provided the definition; noted that each finding was included in the Administrative Report and the resolution; reported the home would retain the characteristics of the Craftsman architectural style; read the three criteria for approval of Certificate of Appropriateness; noted the proposed project is categorically exempt from the preparation of environmental review documents pursuant to Section 15331; stated staff recommended that the Commission approve the

CEQA exemption and the Certificate of Appropriateness for this project.

Commissioner Galassi asked which window was being removed on the north elevation.

Associate Planner O'Rourke went back to the slide featuring the windows but wasn't able to show or explain which windows were being removed or replaced.

Planning Manager Scully suggested going to the existing first story floor plan to explain; counted seven total windows on the existing plan and the proposed plan retains the seven windows but moved them to accommodate the different floor plan.

It was determined the windows they were discussing were on the north side of the structure near the meters.

Commissioner Galassi noted that the house is going to retain as much of the original siding as possible and asked for clarification if the siding being replaced would be with wood siding.

Planning Manager Scully replied that is the Condition of Approval that staff has applied to the project.

Commissioner Galassi asked if the Hardie siding is just for the ADU unit in the back.

Planning Manager Scully stated it would be replaced with wood siding since that is what is being used now.

Commissioner Lang referenced the updated plan and questioned why the two front windows on the second floor were changed to double-hung but all the other windows are casement windows.

Planning Manager Scully stated that is what the applicant proposed, and it is conditioned that they are all double-hung and all wood; noted that it is a distinction between the plan that the architect provided and the Conditions of Approval.

Commissioner Lang asked if the plans just haven't been updated to reflect that.

Planning Manager Scully stated the plans have been updated but the applicant is proposing an alternative proposal to do the casement windows on the side and rear elevations, but staff is recommending that they are all wood and double-hung all around; noted that is the resolution before the Commission to decide upon that evening.

Commissioner Lang asked for clarification on what was before them that evening.

Planning Manager Scully stated the resolution with the Conditions of Approval is staff's recommendation and the plans are consistent with the staff's recommendations on the front elevations but the window types on the side and rear elevations are what the applicant is proposing and that is the discrepancy, and the Commission needs to determine which material to proceed with.

Commissioner Rowe asked to go back to the slide with the Proposed Certificate of Appropriateness to view the replacements and refurbishments; asked how much of the brick foundation would be lost.

Planning Manager Scully stated those would be repaired.

Commissioner Maroko asked if the Commission is supposed to have the actual application in front of them.

Planning Manager Scully stated it was not required that they bring the application before the Commission; noted that they have gone to a new application through the City's portal but there is very little information on it besides the plans which they have before them.

Associate Planner O'Rourke added they worked with the applicant team to get to a proposal that was compliant to the municipal code.

Commissioner Maroko noted the property was approved as a landmark in 1994 and assumed through conversations with the Community Development Director that there was probably no post landmark inspection done of the property.

Planning Manager Scully said probably not.

Commissioner Maroko asked if it is correct to expect no post landmark inspection will be done.

Planning Manager Scully stated there will be multiple inspections when the permit is issued.

Commissioner Galassi referred back to the windows and asked how much of the side view is visible from the street.

Planning Manager Scully explained what can be seen from the sidewalk noted the southside windows of the home are not visible at all, just the trim and molding.

Commissioner Galassi wanted to confirm the home does not have a Mills Act contract.

Planning Manager Scully confirmed it does not have a Mills Act.

Some discussion followed regarding Mills Act and property taxes.

Commissioner Lang stated from the Google view the first window is definitely visible from the street and it is proposed to be a casement window, which look totally different from a double-hung window; asked to see the slide with the materials; commented that the side view is only blocked by bushes and those can be taken down at any point by the neighbors.

Commissioner Maroko moved to have the applicant or the applicant's agent speak.

Domingo Ottolia, the architect for the property, stated he is working with the owner who

purchased the property back in December 2024; noted their objective is to repair it and bring back its character while making the interior more contemporary; addressed the comparison of the double-hung versus the casement style windows and said they do not have any problems in making them all double-hung with the exception of the two front bedroom windows; explained that the egress size does not work if they make them double-hung unless they make them considerably wider but they wanted to keep similar proportions to the original and that is why they proposed the casement windows; referred back to Commissioner Galassi's question about the side windows and stated that was part of a one-story addition done back in the 60's and they are aluminum windows and they are trying to relocate those windows in a logical way so those rooms can be bedrooms and explained that the bigger window to the left of those windows is for the tub; requested that the Commission consider allowing them to use aluminum powder-coated clad on the exterior because they will last longer than wood; felt the Secretary of Interior Standard for Rehabilitation allows for it and read Section 6 of the Standard and gave his reasoning; stated the Commission could require a condition that Planning Manager Scully would need to review the window type before it gets approved.

Commissioner Lang mentioned it is a casement window and that the wood is inside.

Domingo Ottolia confirmed that is correct.

Commissioner Lang argued that the casement windows look very different from the double-hung windows; pointed out that the original windows are from 1912 and have held up well; asked if all windows are egress.

Domingo Ottolia responded that only the windows that are in a bedroom and do not have a door to the exterior are egress; mentioned that the original windows look fine from about 20 ft away but many are in disrepair with rot and mentioned that the older wood used was denser and held up better but new wood windows are not as dense and do not hold up as well.

Commissioner Lang commented that casement windows are less expensive than double-hung but Domingo Ottolia stated they are actually similar in cost.

Commissioner Maroko asked if staff was okay with the recommendations from the applicant's architect.

Planning Manager Scully noted they thought they would require them to stay with the existing materials and design throughout but stated it is not a significant alteration if it cannot be viewed from the right-of-way, however, in staff's opinion it leads to consistency issues and the integrity is diminished; reiterated that staff's recommendation is to keep all the windows wood double-hung and that is how the project is conditioned.

Commissioner Lang stated from what she viewed there are only two double-hung windows on the new plans asked if they planned on keeping the old ones.

Domingo Ottolia stated the hope is to repair or rebuild the old ones and have all new windows throughout the house but from the comments felt they could make all the

windows double-hung with the exception of the bedroom window but if that is not possible they can make the windows wider to accommodate the double-hung size for egress; argued aluminum-clad would last longer but understood it is up to the Commission to decide; offered to bring samples of the materials if the Commission was open to the option to show them that the look would be similar.

Commissioner Lang opined that double-hung windows are more appealing and would prefer to see that on the home; felt wood style windows should be a trend that is considered more often.

Domingo Ottolia stated they are using Sierra Pacific Windows and that they are a quality vendor; mentioned that the aluminum-clad are actually more expensive than the double-hung but felt for the preservation the aluminum-clad would be better.

Commissioner Maroko wanted to ask the property owner some questions and asked Pamela Sattler to come up; asked if her intention would be to seek a Mills Act contract.

Pamela Sattler stated she has read a bit about it and understood she would need to work with the Planning Department to get it done.

Commissioner Maroko asked if they need to put that in their resolution, to recommend to the Council to review whether the property should be Mills Act.

Planning Manager Scully said yes they could do that.

Commissioner Maroko asked how her relationship is with the neighbors, mentioning the homes on either side of her are also historic homes; pointed out that there is potential for a historic district.

Pamela Sattler mentioned the neighbor on the south side of her is excited to see her project start and mentioned the neighbors on the north side are very supportive of her project.

Commissioner Maroko asked her if she would be amenable to making her property part of a historical district.

Commissioner Galassi explained that a historical district is different than just one home being deemed a historical landmark and that it would be a grouping of properties together that would form a district; opined that her street would be ideal for it.

Pamela Sattler said she would be amenable to that.

Commissioner Maroko stated it would require her written consent and if she goes with the Mills Act contract he would ask that she sign a written consent so it can be part of the record for her property.

Discussion followed on where Pamela Sattler could find the information, and it would mean working with the Planning Department. Pamela Sattler was not agreeable to more

time added and commented that it has already been seven months; the Commission assured her that it would not add to her project time and that it is a separate process.

Commissioner Maroko asked for public comment.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no eComments and no one online.

Commissioner McCauley provided some feedback and stated he is fine with the aluminum windows; felt it does not take away from the design.

Commissioner Galassi provided her feedback and felt the owner would be happy if she pursued the Mills Act contract because it will help her with the upkeep of the home and gave more explanation; spoke of the need to preserve consistency with the City's ordinances and the Secretary of the Interior Standards and voiced support for the staff's recommendations.

Commissioner Rowe spoke in support of the architect's recommendations for aluminum windows; stated he is excited about the possibility of a historic district for that neighborhood.

Commissioner Lang echoed Commissioner Galassi's comments and mentioned she grew up in a historic district and it is very special; hoped the owner would pursue it with her neighbors and thanked her for taking on the project.

Commissioner Maroko echoed the comments made by all the Commissioners; mentioned that the resolution mentions the Commission makes findings but he didn't see what the findings were that they were supposed to make and asked staff if he is missing something.

Planning Manager Scully pulled up the resolution and showed the Commission where the findings were in the document.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Lang to close the public hearing.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported there were no eComments and no one online.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

Commissioner Maroko moved onto step 5 of the item; noted there were two proposals before them: 1) adopt the resolution as proposed by staff, and 2) adopt the resolution but add language with regards to the aluminum windows; suggested they take a vote for either aluminum windows or double-hung wooden; asked all in favor of aluminum windows and Commissioners McCauley and Rowe were in favor and Commissioners Galassi, Lang, and Maroko were opposed.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to adopt the resolution of the Public Amenities Commission of the City of Redondo Beach, California

approving a CEQA Exemption Declaration and Certificate of Appropriateness for rehabilitation, repair, removal of unpermitted shed, and tenant improvements of a landmark property at 519 South Catalina Avenue pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 10 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Maroko, Lang, Rowe, Galassi, McCauley

NOES: None

ABSENT: Caldwell, Yousufzai

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Chair Yousufzai were absent.

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA - None

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS- CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Maroko asked if there were any nominations for Chair.

It was clarified that the current Chair is Yousufzai and the current Vice Chair is Maroko; more discussion followed regarding the statues for the positions.

Library Director Vinke mentioned that the ordinances were discussed at the Council meeting, but it still needed to come back for a second reading and would take 30 days after that for it to be official.

Commissioner Maroko mentioned they will be under the old rules for now but it would likely change; asked for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Rowe nominated Commissioner Maroko for Chair; Commissioner Lang nominated Commissioner Galassi for Vice Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Maroko, Lang, Rowe, Galassi, McCauley

NOES: None

ABSENT: Caldwell, Yousufzai

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Yousufzai were absent.

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED WALK OF HISTORY TIMELINE SIGNS PROJECT AT DOMINGUEZ PARK

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director provided a PowerPoint presentation; provided the history of the project, noted it originated on September 21, 2022 through a subcommittee that recommended it to the former Historical Commission that approved it and then referred it to the former Recreation & Parks Commission (RPC); explained the intent of the proposal was to install historically significant timeline signs throughout the park; at the time it was approved and referred to the former RPC, staff provided a sample sign along with examples of historical items that could be listed on the signs; reported that, on May 10, 2023, a majority of commissioners voted to refer the item back to the Historical Commission to provide additional details and explained what other details they requested; reported that, on February 14, 2024, the former Historical Commission considered the referral but did not take any action on the item; stated the item came back before this Commission, at the request of Chair Maroko with support of other Commissioners, to consider whether it would like to resume discussions regarding this project to determine the preferred method for implementation.

