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March 12, 2020

Honorable Mayor Brand and Members of the City Council  
City of Redondo Beach  
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**SUBJECT: Budget and Finance Commission Recommendations for Strategic Plan Goals**

Dear Mayor Brand and City Council Members:

At the January 9, 2020 and February 13, 2020 Budget and Finance Commission meetings, Commission members discussed the possible revision of the City's 10-year goals covering the 2016-2026 time frame.

Of the three options provided (retain existing 10-year goals, replace the 10-year goals with those drafted on October 22, 2019, or adopt more detailed 10-year goals with policy directives), the Commission prefers the second option. However, the Commission recommends the following goals as a variation of the second option.

- *Ensure long-term financial security/stability*
- *Expedite completion of economic issues related to AES, the waterfront, the Galleria, Artesia Boulevard, and the Riviera Village*
- *Develop strategy for closing forecasted budgetary gaps*
- *Equitably develop and implement organizational processes to improve efficiency, transparency and accessibility for the City as a whole*

Thank you for the opportunity to review the three options and provide you with our recommendations.

Regards,

Eugene Solomon  
Chair, Redondo Beach Budget and Finance Commission

cc: M. Ruhland, J. Hoefgen, E. Manzano



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March 9, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Brand and City Council Members  
City of Redondo Beach  
415 Diamond Street  
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**SUBJECT: Redondo Beach Harbor Commission Input Related to Development of 10 Year Goals and Objectives for the City's Strategic Plan, April 2020**

Mayor Brand and City Council Members,

Thank you for requesting our input. In particular, we appreciate that both Councilman Horvath and Mayor Brand attended Harbor Commission meetings to discuss this topic.

Item 1: Our selection of the three 10 Year Goal options presented:

After discussion at several meetings, of the three options presented for 10-year goals, the Harbor Commission prefers Option Two. The Commission feels that Option One included a mix of unattainable goals, and goals that were already attained or were underway. The Commission feels that Option Three is overly detailed for a statement of 10 Year Goals, but contains many worthwhile projects and policies that should be developed and pursued further within the framework of shorter-term goals once 10 Year goals are agreed upon.

More generally, the Commission prefers to minimize 10-year goals, due to term limit turnover on Commissions and the Council, but does not recommend eliminating the goals entirely. Some projects, particularly major infrastructure projects, such as a Harbor Master Plan or combatting sea level rise, require long-term planning, and including them as 10 year goals seems like a reasonable way to advise future teams.

The Harbor Commission is also in favor of continuing the strategic planning process as usual, once a small number of 10-year goals are agreed upon. The Commission finds the most value in

3-5-year projects, broken up into 6-month increments, and also finds the semiannual strategic meetings to be worthwhile.

Item 2: Harbor Commission addition to Goals and Objectives:

Additionally, regardless of which set of goals is chosen by the Council, the Harbor Commission would like to suggest the addition of the following 10-year goal:

- Develop and implement a comprehensive, integrated, resident approved plan for the entire Redondo Beach Waterfront (the harbor and pier areas) including the AES and SCE site.

Our chance to develop the harbor is area a once-in-a-lifetime (or longer) opportunity and deserves the highest level of attention from city leadership, staff, and residents.

Item 3: Goals for the Harbor Commission:

This exercise caused every member of the Harbor Commission to consider what the harbor area should look like in ten years, and how to get there, to consider what can be done in a typical term of service, and what needs to be done in the next six months.

This took the Harbor Commission beyond development of goals and objectives for the city's strategic plan, to developing a full set of goals for the Harbor Commission to carry itself, which we would like to share with the Council.

Some are within the purview of ongoing waterfront maintenance, others have already been approved at strategic planning sessions; some will require future approval of staff time and funding. We look forward to working with the Council, residents, and city staff on these goals.

6-month goals:

- Harbor Master Plan
  - Settle disputes with CenterCal/Westport capital so we can move on with harbor revitalization.
  - Improve traffic flow at intersection of Harbor Drive and Yacht Club Way.
  - Establish an interim location for the White Sea Bass grow out facility.
- Boat Ramp
  - Develop updated set of options for boat ramp.
  - Hold Boat Ramp public workshop.
- Pier
  - Identify maintenance projects which can be completed prior to Beachlife festival (railings, sprinkler pipes, sails, etc.).
  - Increase foot traffic.
- Sea Level Rise

- Begin maintenance on Basin 3 cement harbor wall and cap (work should be done now to maintain current infrastructure).
- Evaluate condition of Basin 1, Basin 2, northern barrier wall (we should know the condition, and cost of maintaining current infrastructure).