Commissioner Galassi asked if there was ever a budget put together for the project.

Chair Maroko provided some background on the item; mentioned during the pandemic, since all the museums and Heritage Square were closed, the idea was to bring the museum outside so that kids and adults could still learn the history of the City; stated he worked on the mock up design which was originally quoted at \$200 to \$300 per sign but by the time it got back to the RPC it had gone up to \$500; stated at the time, cost was not a major factor; referred them to page 114 of the materials, under J.4 it was referred from the Historical Commission to the RPC since it had to do with the parks; mentioned he spoke to Commissioner McCauley about the item since he was formerly on the RPC and they decided 8 to 10 signs would be good; felt where the signs would go is more of a staff decision, the mock-up design can be discussed further by the Commission, and that the costs should not be too much of a factor; stated that the real decision is whether they want to move forward with it.

Commissioner Galassi understood why Dominguez Park was chosen for the location but wondered if other locations were considered.

Commissioner McCauley pointed out that Dominguez Park was chosen because of the historical significance of the area but the idea was to expand from there into other locations; the choice to start with 8 to 10 was just for the first location and more would be created as they moved to other locations; noted that the QR code they intended to put on the post of the sign would be a way to link them all together and provide more information than the sign would have.

Commissioner Galassi supported the idea and felt it would be great for when the Olympics happen and for visitors to understand the history of the City; questioned whether it was set to be at Dominguez Park.

Chair Maroko said if Dominguez Park was not an option there are other streets available, or the Esplanade would be a good location or they could put one in each park.

Commissioner McCauley pointed out that a lot of time, effort and discussions have gotten them to this point and recommended that they stick to what they currently have since it is complete; noted it is an open-ended project and can be added to in the future.

Commissioner Lang suggested if they do move forward with the project that they create a template so that if staff or the Commission were to turn over the new people would not have to start over if another Path of History marker were to be needed; opined that the QR code takes away from the screen-free learning; stated she is in support of the project.

Chair Maroko suggested that the QR code could provide an audio instead of written material.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she needed a recommendation and direction from the Commission on whether staff should move the item forward, and how they would prefer staff to approach the project.

Chair Maroko mentioned they have a Bringing History to the Community subcommittee already and if anyone wants to join there is one more spot open.

More discussion followed on the design of the marker.

Commissioner Galassi felt they should make sure they have enough bandwidth given all the subcommittees to get done what needs to be done; mentioned a lot of work still needed to be done for the Preservation Commission.

More discussion followed on the list of items they have to work on.

Commissioner Lang offered to consult on the subcommittee with the design and any other items needed.

Commissioner Rowe agreed that more text on the signs would be better for less phone use; worried that too many metal poles may create a dangerous environment for people running around.

Chair Maroko felt dogs peeing on the poles would pose more of a problem.

More discussion followed on the design and heights of the poles and signs and the safety of the people visiting the park.

Commissioner Rowe just wanted to make sure they considered all the possible situations when placing the markers.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, to move forward with the walking timeline and work with staff to come up with designs and/or cost estimates for the project.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Yousufzai were absent.

L.3. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

Library Director Vinke stated the list of committees was in the Administrative Report and also reported that Commissioner Lang was already on the Bringing History subcommittee; stated this item was added for a couple of reasons: 1) for updates since they were waiting to see if the ordinances would go through and be passed and 2) for updates on the subcommittees; noted there was a recommendation to bring the committees back as a whole to have a discussion but it is not currently on the agenda; stated that Council asked staff to get some clarification or description on what each subcommittee does but it does not need to be done that evening; noted that tonight anyone representing a subcommittee should provide an update on any progress.

Chair Maroko asked if they were reformulating.

Library Director Vinke stated they would bring back the subcommittees as a discussion item after the ordinances are passed; reported Council is in the process of reviewing the bylaws and rules for the Commission; stated that evening would just be for the updates from current subcommittees.

Chair Maroko mentioned that Council approved the first go round of the ordinances.

Library Director Vinke affirmed that and stated a second reading is needed and then 30 days after that it becomes official.

Chair Maroko stated they published the Purpose of the Intent; asked to drop the “sub” from subcommittees.

Library Director Vinke said sure and asked if they wanted to go through the list of committees.

Chair Maroko spoke of Minor Alterations being a requirement and asked Commissioner Galassi and Commissioner Lang if they wanted to continue with it.

They both stated they did. It was noted they have room for one more so one of the two absent commissioners could join.

Chair Maroko continued down the list to the Facilities User subcommittee, noted that Commissioners Lang, McCauley, and Galassi are on that committee.

Commissioner McCauley provided an update on the Facilities User subcommittee; mentioned he will begin the organization of the annual meeting with youth organizations to meet before Thanksgiving.

More discussion followed on the involvement of the various leagues, volunteers, and Public Works.

Commissioner McCauley pointed out one concern is over the power lines coming down on 190th and using that area for youth fields.

More discussion followed regarding other locations and their intended uses.

Commissioner Lang felt it was important to note that once the power lines come down, there will be a lot of interest in putting housing there and it would be worth it to gather data together on how many youth groups would be served there.

Commissioner McCauley noted that Redondo is “park poor” and the Quimby fees are required by developers that want to build in Redondo; spoke of Redondo needing to use the land that becomes available for the community and not housing development.

Commissioner Lang pointed out that she should have been noted as being on the Facilities User subcommittee and not Commissioner Galassi.

Chair Maroko asked for an update from Commissioner Rowe and Commissioner Caldwell (who was absent) on the Volunteer Acknowledgement Program.

Commissioner Rowe noted it is really a one-person committee, and he will provide some updates next month and will get some applications to the Commission within 30 days; supported the continuance of the committee.

Chair Maroko touched upon the Bringing History to the Community committee and stated that will continue; moved on to the Franklin Park Playground subcommittee, noted Commissioners Galassi, Lang, and Caldwell are on that subcommittee.

Commissioner Galassi mentioned Deputy Director Orta spoke about Franklin Park earlier and she had nothing to add but that the committee should continue on until the park is finished.

Chair Maroko felt that the Public Amenities Bylaw subcommittee was no longer needed since the ordinance and Code of Conduct is being covered already.

Library Director Vinke agreed and said they could opt to bring it back in the future if there was a concern.

Chair Maroko asked if the Alta Vista Park Pickleball subcommittee was needed.

Commissioner Galassi stated it needs to continue on and they have a round-table meeting scheduled for October 15th with Pickleball Ambassadors from surrounding towns to find out their successes and challenges; mentioned Director Orta and herself drew up some questions and the goal is to rollout the program successfully and figure out how to respect all the sports played there and the community; in response to Chair Maroko’s question, noted they have a Facebook page and are discussing other means of outreach.

Chair Maroko asked for input on any other subcommittees that might be needed.

Commissioner Galassi mentioned the discussions around the survey and that is it 30 years outdated; felt the Commission needs to come up with a recommendation to present to Council; spoke about the urgency, that there is already money allocated, that the public

has no idea how to designate their homes or if their homes are on the list, and that the Preservation Commission and staff have fallen behind; listed some ideas including updating the City website to make it easier for people to find the information on preservation, create a Preservation committee that assists in informational material including outreach, create a community-wide video to post on the website; and suggested that a Commissioner attend each district meeting to talk about preservation and the program; stated she would like to have a booth at the June Riviera festival for both Historical and Preservation; reiterated that she thinks the Commission needs to formally request that Council move that survey item up the list and noted that she went to take a look at a house on the list and it was not there because it had been demolished; felt they have a lot of work to do and recommended that they create a Preservation subcommittee to work on her suggestions.

Chair Maroko agreed with her recommendation and had a note to create a Research and Promotion of Historical Districts and Landmark Committee; noted that Sean O'Rourke would be leaving the City soon so a committee would be essential so research of designations would not be forgotten; felt they need something that can focus on researching the properties and then promoting it and explained what he has been doing to document properties; opined a Research and Promotion type of committee would be better and not a formal structure; asked if Commissioner Galassi had more on her list.

Commissioner Galassi disagreed and felt the committee should have several arms and would be able to help staff and take some work off of them since part of the problem is they are too busy to communicate to the public; suggested they could help with the mailers but noted the more important step is to approach the Council and that is why they need a subcommittee to come up with the recommendation, have it approved by the entire Commission, and then have it presented to Council.

Library Director Vinke interjected that he felt in order for it to be successful they should include input from the actual department to make sure what they are suggesting can be done; felt their concerns were warranted but would prefer to make sure they have the department present to speak on their concerns before moving forward in forming a subcommittee; suggested bringing it back as a discussion topic separately and what they need to focus on that evening is on current subcommittees.

Commissioner Lang asked if a staff person need to be present for a subcommittee to meet.

Library Director Vinke replied no.

Commissioner Lang referred to all the items Commissioner Galassi brought up and felt the problem is that staff does not have the time available to meet with them and give them direction; noted that since several commissions folded, they have all been taking on a lot of extra work; suggested they put all their preservation ideas down and all the holes they are missing when they are trying to make decisions, and then approach staff with all of it; opined that if they brought staff in before putting it all down it would just cause more work for them; felt comfortable creating the subcommittee and meeting a couple of times and

then presenting to staff their information, ideas and requests; spoke of the house on Harper and that it was surveyed and rated using a “street-view observation”.

Commissioner McCauley pointed out that they are under the old rules still and can go ahead and form the subcommittee and do what needs to be done in the meantime and then staff can advise them; stated since they are getting rid of one subcommittee they could in the same motion add the new subcommittee.

Chair Maroko stated what he hoped would come from this discussion was their ideas for other committees because everyone has limited bandwidth; mentioned he looked at old minutes and saw that there was an Education Committee that did exactly the same thing that is being proposed; noted that another reason he wanted those minutes in there is because he answered a lot of questions like should they be proactive or reactive and felt that they are at a crossroads where they would like to be more proactive; recommended the Commissioners throw out ideas for the possible committees and either have the discussion that evening about them or table it, as the liaison suggested, until the next meeting; noted that everything that Commissioner Galassi mentioned is in the new stuff for the Commission.

Commissioner Galassi referenced a previous meeting that had the Preservation Plan before them as part of the agenda packet; reported she studied it and realized there is a lot they are not doing that the Preservation Plan details and that is part of their predicament; noted the objective is to strengthen their program and to make sure they are doing the right thing for the preservation program.

Chair Maroko asked Commissioner McCauley if he had any ideas for a committee that falls under Parks and Rec, Historical, Preservation, or Library.

Commissioner McCauley felt committees serve the purpose well because there is only so much bandwidth the Commission has; mentioned that the preservation issues are extensive and when presented at meetings they gobble up a lot of time and felt a committee would help expedite issues; didn't feel another committee was needed for rec and parks; supported forming the committee for preservation and eliminating the Public Amenities Bylaw committee mentioned earlier.

Commissioner Rowe commented that he is learning that people don't know about historic designations and Mills Act; asked how many houses are historic landmarks.

Chair Maroko replied 115 and also responded to Commissioner Rowe's next question on the number of possible designations, stating about 1400 and that the number will skyrocket when they add the next time period of 1950 to 1975.

Commissioner Rowe stated that he would be interested in the outreach to let people know of the eligibility they have ahead of them but had no other committees to add.

Commissioner Lang stated she had no other subcommittees to add but wanted to continue to form committees for play structures and parks for the community as needed.

Chair Maroko spoke about the Park Ranger committee from the Recs and Parks Commission; noted it pops up but then gets buried and felt it would be important for the parks to have someone be a resource for people.

Commissioner Lang reported that she was on that subcommittee but it became an issue trying to work with everyone's schedules to meet; felt it would be more productive to have a couple committee members meet and do research ahead of time.

Chair Maroko felt it was still worthwhile to pursue the Park Ranger committee and added that a Tree Landmark committee is needed to develop the canopy ordinances for recommendation to the Council and to possibly landmark some trees and develop protocols to recommend to the Council; spoke about trees that have been taken down on various streets in Redondo and felt it is important to have some type of Tree Landmark committee and progress from there if they get feedback from the community; noted that he had mentioned, two meetings ago, that they need to have a recognition program for landmarks; reported looking into creating a brick with the City's logo, landmark designation, and the year it was landmarked and received an estimate from the City on the cost of taking a piece of concrete out and putting the brick in; stated, about 8 to 10 meetings ago, he would continue doing research on properties and put together history on them; noted he is working on 1224 because he felt the professional report missed a lot of the history and needs to be supplemented; stated that is something he can offer to Community Development and if they tell the Commission about projects they can start working on getting them historical information; felt what he mentioned shouldn't cause too much detriment for at least a year; recommended that they keep the committees they have currently with the exception of eliminating the Public Amenities Bylaw committee, then bring to the next agenda the additional committees and any others, noting the two Commissioners not present tonight will be able to add their input; offered to work with Commissioner Galassi to flush out her proposal and make it less threatening to staff.

Commissioner Galassi stated her intent is to be a vehicle through which staff can achieve more and welcomed getting together to come up with a more succinct and well-worded recommendation to present to staff.

More discussion followed regarding the intent of the Commission and the frustrations they feel getting nowhere on the same topics or items.

Motion by Commissioner Maroko, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, to agendize the actual formation of new committees and review the minutes for the ideas mentioned and present it at the next meeting.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Yousufzai were absent.

Motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Chair Maroko, to eliminate the Public Amenities Bylaws subcommittee.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Yousufzai were absent.

Chair Maroko asked Library Director Vinke to notify Commissioners Yousufzai and Caldwell that they are looking at forming new committees at the next meeting.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Library Director Vinke stated it is National Banned Book Week and they have a display at the library; reported some have thought they are banning books but the message is the opposite of that and are in support of intellectual freedom.

Per the request of Chair Maroko, Library Director Vinke reported on the District 4 meeting, noted he was asked to speak about the events at the library by Councilmember Obagi and fielded questions; appreciated the opportunity.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Galassi spoke about the sensory rooms at the library that were mentioned at the District 4 Community Meeting; stated they are adaptive semi-secluded rooms and mentioned people could search Harbor Gateway Sensory Rooms and find more information; asked Director Vinke if the City was pursuing them.

Library Director Vinke reported the Staff Report contained a preliminary investigation identifying funding options, locations, and resources and they are pursuing it especially for the Main Library.

Commissioner Galassi brought up literacy for adults.

Library Director Vinke reported he has met up with the South Bay Literacy Council a few times this year and they have had some interactions at the library as well as provided literacy instruction to adults; stated he is hoping to establish a more formal relationship with them for the Redondo Beach libraries; reported they are a non-profit organization and their goal is adult literacy and they welcome any volunteers.

Commissioner Galassi asked if there is any way to have a link under Community on the City's website that could go directly to the Historic Preservation Program.

Library Director Vinke said he could get that communicated.

Chair Maroko commented that everything they do does not need a staff report, noted that if they agendaize an item they can't discuss it until it's put on the agenda and that can take months; wondered if they could use a Commissioner Report to agendaize an item so they can discuss it sooner and decide if it is worth pursuing.

Library Director Vinke mentioned the Commission did that with the Dawidziak dedication and so it is possible; stated ideally if there is a particular item that is not designated to a committee but the Commission wants to agendaize it, they can work with him, as Liaison, on a timeline to bring it forward and try to include a departmental liaison if possible; confirmed that a Staff Report is not needed.

Chair Maroko spoke about the Google doc they have created with all the different projects the Commission is working on and felt that if they could agendaize them it would keep it there for them to discuss, or seek guidance from the Commission on next steps, or they can present it to staff for their guidance; asked if there was a way to do that so they could keep things moving forward.

Library Director Vinke requested to take it under advisement; reported that staff did review the minutes, created a list, and have been working with the departments to get feedback; noted that many of the items are in the process of being addressed or have been addressed already; stated that the Commission had made a lot of progress on projects and has been effective at balancing working with the staff.

Chair Maroko asked if there is some way the Community Development Department can provide the Commission with the materials before the agenda is published regarding the Notice of Public Hearing posted on people's homes so they can study it and decide a plan of action; noted that since it is already public information they would not be violating the Brown Act.

Library Director Vinke responded that he would need to confirm with the department but felt it would be a good idea.

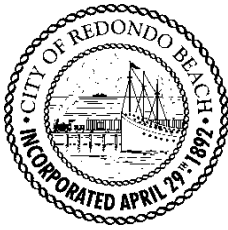
O. ADJOURNMENT – 9:16 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. to the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission, which will be a Regular Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 12, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach

Motion carried 5-0-2 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell and Yousufzai were absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Dana Vinke
Library Director



Minutes
Regular Meeting
Public Amenities Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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: Lang, Galassi, Rowe, Yousufzai, Chair Maroko, Caldwell (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: McCauley

Officials Present: Dana Vinke, Library Director
Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director
Becca McNeely, Library Coordinator

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Galassi led the Commissioners in the salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Director Vinke suggested the Commission consider the discussion for L.3 go before L.2.

Chair Maroko stated they may create a committee for it and did not move the item.

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

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

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER

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

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

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

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025

F.2. Chair Maroko moved this item for further discussion

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

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

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.5. Chair Maroko moved this item for further discussion

Chair Maroko moved F.2 and F.5 from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to approve Consent Calendar items F.1, F.3, and F.4 and exclude F.2 and F.5 for further discussion.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

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

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

F.2. APPROVE THE REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 13 AND OCTOBER 8, 2025

Chair Maroko commented that the minutes for August were not consistent with what happened at the meeting, he requested they be revised and also submitted a revision he wrote; noted the minutes are more expanded and wanted to know the process.

Director Vinke responded that, with his recommendations, staff asked the minutes secretary to revise the minutes of August 13th and those are the minutes that have been submitted in the Blue Folder that evening for their comments and approval.

Chair Maroko noted it included Ordinance 3298-25 which states staff shall maintain a true copy of the correct record and not the City Clerk.

Director Vinke noted once it is voted upon, staff will submit it to the City Clerk, and it gets uploaded to Granicus so the public can view them.

Chair Maroko asked if it was Director Vinke's direction to submit it to the City Clerk.

Director Vinke stated they wanted to give the minutes secretary the opportunity to revise it and bring it back; noted any edits the Commission would like can be made, and once it is approved by the Commission, staff can sign off and submit them to the City Clerk's office.

More discussion followed regarding what was added to the revised minutes.

Commissioner Yousufzai asked if the minutes were generated through Granicus or if they were produced manually.

Director Vinke stated they are done manually through the City Clerk's office; noted that there are video and transcripts for the public to view.

More discussion followed on where to find the transcripts.

Chair Maroko asked everyone to go to the page with the Local Government Annual Report; mentioned in his revisions there were dates associated with it and now they are in the second CLG and the Community Development Director reflects on that and there is one report that is now eight months delinquent and that date needed to be included, which was September 30, 2024 before the new Commission was formed; noted that the original minutes version greatly expanded on the revised version for item L.2; stated in the section regarding Wilderness Park he voted on making a recommendation to have Wilderness Park considered but the minutes stated they were voting on it and not voting on the recommendation; referenced a response made by the Community Development Director, mentioned it sounded a bit "terse", and suggested that be looked at and revised to the amendments he drafted; informed Commissioner Lang a lot of what she asked about was expanded on.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to table the August 13, 2025 minutes to the next meeting so all the Commissioners would have a chance to review the revised minutes.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion carried 5-1-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell opposed. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Galassi, to table the October 8, 2025 minutes, to the next meeting.

Motion carried 5-1-1 by voice vote. Commissioner Caldwell abstained since he was not at that meeting. Commissioner McCauley was absent.

F.5. RECEIVE AND FILE AMENDED ORDINANCES UPDATING SECTIONS OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Chair Maroko wanted to note some fully replaced ordinances and some were amendments made to the previous ordinances so recommended the Commission look at both until it is published; highlighted Ordinance 3298-25 (on page 73), section 2.9-111 which limits and restricts the scope of powers and duties of commissioners and noted it is consistent with what Commissioner Caldwell pointed out; mentioned subsection A and spoke about commissions being an advising and recommending body; read section B of

the new ordinance and felt there was some ambiguity in that sentence; reported speaking to Deputy Community Services Director Orta regarding section B and stated they need to be clear when they recommend something that it is not a demand.

Commissioner Galassi referenced Ordinance 3304-25; stated she is still unclear on item 1 which says, “public recreation related entertainment” and asked what falls under that.

Deputy Community Development Director Orta stated she did not want to put words in the mouth of the City Council members but her understanding is that it involves events at the Historical Museum or Citywide including the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center and felt the word “entertainment” is being used as a really broad use of the term.

Commissioner Galassi asked if those meant events coming from her office and Deputy Director Orta stated yes.

Chair Maroko felt it crossed over with Cultural Arts and asked if her office would direct whose lane the event fell under. Deputy Director Orta responded yes.

Commissioner Galassi spoke about the section that asks the Commission to provide recommendations to the City Council at the end of the year for the annual budget related to recreational programming across the City through the City Manager; asked if the City could provide more transparency and more frequent reports with numbers so they can understand the outcomes of programs that have been initiated so they know how to move in that direction.

Deputy Community Development Director Orta spoke of the complexity of their financial reporting and the internal details involved in their numbers; felt it would be easier to show them reports for special projects, such as the pickleball courts at Alta Vista; cautioned the Commission on expecting large scale regular financial reports, not because they don’t have it but because the Commission would not have the context of where the numbers came from and could cause confusion; recommended staff provide reports as projects come up so they have the context; referenced Commissioner Galassi’s initial question on the budget, spoke of high level information that would be helpful for them to have from the month prior that the City Manager brings and staff can provide to them; stated with all the City’s programs and projects it is difficult to respond directly to her question.

Commissioner Galassi stated the Commission would like to do their job well and in order to comment on items they would need to fully understand what they are saying and that is the motivation behind her question.

Deputy Community Development Director Orta stated her goal is the same and would like to provide them with the information so they can comment on items; offered to meet offline to discuss any ideas that would help the Commission in the future.