### 3-5-year goals:

- Harbor Master Plan
  - Develop plan, integrating:
    - Plan for Mole B, including Moonstone Park, and outrigger canoe clubs.
    - Location and configuration of the sportfishing pier.
    - Location and configuration of the boat ramp and related facilities
    - Location and configuration of the hand launch boat ramp. Improvements to include restrooms, shower, zero depth entry.
    - Provide for mast up boat storage, including large keel boats on trailers, SUPs, powerboats and small craft storage, potentially on the AES property.
    - Location and configuration of Seaside Lagoon.
    - Location and configuration of the White Sea Bass Facility.
    - Inclusion of recreational attractions such as a carousel, arcade, underwater glass tunnel, aquarium, etc.
    - Improvements to International Boardwalk including improved communications band width, larger lease spaces, and possible second floor to expand each shop's views and floor area.
    - Berthing for education/tourism/etc. Tall ship, marine research vessel, US Navy, vessels in support of Hollywood filming, aerospace cargo transfers.
    - Improved visitor boating access to harbor restaurants and amenities.
    - Improvement of harbor and pier infrastructure including public restrooms, communications bandwidth, fiber internet, cell and wifi access, electric power, water, sewage, etc, in support of daily operation and special events.
    - Improvements to support events like BeachLife festival, Superbowl 10k, open ocean swims, key sailing races, and outrigger canoe races.
    - A non-revenue educational attraction.
      - Revive Sea Lab if possible, or replace with similar educational facility.
      - Include Waterfront Education Foundation.
      - Highlight Redondo's history, surfing, boating, early commerce
      - Visitor Center
    - Integrate Harbor Masterplan with plans for AES property and adjacent SCE Right of Way
    - Design of traffic arteries and parking, considering use of AES site and power line corridor.
    - Realign traffic flows west of Harbor Drive to reduce the non-signalized intersections with the bike path.
    - Enhanced harbor views throughout the site and public right of ways.

- Enhanced public access.
  - Wetlands and coastal habitat restoration.
  - Improved boating services within the harbor: attract marine hardware/chandlery, retain and attract watersports retail (fishing tackle, live bait, diving, small craft rental), boat brokerages, boat dealerships, and water-accessible restaurants.
  - Maintain and enhance the boat yard and associated services.
  - Public artwork.
  - Determine funding sources and submit grant applications to execute Harbor Master Plan.
  - Reduce ISF fees taken from the harbor and make them available for reinvestment in the Harbor Enterprise.
- Events
    - City to play a larger role in promoting and supporting key harbor events: Beachlife Festival, Superbowl 10k, July 4th Fireworks, Holiday Boat Parade/SUP/surfski races, open water swim events, and key sailboat races.
    - Attract new events such as SailGP, 2028 Olympics, Red Bull Air Races, and other events which can be hosted in harbor or viewed from Esplanade.
    - Continue and promote RBP Community outreach events (skateboard, surfing)
    - Continue, support and expand Ocean Festivals
  - Pier
    - All leases occupied.
    - Increased public artwork. Possible upgrade / rebuild of sails. Refresh pier deck. Add murals.
    - Electric car charging: Install free L2 Chargers in parking structure. L3 / Tesla chargers to generate revenue.
    - Development of a pier map and guide for smart phones.
  - Sea Level Rise
    - Extend south eastern break wall (the short, inner, pier-side breakwall) to reduce swell and surge in the harbor.
    - Plan and execute breakwall repair.
    - Plan for sea level rise for all of Redondo, across entire harbor, pier, veteran's park beach (pier to Topaz jetty, fronting the submarine canyon), and Esplanade.
    - Budget and begin work on phase 1 of sea level rise mitigation, which will protect waterfront until 2030 and a sea level rise of less than 1 foot. Design should be done with knowledge of costs of Phase 2&3 so Phase 1 is appropriately scoped and is cost