Chair Maroko stated in L.2 he will make a referral to draft a wish list to give to the City on things they would like to get so they are prepared when it comes time to submit their ideas; spoke of the CIP discussions happening in January so it would be good for them

to start thinking about it and be prepared.

Commissioner Galassi referenced Ordinance 3305-25, section 10-4.302 and stated she wanted to bring it to everyone's attention because the eligibility of resources are 50 year-old homes, and some exceptional 30 year-old homes that could be threatened by demolition, removal, relocation, or inappropriate alterations; confirmed that it included all properties up to 1975; noted the City's survey did not include those houses but asked if properties up to that date could be brought before the Commission.

Chair Maroko responded to Commissioner Galassi saying the answer to her question is in 3305 in the definitions; Chair Maroko stated he had a question for the Community Development Director regarding potential historic resource on page 83 of the 3305 section that says it does come before the Commission if: 1) It is listed in the City Historic Resources Inventory, or 2) with certain parameters listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and/or 3) has been evaluated pursuant to CEQA determined by the Community Development Director to meet the criteria listed in 1 and 2; wondered how the Community Development Director determined what properties go before the Commission and commented that it was a way to expand the Resource List without having to do the Resource List; commented that when they get to Referrals from Staff that was one of the questions he had and noted that Councilmember Kaluderovic is in the audience and would be able to take it back to the Council for clarification.

Commissioner Lang referenced 3298-25 under Subcommittees and wanted to clarify the term dates of formed subcommittees; stated she is on the Facility Users Subcommittee, which does ongoing work and wondered if it needed to be renewed every year or could be ongoing.

Chair Maroko noted when they get to L.2 that would be part of the discussion; spoke of a committee that he has full discretion over but does not have to have the approval of the Commission for it; stated he is going to make a recommendation when they get to L.2 that they discuss terms and lanes they are in.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported on public comments online.

Library Director Vinke noted that Council approved the amendments to the Ordinances on October 14th, they would take affect on November 15th and, from that date forward, all Boards and Commissions will be governed by those Ordinances and the Municipal Code sections and Council crafted the regulations to simplify administration and clarify the purpose and purview of each Commission; noted that the Code of Conduct will also be adopted and the City Clerk will arrange for some training for Commissioners and Liaisons.

Councilmember Kaluderovic stated she will take back to Council the questions they had about the Resource List.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments online.

Motion by Chair Maroko (no one seconded the motion) to receive and file the amended

Ordinances.

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

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Library Coordinator McNeely reported on one online and no eComments.

Kathy McLeod, 50-year resident, voiced her support for naming the park at Herondo in honor of Bill Brand; spoke of him being the heart of the City and should be part of his legacy.

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. RECEIVE AND FILE FINAL DESIGN FOR THE FRANKLIN PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROJECT PROVIDE INPUT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE FINAL DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED FRANKLIN PARK PLAYGROUND

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Deputy Community Services Director explained the purpose of the item she is bringing before the Commission and provided a presentation; noted in the FY 2024-25 budget the City allocated \$500,000 to replace the current playground with an all-abilities playground, which would be the first of its kind in Redondo Beach; stated the stakeholder group was comprised of park users, occupational therapists, developmental professionals, parents and families of children with disabilities, and Franklin Park Subcommittee members; noted it was created by Councilmember Kaluderovic and City staff and they met, discussed, and worked to develop the proposed playground; provided a slide which showed an aerial view of the playground along with details of the structure including ramps and stand-alone activities; provided a colored version of the design elements and noted that colors were selected to be inviting but not too colorful for those with visual sensitivities and also blends in with the existing structures that will remain; provided examples of the sensory boards and other sensory types of equipment; explained the various types of sensory equipment and ramps available throughout the playground; reported that in addition to the funds from the FY 2024-25 budget the LA Kings Foundation donated \$75,000 and the City was awarded the GameTime/CPRS Grant of \$99,060 (which was a 50% discount on the equipment for the order); stated the project cost is \$390,000 so they expect to be under budget by \$185,000 even without the additional funding; spoke of the playground having

an LA Kings inspired scavenger hunt (In appreciation for their donation) with a crown featuring an LA Kings logo and a paw print for their mascot Bailey, noted there will be a message board for the scavenger hunt activity and will not impede the maneuverability of visitors; stated they are hoping to complete the project by late spring or early summer 2026 which would include: approval of the final design from Council, contract execution, demolition, fabrication, shipping, and installation; recommended the Commission receive and file the proposed Franklin Park playground design and provide input for the City Council's consideration; reported more images were included in the packet; noted her appreciation to Councilmember Kaluderovic for all her work and support for this item.

Commissioner Lang reported they had a snafu with the subcommittee because Commissioner Caldwell allowed Commissioner Lang to step in but it did not get back to staff so she was only able to participate in one meeting; noted that Commissioner Galassi did attend all of the meetings.

Commissioner Galassi felt it was important for the public to know why swings were not included in the design and stated it was because they were working with such a small footprint; stated they decided it would be better to have more elements and ability for kids to move around; noted swings are available at the schools; excited to report she counted nine perimeter amenities; asked what benefit the shadow play element provided besides casting colored shadows and if it could be reconsidered.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated staff is not set on any elements at this point and brought this item forward for the Commission's input; noted that the shadow play element does not move it just provides color.

Commissioner Galassi asked if another element could be put there instead.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained that any piece that moves or has some sort of interactivity with a child needs to have a fall zone; stated where the shadow play element is does not have a fall zone, but they could replace it with something else as long as it is not moving or requires a child to move with it.

Commissioner Galassi requested clarification on the funding and asked if the \$390,000 included the CPRS grant.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated it does include the CPRS grant.

Commissioner Galassi noted even with that included the playground still came under budget and deducted that the project itself is costing \$315,000 including the grant and the \$75,000.

Commissioner Lang referenced the subcommittee meeting of September 16, 2025, and asked if the design presented that evening was the same design presented at the September meeting.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta responded that it was the same design.

Commissioner Lang pointed out that not all kids will have access to the school's swings since it is not open to the public; asked the make up of the "park users" included in the stakeholder discussion and how input was received.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated that they were part of the stakeholders' group and many wore several "hats"; noted some were occupational or developmental therapists that have children with disabilities and frequent the park.

Commissioner Lang felt it was unclear whether the two professionals invited have children themselves and if they frequent that park or other parks in the area.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta could not remember at that moment if the two professionals have children or not but did know at least one family there had a child with a disability.

Commissioner Lang stated she shared with the subcommittee that she would like to see taller climbing objects for other kids that are able to use it and needed more strenuous activity for their output and mental growth; mentioned Redondo Beach is park poor so it would be good to utilize the space; noticed that nothing was added from her comments from that meeting and felt it was fine but wanted to share her feedback that evening again; felt it is important that the City get feedback from everyone that might be using the parks when they design the parks.

Commissioner Caldwell commented that he loved the design and was happy to see the City pursued the LA Kings' donation and the grant; mentioned the Friendship Foundation is close by and wondered if the City was going to pursue any partnership with them; referenced the aerial maps from the presentation, noted that after the park is completed there will be more visitors and children, and opined it would be a great opportunity to upgrade the park in general; mentioned the drinking fountains near the play structure and commented that they can have those upgraded by contacting the water district which may save them money as well.

Commissioner Rowe referenced the aerial view map and asked if Deputy Community Services Director Orta could explain what the "communication panel" feature.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated there are various types of communication panels and gave an example of a child who may not be able to speak and the communication panel could provide a hand signal as a hello as well as other sign language.

Commissioner Rowe support the shadow play element, and asked for more explanation on the fidget panel.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta explained it would have objects that spin and move for interactive play.

Chair Maroko referenced page 4 of the presentation and asked if the street shown was where the colonnades were.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated the 4 blue shade structures replaced the trellises that were there before.

Chair Maroko asked if the surface would be polyurethane.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta reported that it would be the rubberized material that they have in their other parks.

Chair Maroko asked if she had a picture of the spinners because he pictured them as the play equipment kids used to spin and run around to jump on.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta pulled up an example and explained they are bucket seats that two children can sit on and they control it from the center.

Chair Maroko referenced page 3 and asked about the boards on the right of the picture.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta noted one will most likely be where the LA Kings' scavenger hunt board will be placed and the other board will be another sensory panel.

Chair Maroko asked if there were areas for the parents to sit down.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta noted there will be benches for people to sit under the 4 blue shade structures mentioned earlier.

Chair Maroko asked what the maximum capacity of the park would be.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she did not have that answer but could ask the developer if they had the answer but felt there may not be an answer to that question.

Chair Maroko pointed out an area he recommended would be a good place to put the City logo; noted that Franklin Park used to be called El Nido Gardens and wondered about the possibility of having a history overlay zone or making that whole area a historic district; asked if it was possible to add a history of Franklin Park somewhere in the general area.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated there would be a possibility of a sign and if the Commission and City Council would like staff to incorporate that into the project that is something they can do.

Commissioner Lang asked if there would be signage explaining the elements in the park and that it is an all-abilities park.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated there is a standard sign that GameTime provides for all-inclusive playgrounds.

Commissioner Lang suggested having a sign that provides some background and context behind the park and also featuring it on the City's website would inform others outside the community of the all-abilities playground; felt it would be a good way to honor everyone's hard work.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no one online and no eComments.

Councilmember Kaluderovic, District 3, thanked the Commissioners that participated in the working group; reported that neighbors that were either parents or grandparents of special needs children that frequented the park were part of the process; noted they also collaborated with the Friendship Campus so that colors did not clash with the playground; spoke of her neighbor, Warren, who explained to her the history of the park and how it was originally designed by the residents; stated they did not want the original footprint to change which is why they did not change the size; explained that the park is designed so that adults are not worried about any dangers that could cause injury to a child and could relax; stated they had a big discussion regarding swings but the swings required a big buffer zone and would consume the entire space; excited about sharing the space with the LA Kings; felt great points were made regarding the shadow play element and mentioned games could be played with the colors casted; stated the water fountain had been recently updated but only part of it and welcomed the suggestion made by Commissioner Caldwell; reported all the shade structures, benches, and trash cans had been upgraded and the playground is the final element; noted there is no specific parking for the park and that can become a challenge; liked the idea of the City logo from Chair Maroko and the history through a QR code or a sign; thanked the Commission for all the work that they do.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to receive and file the report for the all-abilities playground at Franklin Park.

Deputy Community Services Director Orta stated she would take all the input given by the Commission to the City Council and a formal motion for that was not needed.

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

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION'S CURRENT AND PROPOSED COMMITTEES.

Chair Maroko reported the Community Development Director was present and they would go through and form their subcommittees and welcome any input he had to offer; noted they have six current subcommittees; stated, as mentioned by Commissioner Lang, Ordinance 3298-25 requires a task limit on subcommittees and recommended they end them on September 30th but may roll some over year after year; stated on 3305 there is a discussion regarding the Minor Alteration Subcommittee, which states the Chair shall appoint the staff liaison and two members of the Commission (one of which should be an architecture if available) on that subcommittee; felt that was unfair to Director Vinke, as the liaison, and suggested they go back to the Council and have it changed to be "staff liaison or designee"; asked if anyone on the Commission has any experience in architecture.