- effective (i.e., Phase 1 structure may serve as the literal foundation for Phase 2 structure).
- Budget for Phase 2 of sea level rise mitigation (good until 2050, and a sea level rise of 1 to 2 feet).
  - Rough-Order-of-Magnitude budget for Phase 3 of sea level rise mitigation, to cover 2050 to 2100, and an estimated sea level rise of 5.5 feet.
  - Develop and execute a maintenance plan for the harbor infrastructure, breakwall, and cement seawall.
- Harbor
    - Plan and execute harbor dredging.
    - Repair outer breakwalls and work with Corps of Engineers to extend the southern breakwall to reduce surge and direct swell impact in the southern area of the harbor.
    - Replace the sportfishing pier.
    - Complete the boat ramp project.
    - Enhance hand launch boat ramp with restroom and shower facilities and zero depth entry
    - Execute the Harbor Patrol dock expansion plan.
    - Ensure that Harbor Patrol and RBPD has resources and staffing to meet expanded use of harbor and harbor area.
    - Implement boating safety recommendations from Harbor Commission to ensure that harbor remains safe as traffic increases.
      - Relocate small craft warning flag to visible location.
      - Fog horn activation.
      - Proper placement of “No Wake” buoys.

10-year goals:

- Waterfront Master Plan:
  - Begin implementation of a resident approved master plan.
- Sea Level Rise:
  - Begin work on Phase 2 of sea level rise mitigation (good from 2030 to 2050, and a sea level rise of 1 to 2 feet).

The Commission would like to thank the Council in advance for its earnest consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

*Matt Kilroy, Chair  
Redondo Beach Harbor Commission*

CC: S. Proud, J. Hoefgen, E. Manzano

**MINUTES OF THE  
REDONDO BEACH HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Maroko at 7:00 PM in the Redondo Beach City Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Eller (arrived at 7:25 PM), Klinger, Maroko, Almeleh, Zaremski

Commissioners Absent: Arizmendez

Officials Present: John LaRock, Community Services Director  
Joyce Maddox, Cultural Arts Manager  
Maria Shafer, Recording Secretary

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chair Maroko led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

**A. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Maroko announced a community meeting at Dominguez Park on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 PM to noon regarding the playground and reported the Morrell House and the Museum will be tented for termites the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**A1. Museum Hours of Operation:**

Museum is open Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Saturdays and Sundays  
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**B. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Almeleh, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Eller and Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Chair Maroko pulled Item C2. from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

**C1. Approval of the Affidavit of Posting: February 19, 2020**

**C2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of: December 18, 2019**

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to approve Item C1. of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Eller and Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

**D. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

**D1. (C2.) Approval of the Meeting Minutes of: December 18, 2019**

Vice Chair Maroko discussed Commissioner Berg being included as absent in the minutes and staff noted that was appropriate, as Commissioner Berg's resignation had not been made formal.

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to approve Item C2. of the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Eller and Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

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

**F1. Subcommittee Reports**

- Oral History Subcommittee Report

Vice Chair Maroko provided an update on a recent subcommittee meeting; added he has converting audio tapes into digital working towards getting them transcribed; reported contacting people regarding interviews and encouraged the public to listen to the recordings.

- Joint Fundraising Subcommittee Report – No Report
- Travelling Museum Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Klinger spoke about needing another member for the Travelling Museum Subcommittee and explained the purpose of the subcommittee.

Commissioner Zaremski will discuss the item further with Commissioner Klinger.

Commissioner Eller arrived at this juncture (7:25 PM).

**F2. Historical Commissioner input relative to development of goals and objectives for the City's Strategic Plan**

Community Services Director LaRock introduced the item and deferred to Councilmember Horvath for a report.

Council Member Horvath explained the strategic planning process; noted City Council felt it important to get input from the various commissions regarding the need for the City to set long-term strategic goals and presented details of three options for creating 10-year goals covering the 2016-2026 timeframe.

Commissioner Eller spoke about the importance of agreement at lower levels.

Council Member Horvath suggested each Commissioner look at this from individual perspectives and hopefully reach consensus to form recommendations to present to City Council.

Commissioner Klinger discussed stressors, taking back local control, dealing with State and Federal regulations, developing fiber networks, getting students involved, considering inclusionary zoning policies, connecting the bike path and Prairie Park to the Galleria, renovating the Redondo Beach Museum, increasing accessibility for the youth and the possibility of working with staff and City Council to look for grant funding opportunities.

Council Member Horvath noted that staff is always looking for grant opportunities and there may be elements in park funding to look at restoring the Museum.

Vice Chair Maroko suggested including upgrades to the Museum under upgrades to parks and City facilities, considering impacts to the quality of community life related to the future Olympics and reviewing historical information regarding the City's vision to develop recommendations for visioning and goals, going forward.

Commissioner Klinger discussed his preference for Option 3 as it provides a greater number of details than the other options.

Commissioner Almeleh discussed the need for time to review the options and determine actions steps to discuss at the next Commission meeting and develop recommendations to City Council at that time.

Commissioner Eller discussed considering the Museum, not only as a recorder of the past, but as a vision center for the future; believed all three options work together and agreed with the need for additional time for the Commission to study the options and develop consensus and recommendations.

Commissioner Zaremski agreed about the need for more time to review and item.

Discussion followed regarding determining what City Council is seeking and the need for additional time to discuss the subject, gain consensus and generate recommendations for City Council.

Director LaRock noted City Council is taking an active poll of all Commissions and also having the Commissions weight in on having ten-year goals, at all. Regardless of Commission consensus, there is opportunity to weigh in, as individuals, directly to Council. He recommended receiving the report and returning in March to discuss motion-making and consensus for recommendations.

Commissioner Klinger suggested separating into "discussion buddies" to develop recommendations and present to the whole Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Eller noted many of the cycles the City faces are long-term; believed a ten-year goal makes sense and suggested each Commissioner develop recommendations based on areas of influence and return to the whole Commission for consensus at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Maroko stated there seems to be consensus on developing ten-year goals; suggested revisiting them at the next Commission meeting and choosing two volunteers to work with staff to draft recommendations to Council in the meantime.

Director LaRock noted the importance of the Commission's recommendations to City Council do not reflect staff interests. Staff can help with the technical assembly of the recommendations, but the content of the memo needs to be from the Commission.

Discussion followed regarding meeting with "discussion buddies" or individually and emailing recommendations to staff prior to the next meeting.

*Motion by Commissioner Eller, seconded by Commissioner Almeleh, to support developing recommendations for City Council around ten-year goals. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

Following discussion, Vice Chair Maroko stated individual Commissioners will submit their recommendations to staff; if there is no meeting in March, Commissioners Eller and Zaremski will compile the input on behalf of the Commission, to present to Council.

Director LaRock stated if the Commission is unable to meet in March, staff's recommendation would be that in addition, staff will provide copies of each Commissioner's recommendations, so no one is disenfranchised to decide on consensus. Another option would be to have Council receive the Commission Members' six proposals for ten-year goals based on the Commission not having a quorum in March. Director LaRock asked Members of the Commission to submit their recommendations to staff one-week in advance of the March Commission meeting.

Commissioner Almeleh suggested providing comments instead of trying to develop ten-year goals.

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Eller, to receive and file the report and provide input to City staff, as discussed. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

### **F3. A moment in history**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Eller, to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

### **F4. Status of annual facility inspections for the Morrell House and Historical Museum**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Maroko reiterated the Morrell House and the Museum will be tented for termites the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> and noted there has never been a comprehensive inspection on the structural integrity of the Museum.

Commissioner Klinger commented on the importance of making sure that the entire structure is sound and asked staff to extend an invitation to the Public Works Department to make a presentation regarding the subject, to the Commission.

*Motion by Commissioner Eller, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

#### **F5. Museum Visitation Report**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

*Motion by Commissioner Almeleh, seconded by Commissioner Eller, to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

#### **F6. Historical Museum Revenue and Expense Report**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

*Motion by Commissioner Eller, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

#### **F7. Redondo Beach Memories**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding online submissions.

*Motion by Commissioner Eller, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

#### **F8. City of Redondo Beach Grant Policy**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding staff's efforts in seeking grant funding and the possibility of Members of the Commission and the public making staff aware of potential grant opportunities.