Commissioner Lang stated she is not an architect but has background in the field and is

currently serving on that subcommittee.

Chair Maroko asked if any other Commissioner wanted to serve on the Minor Alteration Subcommittee.

Commissioner Galassi stated she would like to remain serving on that subcommittee.

Chair Maroko reviewed the rest of the current subcommittees: the Facilities Users Subcommittee (which currently has Commissioners Yousufzai, McCauley, and Lang), Commissioner Lang felt it was important to keep that one; Volunteer Acknowledgement Program (which currently has Commissioners Rowe and Caldwell), Commissioner Rowe noted they have budget and hardware for that and they should keep it; Bringing History to the Community Subcommittee Chair Maroko felt it covers a lot and should remain; Franklin Park Playground Subcommittee, Commissioner Galassi felt they should keep it until Council votes on the final design; Alta Vista Park Pickleball Subcommittee needed to remain; referenced Ordinance 3304-25 on page 77 of the materials, which helps spell out the formation of committees but pointed out in 2-9.15.03, under Historical Resources and Amenities, he wanted them to notice that “recommend” is the extent of the scope of the Commission; stated under Preservation they can conduct public hearings, review, and render decisions but for the most part it is review and recommend; stated he was unclear about B.4 that says adopt prescriptive standards to be used by the Commission and asked the Community Development Director to clarify the meaning.

Community Development Director Marc Wiener responded that he was not sure and needed to get back to the Commission with an answer.

Chair Maroko stated it was unusual given the fact that the Commission can’t direct staff to do anything and they may not be in agreement with the standards if they adopt their own.

Community Development Director Wiener agreed and noted that any standards adopted, or code amendments would be a legislative act that would come from the Council; stated he would look into the background on it and get back to the Commission.

Chair Maroko asked everyone to go to the next page, where it says “6. Review and make recommendations on Preservation documents.”; reported that Commissioner Galassi provided materials in regard to part of it, which recommended to the City Council a program of incentives for preservation of historic resources; felt the Commission could provide ideas and recommendations but the Community Development Department would ultimately figure out if the recommendations are viable or not.

More discussion followed that the next item would explore ways to accomplish promoting historic preservation, funding, and tax incentives offered.

Chair Maroko asked if he could get the clarification on it so that they would know the scope of what they are doing; moved on to No. 9, stated it is review and comment on proposed modifications and regulations regarding land-use, housing, and redevelopment

and wondered if it was a duplicate of what the Planning Commission is doing and wanted clarification on that; referenced No. 10 noted it was to recommend consultants and studies and didn't feel it was something their Commission looked at.

Commissioner Lang wondered if it meant recommending a study or an updated survey for the preservation plan.

Chair Maroko commented that their recommendation would go to the Community Development Department or to City Council if we decided that; referenced No. 11 is to cooperate with other local, county, state, and federal government and stated obviously they have a duty to cooperate but with staff's direction on it.

Commissioner Lang understood the City is required to have a Preservation Commission and felt the items Chair Maroko was covering come from that requirement.

Community Development Director Wiener stated as a certified local government they are required to and said some of the duties may have been derived from that or something that the State Office of Historic Preservation had recommended at the time; stated he would have to look into the background of some of the items; felt the way it has been established here it envisions the Commission having an active role in some of the projects and duties in promoting and maintaining the program.

Chair Maroko referenced No. 12 and felt it is contradictory and mentioned the Commission is not allowed to represent to the outside world certain things but they are responding and providing written responses; asked if staff would let them know if it was okay to respond or not; stated he had trouble with the whole section.

Community Development Director Wiener appreciated this being pointed out and stated he would take a closer look; mentioned it was possible it was carried over from what was previously written and wasn't looked over closely enough; stated they would take a closer look, take it back to Council, and craft it to align with the Commission's duties.

Chair Maroko spoke about the rec and park duties under the Commission and noted it is, again, only advisory and recommendations to the City Council; mentioned the Library Department runs efficient and has its own funding sources but if they needed the Commission's input they can provide it during the library report or at budget time; circled back to the list of subcommittees:

- Facilities Users: Commissioners McCauley (absent), Yousufzai, and Lang stated they would like to keep that subcommittee; Chair Maroko asked if they saw any possible tie-ins to the new powers and duties section; discussion followed regarding where the duties fall under; Commissioner Lang explained that the youth sports uses City fields as well as School District fields and the Facility Users acts as a liaison between City park staff, the School District staff, and youth leagues to come up with solutions; Chair Maroko confirmed that it fell into sections C.1, C.2, and C.3.
- Volunteer Acknowledgement and Program: Commissioners Rowe and Caldwell

are currently on the subcommittee; Chair Maroko asked them to explain what it is and how it ties into their duties; Commissioner Caldwell stated he didn't know the history but felt it brings great value to the City by having the community nominate people and encourage people to continue to do great things; Commissioner Rowe stated the program was started by a previous Recs and Park Commissioner, felt the program has been very beneficial, they currently have a couple of applications, and the program is active; mentioned their goal is to find volunteers that go above and beyond and recognize them with an award; Chair Maroko felt it falls under subset C.3 (stimulate interest in the recreation program and collaborate with people); Commissioner Yousufzai felt it fell under subset C.1 and asked Commissioner Rowe if he thought they should expand the program into all areas under the PAC; Commissioner Rowe commented that they received applications from other areas and the City steered them back into Recs and Parks; Commissioner Yousufzai asked if that was before they consolidated their Commission; more discussion followed that it was done prior to the consolidation of other commissions into the current PAC; Chair Maroko asked Director Vinke if that would be a recommendation staff could take to the City Manager or if it needed to be agendaized; Director Vinke stated he would need to get more direction and feedback and could bring it back but if they wanted to continue the subcommittee for that evening's purpose they could do that; Chair Maroko received confirmation that they wanted to continue the subcommittee and also add Commissioner Yousufzai to the group; Commissioner Rowe provided an example of candidates for the library and that they were not able to acknowledge them since it was not in their purview; Director Vinke suggested the Commission continues the program "as is" and will get more direction to see if the Library can be tied into the program.

Chair Maroko spoke of items that do not necessarily need staff input initially and stated they can do a commissioner report instead; spoke of the issues he has with agendaizing the topic and not being able to speak about it until staff brings it back.

Discussion between Chair Maroko and Director Vinke followed; Director Vinke stated, when possible, staff always wants to support Commissioners but there is only so much they can provide; noted Commissioners can have discussions through their subcommittees and bring it back for further review; recommended designating a department and a liaison in the beginning as a potential contact moving forward even if they are not present at the discussion just to guide the process.

Chair Maroko commented that he doesn't have a problem agendaizing the topic without having staff input until they actually flush out the discussion.

Director Vinke recommended that they choose a department, or things might overlap into other departments, it would be better to know where it falls when the topic is brought back.

- Bringing History to the Community: Chair Maroko stated it all falls under historical Part A, and partially under Part B regarding the markers on historical districts; asked Commissioners Lang and McCauley (absent) if they wanted to continue on;

Commissioner Lang stated she hasn't done any work on it but would be happy to remain on it.

- Alta Vista Pickleball: Commissioner Galassi stated part of their charge is to assist in the development of recreation for the City, noted that pickleball will be a new program at Alta Vista, drew on her own experiences as a pickleball players, felt observing best practices in regards to signage, times, culture, pricing for reservations of other facilities is important to have a successful program; spoke of analyzing the information and working with Deputy Community Services Director Orta; felt it was important to continue the subcommittee.

Chair Maroko reported they are all in agreement with the six subcommittees they currently have continuing with the current staffing and having an end date of September 30, 2026.

Director Vinke suggested clarifying the subcommittee's goals for transparency for the public.

Chair Maroko suggested each subcommittee could provide goals in writing at the next meeting.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to have the six subcommittees formed, staffed with the names of each subcommittee, adding Commissioner Yousufzai to the Volunteer Acknowledgment, with an end date of September 30, 2026.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

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

More discussion followed regarding the ability for each subcommittee to establish preliminary goals in writing.

Chair Maroko turned the floor over to Commissioner Galassi.

Commissioner Galassi stated if they looked under L.4 they would find the Preservation Plan Subcommittee rational that she prepared and noted that she put together work that she felt was attainable in a modest amount of time but needed to be addressed now; reported she outlined a number of issues and ideas in her report that have not been addressed and expanded on some of the issues, especially community outreach; spoke of the need to inform the community of the programs and where to find information, the pride in designation of landmarked properties, Mills Act contracts, and other opportunities for engagement; suggested a program for properties with a historic designation to have a brick embedded in the sidewalk in front of the home and develop a funding for it; included a recommendation to Council for a full review and update of the Preservation Plan; felt a subcommittee or subcommittees could be formed to undertake this item.

Chair Maroko noted it falls under the Community Development Department and would need their direction to proceed; asked Director Wiener if there was anything his

department wanted the Commission to assist with in regards to historical preservation since all the recommendations they offer would go to his department according to the ordinance; noted in October his department brought on John Ciampa as a resource consultant; referenced Mr. Ciampa's resume is extensive and wondered if Director Wiener could give them some insight into whether his department would need their help.

Community Development Director Wiener noted in the next item they would be discussing forming a subcommittee for the purpose of doing outreach and marketing; suggested wrapping up this item first and then moving on to the next item.

Chair Maroko stated he doesn't mind moving onto L.3 as long as they go back to L.2 because he felt the Commission needed to hear his views before wrapping up L.2.

L.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE BENEFITS OF OWNING A LANDMARK PROPERTY AND APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH OUTREACH EFFORTS.

Community Development Director Wiener stated he envisioned the Commission appointing a subcommittee to assist with the outreach and education of the program; mentioned some of the ideas he had in mind for the outreach and education portion would be to update and modernize the City's website, making it more user friendly and also creating a brochure and mailers, or an ad in the newspaper; noted some of the outreach should focus on informing historic property owners of the process once they are historic, what it means, and post examples of projects that have gone through the process; stated he is open to any ideas from the Commission; noted a broader policy discussion is scheduled in December or January on the historic preservation with Council and he will have clearer direction to bring back to the Commission after that; opined that the Preservation Plan is outdated, not internally consistent, and even the ordinance itself has conflicts with itself; felt based on the Commission's list of duties it would be in the Commission's purview to provide policy direction or recommendations but needs Council direction to confirm his thoughts; stated, regardless of policy decisions, doing outreach and education is needed because the City will continue to have the Historic Preservation Program, it will still be voluntary by the property owners, and the City wants to continue encouraging and promoting it; spoke about his experience with the program since he has been with the City and felt with outreach the number of applications would increase; mentioned he would work with the subcommittee and it would be fun to combine their efforts.

Chair Maroko gathered from the discussion that Director Wiener is open to their input for outreach, but they would not be doing the actual outreach unless the department wanted them to.

Community Development Director Wiener stated he envisioned the committee would be assisting staff with some of the work; noted they are short staffed and felt it would be helpful if the committee could assist with the layout of the website, possibly create the

brochure, write the letter, or do something with the newspaper; suggested a newsletter that highlights a landmark property and provides the history and background of it if the property owner gives them permission; opined spotlighting the properties would give them some presence in the community; stated the subcommittee would be an extension of staff in the effort.

Chair Maroko confirmed Director Wiener would want an Outreach Subcommittee that would work with him or his department and mentioned they would want recognition component; mentioned the brown sign designating the home historic or the brick in the ground but that they need to identify a funding mechanism for it; asked Commissioner Galassi if she had anything to add.

Commissioner Galassi suggested working together to create the silos and then decide how to divvy the work.

Community Development Director Wiener agreed with the suggestion; mentioned once the subcommittee is formed, they could meet, develop a work plan, share it with the rest of the Commission, and then move forward with it.

Chair Maroko mentioned speaking to Director Wiener about the program and realized there are two components: a voluntary program and a contractual program; noted everything is voluntary including being on the Historic Resource List; suggested the Commission and Director Wiener could come up with a procedure where the Commission could nominate properties; spoke about the Commissioners creating a list by walking around and finding properties that they think should be nominated, do the research to see if it qualifies, present the possibilities to the Community Development staff, and have a public meeting to inform people that they are being nominated and will be going on the inventory list, and at that point they could opt out; reported they always have the opportunity to opt out with the current policies but it is a more cumbersome procedure.

Community Development Director Wiener spoke of the importance of having the professional survey done in terms of CEQA and so the property has the finding to support its historic designation but felt the Commission could assist with it; stated a subcommittee could potentially be formed once the project is undertaken but that there is still more work to be done on Historic Preservation and presenting it to Council; mentioned needing to see the status of the eligibility list and legal issues concerning it; mentioned once they have clear direction either the Outreach Subcommittee or a separate subcommittee could assist with the scope of creating a new survey along with procedures; felt it would be better if they focused on the outreach, education, and promotion part of it for now.

Chair Maroko stated “the ordinance says you’re either on the Historic List or the National List, or if you’re not on the Historic List, that the Community Director, when something’s offered to be destroyed and it’s eligible age-wise, you may actually have to make a determination to bring it back to us.”

Community Development Director Wiener stated the ordinance is a bit ambiguous and he

had pulled it up to review it; spoke of CEQA and needing to take a closer look at it and maybe even speak to legal to understand the intent of it; noted that some of the current code needs to be addressed and clarified; spoke of the eligibility list needing to be more legally defensible and consistent with the intent and purpose of the ordinance itself.

Commissioner Lang asked if there are any best practices they can follow or if any other cities have a better process.

Community Development Director Wiener stated other cities follow their ordinance, which normally is to make it mandatory and impose historic protection on the property; reported Redondo Beach is different since it has language about it being voluntary and protecting property rights but then has a process that takes them through a similar path as other cities have; stated it is policy consideration for City Council and there are also CEQA protections under California law that need to be considered.

Chair Maroko spoke of notifying owners before they get on the list, so they can opt out before they are put on the list and mentioned it is a discussion when they get to the Land Use Elements; hoped the Commission would be included in the discussion when Director Wiener presents it to the City Council; asked if anyone on the Commission would like to be on the Outreach Preservation Group.

Commissioners Caldwell, Rowe, and Galassi volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Chair Maroko also created a Recognition Subcommittee and volunteered to be on it; no one else volunteered for it.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Rowe, to have an Outreach Preservation Subcommittee and a Recognition Subcommittee formed and staffed by the Commissioners that volunteered.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

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

Chair Maroko suggested a Canopy Committee be formed and stated he had spoken to Commissioner Lang about the idea; felt some trees could be landmarked and tied into a historic component.

Commissioner Lang reported she is currently working with a group called Citizens for Redondo Beach Trees; stated her main focus is to get that program off the ground and would like to revisit the Canopy Committee in a few months.

Chair Maroko suggested a Budget Letter Committee be formed so they can be prepared with their priorities when the City Manager comes to the Commission; noted they could work with the different departments, write letters to the Council of what they feel is important, and tie it into the budget.

Director Vinke supported the idea but cautioned the Commission that he does not have a lot of time but if they wanted to make that commitment it is a good concept.

Commissioner Yousufzai spoke of fund allocation within a General Fund is very complicated and wanted to clarify the objective of the Budget Letter Committee.

Chair Maroko explained it was more of a “wish list” and noted most of the budget is set in stone by the time the City Manager comes to them but that they have gotten some wish list items in the past, provided various examples, and stated they are just making recommendations.

Commissioner Yousufzai agreed with the concept but spoke of the fiscal policy within municipalities and the procedures involved; voiced his concern over allocating money from City funds; agreed they need to articulate their wish list during budget time, and remembered the City Manager had made the rounds to each Commission asking for input on budgetary items; asked if they are trying to articulate the amount of projects and wish list items.

Chair Maroko said they have no say on the overall process and is determined by the City Council and the City Manager.

Commissioner Yousufzai agreed they should articulate a wish list.

More discussion followed.

Commissioner Lang felt like it was more of a courtesy that the City Manager came around to ask their opinion and that projects were already decided upon by then; suggested a subcommittee be formed that makes notes during the year or six months prior to budget and a month prior to the City Manager coming before them they submit their list; asked if that was what they were looking to do with actual numbers.

Chair Maroko clarified that they are just advocating for items and making recommendations to the Council.

More discussion followed.

Commissioner Yousufzai agreed with Commissioner Lang and stated he would volunteer if the Commission wanted to establish a committee for it; explained the municipal budget cycle and asked when they would want to submit their wish list and if the subcommittee needed to be ongoing.

Chair Maroko explained the process of agendizing an item; felt if they had a standard group that creates a standard report, then they could present a letter, and it doesn’t take 60-90 days to do it.

Commissioner Yousufzai noted that he could talk about public budgeting like Chair Maroko could talk about historical amenities.

Chair Maroko commented that is why he would be perfect for it and explained more reasons why the subcommittee is needed.

More discussion followed.

Motion by Chair Maroko, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to form a Budget Subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Yousufzai and Lang that goes through September 30, 2026, and they will come back next month with their goals and ideas.

Library Coordinator McNeely reported no public comments.

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

Chair Maroko asked Director Vinke if the Library needed any subcommittees.

Director Vinke stated not at this time but would keep it in mind.

L.4. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

Chair Maroko went through the committees and gathered their responses:

- Minor Alterations – no updates
- Facilities User – no updates
- Volunteer Acknowledgement – covered the update earlier
- Bringing History – Proposed some language for the Ito Park signs and the Path of History Markers are still online, and the Riviera Village plaque is still under consideration by the Community Services Director.
- Franklin Park Playground – covered the update earlier
- Alta Vista Pickleball – Commissioner Galassi stated she provided a written report.

Library McNeely reported no public comments.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Library Director Vinke thanked everyone that made the ribbon cutting possible and felt it really highlighted the library; stated he would get them usage statistics for the express hours in their regular report and hoped to expand the system.

Chair Maroko asked if all the Commissioners have been given a tour of the library.

Library Director Vinke stated he has been working on that and things have come up and he is hoping to get it done in January.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Yousufzai asked Director Vinke if he anticipated the Commission cancelling any future meetings for December or January.

Library Director Vinke stated not at this time but it can be a discussion item at their next meeting.

Commissioner Galassi congratulated Director Vinke on a great ribbon cutting event.

Chair Maroko asked if it was possible to get the notice and the application at the time it's made available to the public with regard to scheduled public hearings that eventually would come to the Commission as opposed to three days before the meeting.

Library Director Vinke reported they had made the recommendation to Community Development a few weeks ago and highlighted the issues the Commission raised.

Chair Maroko asked if an update regarding the Park Ranger item could be brought back to the Commission; suggested agendizing it, having their own discussion, and then get the information back to Community Services; spoke about the Wilderness Park Landmark being referred to staff by Council and that it is now sitting with Community Services and wanted to know when it would go back to Council for discussion; noted that the Contract Planner is working on the Garnet historical district application and wondered when the public hearing would be scheduled for it; asked for an update regarding the naming of a park in honor of Joe Dawidziak.

Library Director Vinke stated he would get the Commission an update on it.

Chair Maroko mentioned Community Services needs to update the family regarding the Riviera Village plaque, noted they have been emailing and texting and have waited three years; asked staff to speak to Director Wiener about the Certified Local Government Report that is delinquent and wanted clarification if John Ciampa is the person working on it, mentioned he has good qualifications for the role; reported he attended two webinars: 1) on historic districts explained, and 2) regarding haunted Southern California properties; asked if Director Vinke could send them the Rules of Conduct once it is finalized irrespective of the next meeting; spoke about the Anne Baker home and that a bench with Redondo Beach is being offered to the community and it is in the packet, J.3, and wondered if an item needs to be agendized to discuss having benches in the park.

Library Director Vinke stated he would like to get Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta's input on the item, but it is up to the Commission if they want to agendize the item.

Chair Maroko said if he can talk to Director Orta, they can wait; spoke about having another display for January's Charter Month. Director Vinke stated he is looking forward to it.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 9:18 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Galassi, seconded by Commissioner Yousufzai, to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. to the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Amenities Commission, which will be a Regular Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 10, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dana Vinke
Library Director



Administrative Report

F.3., File # PA25-1679

Meeting Date: 12/10/2025

To: PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

From: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

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

BACKGROUND

Parks and Recreation

The following items are provided as updates and general information regarding recreation and park-related items under the purview of the Public Amenities Commission (Commission):

Winter Classes, Camps, & Activities

Registration for winter classes, camps and activities begin on Monday, December 8 for residents and Monday, December 15 for non-residents. All activities can be viewed on the City's website:

https://www.redondo.org/departments/community_services/classes_and_activities/index.php

Wilderness Pond Lower Pond Restoration Project

Restoration of the lower pond is continuing and is anticipated to be completed later this winter. Work is progressing and the team is coordinating efforts to plant the various vegetation in and around the pond area so that the pond can be filled soon. The area surrounding the project site will continue to be temporarily closed to the public.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Story Time in the Park** - enjoy a free, family-friendly story and activity for all ages on November 19 from 1:00 to 1:45pm at Wilderness Park.
- **Let it Snow** - enjoy a free, family-friendly event at Seaside Lagoon to celebrate the holiday season. The event will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 12:00 - 4:00pm and will include food, crafts, and a real show.
- **Holiday Tree Lighting** - the 45th annual holiday tree lighting event will take place in front of City Hall on Tuesday, December 9 starting at 4:30pm. This free event is open for all ages and will include music and performances.

The following information is provided as updates following inquiries from the Commission regarding recreation and park-related projects and initiatives:

Alta Vista Pickleball Tennis & Pickleball Courts Project

Staff has collected multiple quotes for the project. All quotes received were approximately 30% above original estimates, so staff worked with the preferred vendor to refine the scope to be more inline with allocated funding. Staff continues to work towards identifying funding opportunities to support additional project costs above the allocated amount.

Franklin Park Playground Replacement Project

On Tuesday, December 2, 2025, the City Council reviewed the proposed design of the Franklin Park playground replacement project. The recommended design was approved with the following additional items:

- Inclusion of the City logo on the side of the Rock with Me platform rocker
- Inclusion of signage regarding history of the park as well as information regarding the renovation project
- Updates be made to the City website to highlight the uniqueness of the park with highlighted features of the new playground
- An additional allocation of up to \$5,000 for movable rings or fidget-type play elements to be incorporated throughout the play structure, where possible.

Staff are already in communication with GameTime to make the slight modifications and to enter into a contract. Staff anticipate returning to the City Council for approval of the contract in January 2026.

Historical Museum

The following items are provided as updates and general information regarding historic-related items under the purview of the Public Amenities Commission:

Facility Operations and Attendance (November 2025)

The museum was open on the following days: 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, and 30

The museum had a total guest count of 141 for the month.

General Updates

Additional facility improvements, special projects, and event information will be shared during the Community Services Department's general overview item, listed later on this agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Administrative Report

F.4., File # PA25-1692

Meeting Date:

To: PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

From: DANA VINKE, PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR

TITLE

RECEIVE AND FILE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director's Report – November 2025

The Library Director continued to schedule regular meetings with Library Managers to review and address Library related matters and provide communication between departments.

The Library Director served on an interview panel for the Santa Monica Public Library for their Librarian III recruitment.

The Library is supporting the Redondo Beach Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive by hosting a collection bin at each of the two library locations.

Facilities

Library staff continued to address regular maintenance and minor facility issues as they arose.

Services

Director Vinke and Technical Services Librarian, Tim Parker continued to work with cashless payment processor, Cantaloupe to discuss a possible cashless payment system for public Library copiers, printers, and scanners.

Library Managers attended a presentation on the OCLC Wise Integrated Library System (ILS). Wise provides additional components not traditionally offered by an ILS such as outreach, marketing, and collection analytics tools.

Displays

The Library prepared several displays including themes such as Veteran's Day & Voting, Native American Heritage Month, Dino-Vember, Thanksgiving.

Programs

The Library is hosting several holiday-themed programs, including a Special Holiday Storytime with Santa Myk at the Main Library, a holiday craft workshop series at the North Branch, and Mini Gingerbread Houses for teens.

Director Vinke and Adult Programming Librarian, Amy Feller, met with a representative from the Los Angeles Opera. They are planning free community events in partnership with LA Opera, specifically through the LA Opera Connects and Creative Care: An Opera For Life And Wellness Program initiatives.

Friends of the Library

Director Vinke attended the monthly Friends of the Library board meeting to update volunteers on Library operations, programs, and provide updates.

The Friends of the Library are planning a fundraiser for Saturday, May 30, 2026 featuring a musical performance. More details will be presented once they are finalized.

Please note that Bookshop will observe a holiday closure from Monday, December 22, until Thursday, January 1.

Open+

The Library continues to offer Open+ (Express Hours) for patrons with over 40 registered users. A usage report has been added to the Directors report. A well-received Instagram Reel featuring an introduction to the Library's new Express Hours was recently posted.

Positions

The Library is currently screening applications for the open part-time Adult and Youth Librarian positions. Meanwhile, all successful applicants for the part-time Library Clerk roles have been notified and are now proceeding through the pre-employment screening and onboarding phases. Candidates for the Library Manager position are currently participating in the external panel interviews.

REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

Statistics 2025-2026

	GATE COUNT	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
2025-26	MAIN LIBRARY	14,492	14,743	14,796	14,300	11,784								70,115
	NORTH BRANCH	5,908	4,666	4,168	4,143	6,527								25,412
	TOTAL	20,400	19,409	18,964	18,443	18,311	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95,527
2024-25	MAIN LIBRARY	11,925	14,168	13,728	14,006	10,890	9,617	14,231	12,436	13,424	14,812	13,862	13,899	156,998
	NORTH BRANCH	4,593	4,032	4,014	4,096	3,297	2,780	3,615	3,513	3,886	3,831	3,852	3,641	45,150
	TOTAL	16,518	18,200	17,742	18,102	14,187	12,397	17,846	15,949	17,310	18,643	17,714	17,540	202,148
2025-26	REGISTRATION													
	MAIN LIBRARY	548	522	520	466	372								2428
	NORTH BRANCH	10	2	3	5	5								25
	TOTAL	558	524	523	471	377	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2453
2024-25	MAIN LIBRARY	502	495	456	402	374	297	470	379	430	396	382	547	5130
	NORTH BRANCH	12	5	6	7	6	2	4	3	2	3	3	4	57
	TOTAL	514	500	462	409	380	299	474	382	432	399	385	551	5187
2025-26	CIRCULATION													
	MAIN LIBRARY	27,608	25,219	22,561	22,131	20,293								117,812
	NORTH BRANCH	8,909	7,810	6,884	6,731	6,221								36,555
	TOTAL	36,517	33,029	29,445	28,862	26,514	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154,367
2024-25	MAIN LIBRARY	25,969	25,207	22,461	22,833	20,852	17,736	19,946	19,817	22,915	22,238	18,690	23,860	262,524
	NORTH BRANCH	9,771	8,321	8,036	7,749	7,581	5,800	6,209	6,289	7,391	6,740	6,343	7,414	87,644
	TOTAL	35,740	33,528	30,497	30,582	28,433	23,536	26,155	26,106	30,306	28,978	25,033	31,274	350,168

Digital Circulation 2025-2026 and 2024-2025

2025-26	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Overdrive/Libby	2,917	2,908	2,771	3,002	2,677								14,275
Ebooks	870	834	729	742	712								3,887
Eaudiobooks	904	859	861	874	801								4,299
Magazines	1,143	1,215	1,180	1,384	1,163								6,085
Other/Video	0	0	1	2	1								4
Hoopla	2,772	2,820	2,655	2,640	2,526								13,413
Ebooks	1,119	1,099	1,030	1,026	996								5,270
Eaudiobooks	988	1,026	934	972	816								4,736
Bingepass	46	54	48	46	41								235
Comics	227	263	289	254	279								1,312
Movies	199	183	188	161	202								933
Music	80	79	74	93	74								400
Television	113	116	92	88	118								527
Kanopy	699	736	533	739	955								3,662
Total													31,350
2024-25	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Overdrive/Libby	1,686	2,589	2,355	2,491	2,422	2,537	2,778	2,511	2,672	2,643	2,734	2,762	30,180
Ebooks	623	960	898	891	824	927	969	804	859	785	809	821	10,170
Eaudiobooks	455	729	726	762	726	747	891	778	764	744	733	770	8,825
Magazines	606	899	730	836	870	861	917	926	1,045	1,114	1,191	1,171	11,166
Other/Video	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	4	0	1	0	19
Hoopla	2,996	2,898	2,658	2,614	2,656	2,533	2,832	2,694	2,977	2,703	2,700	2,749	33,010
Ebooks	964	1,135	1,088	1,083	1,044	1,009	1,172	1,055	1,186	1,034	1,030	1,046	12,846
Eaudiobooks	1,484	1,286	1,017	997	1,029	986	1,090	1,042	1,136	1,023	1,037	1,018	13,145
Bingepass	18	18	18	22	27	25	31	39	46	46	49	36	375
Comics	213	171	176	211	234	190	234	217	280	229	224	275	2,654
Movies	167	136	189	160	160	168	152	177	152	193	187	183	2,024
Music	63	72	79	54	92	80	70	68	89	91	62	75	895
Television	87	80	91	87	70	75	83	96	88	87	111	116	1,071
Kanopy	756	701	775	774	851	841	1046	671	783	738	586	692	9,214
Total													72,404

PROGRAMS/PARTICIPANTS

2025-26	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		TOTAL
	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	
ADULT PROGRAMS	6	2	6	2	9	3	8	2	5	2			45
ADULT PARTICIPANTS	166	21	55	26	166	35	116	35	139	20			779
TEEN PROGRAMS	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	1			15
TEEN PARTICIPANTS	11	17	35	2	23	21	31	20	44	10			214
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	23	13	16	11	19	9	18	9	15	8			141
CHILD PARTICIPANTS	609	439	609	534	466	214	707	201	397	211			4,387
OFFSITE	6	0	5	0	5	0	1	0	0	0			17
OFFSITE PARTICIPANTS	505	0	1,845	0	365	0	0	0	0	0			2,715
TOTAL PROGRAMS	30	16	28	14	35	14	29	12	23	11			212
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	875	477	2,544	562	1,020	270	1,354	256	580	241			8,179

PROGRAMS/PARTICIPANTS

2024-25	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		TOTAL
	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	MAIN	NORTH	
ADULT PROGRAMS	7		4		9		6	2	8	0	2	0	99
ADULT PARTICIPANTS	139		87		154		82	15	123	0	15	0	1,973
TEEN PROGRAMS	4	1	2	1	10	2	4	1	2	1	2	1	53
TEEN PARTICIPANTS	79	5	27	3	113	28	28	0	13	0	13	5	561
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	19	10	18	11	16	12	20	10	15	11	34	13	323
CHILD PARTICIPANTS	657	250	466	342	253	226	802	214	126	156	368	118	9,275
OFFSITE	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11
OFFSITE PARTICIPANTS	0	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	3,540
TOTAL PROGRAMS	30	11	26	12	35	14	32	13	25	12	39	14	488
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	875	255	1,780	345	520	254	927	229	262	156	896	123	15,364

2025-2026 North Branch Express Hours statistics

	Patron Logins	Active Users
July	n/a	n/a
August	42	n/a
September	74	n/a
October	46	n/a
November	47	45
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
YTD	209	45

December Library Events

CHILDREN'S CRAFT & LEGO PROGRAMS

Craft @ MAIN LIBRARY

Meeting Room - 2nd Floor

Tuesday, 12/2 at 3:30pm-4:30pm

Lego Club @ NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Meeting Room

Thursday, 12/4 at 3:30pm-4:30pm

Lego Club @ MAIN LIBRARY

Meeting Room - 2nd Floor

Monday, 12/8 & 12/15 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Craft @ NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Meeting Room

Thursday, 12/11 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm

STORYTIMES & SPECIAL PROGRAMS @ NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Block Party for 0-5 year olds

Tuesday, 12/2 at 3:30pm-4:00pm

Music and Movement with Dance 1

Wednesday, 12/10 at 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Bilingual Storytime with NIHAO Chinese School

Monday, 12/15 at 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Special Author Storytime with Sabrina Cohen

She will be reading her book *Super Duper Grateful Me!*

Tuesday, 12/16 at 3:30pm-4:30pm

Special Storytime with K9 Cadbury and Officer Sharon

Wednesday, 12/17 at 3:30pm-4:00pm

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS@MAIN LIBRARY

Music Together Monday

Monday, 12/1 at 11:30am-Noon - Meeting Room Floor 2

Special Storytime with K9 Cadbury and Officer Sharon

Monday, 12/1 at 3:30pm-4:00pm - Storytime Room

Rainbow Storytime

Tuesday, 12/2 at 11:30am-Noon - Storytime Room

Special Author Storytime with Sabrina Cohen

She will be reading her book *Super Duper Grateful Me!*

Wednesday, 12/3 at 3:30pm-4:30pm - Storytime Room

Block Party for 0-5 year olds

Thursday, 12/4 at 11:15am-11:45am

Special Redondo Beach Fire Department Storytime

Friday, 12/5 at 3:30pm-4:00pm - Storytime Room

Dos Idiomas, Un Libro: Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Wednesday, 12/17 at 4:15pm-4:45pm Storytime Room

Waku Waku Bilingual Storytime

Thursday, 12/18 at 4:00pm-4:30pm - Storytime Room

Special Holiday Storytime with Santa Myk

Friday, 12/19 at 4:00pm-5:00pm - Meeting Room Floor 2

STITCH & SEW REDONDO @NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Saturday, December 6 - 11:00am - 2:00pm

*Materials and sewing machines are not provided. Participants are encouraged to bring items or projects that they are working on to the program to get tips or pointers.

FAMILY MOVIE EVENT @ MAIN LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 9 at 3:30pm-5:00pm

Main Library - 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Dr. Seuss' - The Grinch

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Zoom program

A Redondo Beach Librarian will lead the discussion.

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

Free virtual program, registration is required. **Register at: <https://library.redondo.org> or Click on events calendar; click on program date; click on register for this event.

Holiday Music Show for the Family

**With The Artisan Guitar Ensemble
@ Main Library**

Saturday, December 13 at 2:00pm-3:00pm

Main Library - 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Music for the whole family ! Usher in the Holiday spirit. Everyone will enjoy music played by The Artisan Guitar Ensemble of Max Mendoza, Andre Giraldo and Daniel Ramirez.

December Library Events

Holiday Schedule

Tuesday, December 23 - **CLOSED**
Wednesday, December 24 - **CLOSED**
Thursday, December 25 - **CLOSED**
Friday, December 26 - **OPEN** (Main Library)
Saturday, December 27 - **OPEN**
Monday, December 29 - **CLOSED**
Tuesday, December 30 - **CLOSED**
Wednesday, December 31 - **CLOSED**
Thursday, January 1 - **CLOSED**

POETRY WORKSHOP @ MAIN LIBRARY

Saturday, December 13 at 10:30am - Noon

Main Library - 2nd Floor Conference Room

In-person poetry workshop for all levels of poets.
Come for inspiration and collaboration.

This special program will be a tribute in honor of
long-time poetry workshop leader and poet
Linda Neal.

TEEN PROGRAMS - Grades 6th - 12th

TAC Meeting - @ Main Library

Wednesday, 12/3 at 4:00pm-5:00pm

Teen Program - @ Main Library

Mini Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, 12/17 at 4:00pm-5:00pm

Teen Program @ North Branch Library

Mini Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, 12/18 at 4:00pm-5:00pm

FOOD AND MOOD NUTRITION FOR ADULTS @ MAIN LIBRARY WITH LILY HANNA

Saturday, December 6 at 11:00am – Noon

*Strategies to Boost Your Immune System and Lower
Your Stress Level Over the Holidays*

Main Library - 2nd Floor Meeting Room

SHELF CARE BOOK CLUB @ NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY

Monday, December 22 at 11:15am – 12:15pm

***Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan**

An in-person book club. Read the book and talk about it, or just
learn more about the book. *Coffee is generously funded by the
Friends of the Redondo Beach Library.*

SOUTH WEST MANUSCRIPTERS WRITERS GROUP **Saturday, December 6 at 10:30am - Noon**

Main Library - 2nd Floor Conference Room

A support group for writers to help them network and
exchange information.

FAMILY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS WITH VANESSA @ NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY**

Tuesday, December 9 at 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Gingerbread House Ornament

Saturday, December 13 at 10:00am-Noon
Miniature Layered Holiday Tree

North Branch Meeting Room

**For ages 7 and up. Registration required. Go to:

<https://library.redondo.org>

click on events calendar; click on program date; click on
the links to register for this event. **Limit of 20 individuals.





HOLIDAY MUSIC

THE ARTISAN GUITAR ENSEMBLE



**MAIN LIBRARY
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 13
2:00PM - 3:00PM**



**THE ARTISAN GUITAR ENSEMBLE IS BACK! MAX MENDOZA,
ANDRE GIRALDO AND DANIEL RAMIREZ WILL DELIGHT US
WITH HOLIDAY MUSIC FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL AGES.



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North Branch Holiday Workshop Series



Join RBPL and our friends Vanesa Andrade & Santiago Aulet as they guide us through a holiday workshop series at the North Branch!

Each workshop of this three part series will walk you through creating fun & whimsical items from recycled materials to add to your holiday decorations!
Ages 7 & up are welcome!

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Workshop # 1 Decorative Working Fireplace

Saturday, November 15th @10:00am-12:00pm

North Branch Meeting Room

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-workshop-1-tickets-1830694459409>

SIGN UP HERE



SIGN UP HERE



Workshop # 2 Gingerbread House Ornament

Tuesday, December 9th @4:00pm-6:00pm

North Branch Meeting Room

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-workshop-2-tickets-1830700507499>



SIGN UP HERE



Workshop # 3 Multilayered Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 13th @10:00am-12:00pm

North Branch Meeting Room

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-workshop-3-tickets-1830703606769>

*Limit to 20 participants for each workshop
Registration is required*



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Special Holiday Storytime with Santa Myk

Friday, December 19th
4:00pm-5:00pm
Large Meeting Room, Main Library



We cheerfully invite the whole
family to our
Santa Storytime with special
guest Santa Myk!
Come and enjoy a cozy
reading at the Main Library!



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Teen Program



Mini Gingerbread Houses

Teens in grades 6th through 12th are invited to celebrate the winter festivities by making a mini gingerbread house.

All supplies provided while they last.



Redondo Beach Main Library

2nd floor Conference Room

Wednesday, December 17th

4:00-5:00 pm

North Branch

Meeting Room

Thursday, December 18th

4:00-5:00 pm

Make it festive for the holidays or spooky in honor of *Stranger Things*.





Administrative Report

H.1., **File #** PA25-1691

Meeting Date:

TITLE

For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Public Amenities Commission on 2025-10-08 6:30 PM - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Meeting Time: 10-08-25 18:30

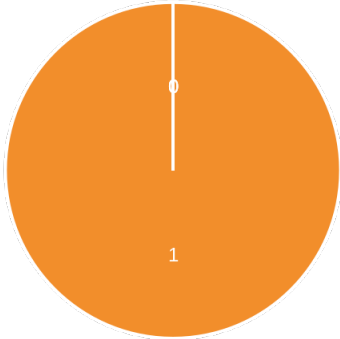
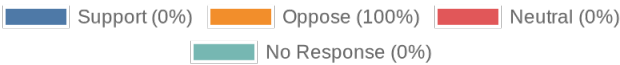
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Public Amenities Commission on 2025-10-08 6:30 PM - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER	10-08-25 18:30	29	1	0	1	0

Sentiments for All Meetings

The following graphs display sentiments for comments that have location data. Only locations of users who have commented will be shown.

Overall Sentiment

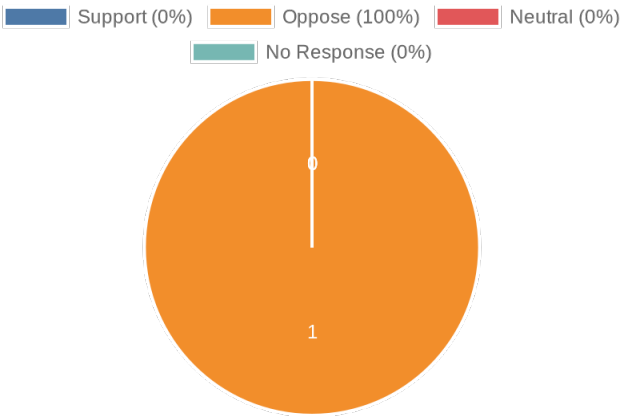


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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Sentiments for All Agenda Items

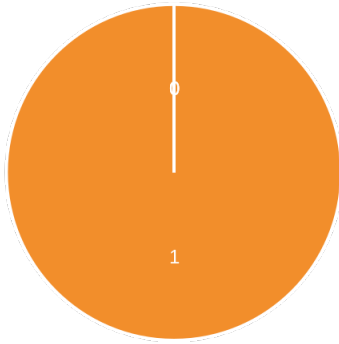
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Overall Sentiment



Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



Jill Klausen

Location:

Submitted At: 2:17pm 10-08-25

There is no commenting enabled on the non-agenda items, so I'm leaving my comment here: I am OPPOSED to the tear down of the historic Ann Baker house for ANY reason, let alone to put up condos. It's just outrageous to even consider. No. Just no.



Administrative Report

L.1., File # PA25-1684

Meeting Date: 12/10/2025

TO: PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

FROM: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR AND JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

TITLE

RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION OUTLINING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DIVISIONS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

BACKGROUND

At the Public Amenities Commission's (Commission) November 12, 2025 meeting, it requested a presentation regarding a general overview of the Community Services Department, specifically on items that fall under the purview of the Commission. A copy of the presentation will be provided to the Commission prior to the meeting via the Blue Folder.

Staff requests the Commission receive and file this presentation.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Administrative Report

L.2., File # PA25-1694

Meeting Date:

TO: PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

FROM: DANA VINKE, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

TITLE

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUBLIC AMENITIES CURRENT AND PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEES

BACKGROUND

At a recent Public Amenities Commission meeting, Commissioners requested a discussion item regarding current and proposed subcommittees and assignments including goals and timelines.

A list of subcommittees and members are below:

Preservation - Minor Alterations Subcommittee

Commissioners Galassi and Lang

Facilities Users Subcommittee

Commissioners Yousufzai, McCauley and Lang

Volunteer Acknowledgement Program Subcommittee

Commissioners Rowe, Yousufzai, and Caldwell

Bringing History to the Community Subcommittee

Chair Maroko, Commissioners Lang and McCauley

Franklin Park Playground Subcommittee

Commissioners Lang, Caldwell, and Galassi

Alta Vista Park - Pickleball Subcommittee

Commissioner Galassi

Preservation Outreach Subcommittee

Commissioners Caldwell, Rowe, and Galassi

Recognition (Preservation) Subcommittee

Chair Maroko

Budget Committee

Commissioners Lang and Yousufzai



Administrative Report

L.3., File # PA25-1693

Meeting Date:

TO: PUBLIC AMENITIES COMMISSION

FROM: DANA VINKE, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

TITLE

COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive an update on each subcommittee's respective projects; and review and affirm each subcommittee's goals and those commissioners serving on each.

BACKGROUND

The Public Amenities Commission has a number of active subcommittees that are individually tasked with specific projects. As part of the commission's ongoing review of the work assigned to its subcommittees, a current subcommittee member may briefly describe the mission of each subcommittee and any projects currently in process. The discussion will provide an opportunity to inform the commission of the current progress of each project; allow commissioners to express their interests, goals, and desires to be involved in committees that have a vacancy; propose new subcommittees for consideration; or modify the number of approved subcommittees. A maximum of three commissioners may serve on a single subcommittee. There are no limitations to the number of subcommittees a commissioner may serve.

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Commissioner Galassi

Preservation Outreach Subcommittee
Commissioners Caldwell, Rowe, and Galassi

Recognition (Preservation) Subcommittee

Chair Maroko

Budget Committee

Commissioners Lang and Yousufzai

Subcommittee items requiring formal action or consideration of the Commission must be formally agendaized prior to any action.