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

#### **F9. City of Redondo Beach Social Media Policy**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

Commissioner Klinger discussed social media accounts not having any affiliation with the City and the possibility of working with the Historical Society to have a social media account through them as the process, through the City is too slow for the speed of social media.

*Motion by Commissioner Eller, seconded by Commissioner Klinger, to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

#### **F10. 2020-2021 City Budget Calendar and recommendations for Budget Hearing**

Cultural Arts Manager Joyce Maddox presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Maroko confirmed the upcoming Budget Hearing and reported the Commission needs to review CIP budget recommendations to City Council.

Commissioner Klinger noted the next agenda will have the recommendations of 10-year goals to Council and the CIP budget and suggested the need or additional time to review the items.

Discussion followed regarding limiting discussions in March to five-minutes and having full discussions in April to take action.

*Motion by Commissioner Almeleh, seconded by Commissioner Klinger, to receive and file the report; limit discussions on the ten-year goals to five minutes, in March and having a full discussion and action in April. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

#### **G. COMMISSIONER REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Commissioner Klinger requested that an update on the Presidents' Letters frame be added to the next meeting agenda. He thanked staff for their work, asked for consideration of a full inspection at the Museum to ensure it is structurally sound and reported he will reach out to the Historical Society regarding social media.

Vice Chair Maroko discussed the need to update the Historical Commission roster on the City's website and asked about the status of business cards. He distributed copies of a "Path to History" project information on the City's website and asked about the possibility of getting a virtual "Path of History" and adding the item on a future agenda to discuss fundraising and content.

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Eller, to direct staff to agendize a report on the "Path of History" program. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

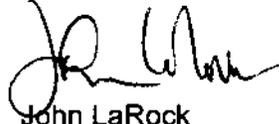
Vice Chair Maroko asked for a report regarding taking possession of the pictures of the Fire Department on the next agenda and requested copies of a PowerPoint presentation on the Museum Upgrade Subcommittee Input report by Commissioner Eller, dated April 17, 2019 for distribution to the Committee.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Maroko reported the next meeting of the Historical Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

*Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion unanimously approved with Chair Arizmendez, absent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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John LaRock  
Director

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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** LIBRARY COMMISSION

**SUBJECT:** INPUT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY 10-YEAR GOALS

**DATE:** MARCH 30, 2020

Mayor and City Council,

The Library Commission, at their meeting on February 3, 2020, considered an agenda item regarding options for the City's 10-Year Goals. The Library Commission, by unanimous decision, opted to formulate and provide Library goals that could be incorporated into the City's 10-Year Goals.

At their meeting on March 2, 2020, they formulated the following Library goals to be considered as part of the City's 10-Year Goals:

- To expand Library access through non-traditional services.
- To explore options to improve the ergonomics, efficiency, and environmental sustainability of Library administrative functions.
- To incorporate Community Services functions into the Main Library.

The Library Commission appreciates this opportunity to add Library goals to the City's 10-year goals.

Library Commission: Chair, Andrew Beauchamp, Vice Chair, Grace Coopman, Debbie Hannon, Elizabeth Morefield, Candace Nafissi, Mary Simun



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March 19, 2020

Honorable Mayor Brand and Members of the City Council  
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**SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendations for Strategic Plan Goals**

Dear Mayor Brand and City Council Members:

At the February 20, 2020 and March 19, 2020 Planning Commission meetings, Commission members discussed the possible revision of the City's 10-year goals covering the 2016-2026 time frame.

Of the three options provided (retain existing 10-year goals, replace the 10-year goals with those drafted on October 22, 2019, or adopt more detailed 10-year policy directives), the Commission prefers the third option to adopt the more detailed 10-year policy directives. However, the Commission members made the following recommendations to refine those policy directives as a variation of the third option:

- With Policy Directive #1, have overarching focus on jobs imbalance
- With Policy Directive #2, have overarching focus on sea level rise
- With Policy Directive #4, bullets should include reducing payroll, which may include outsourcing or other initiatives
- Under long-term planning and economic development, need to consider where best to locate businesses with high-paying job opportunities, such as sites that would be suitable for campuses rather than small, shallower lots
- Under mobility and other policy directives, need to address traffic as an issue
- Under infrastructure investments, parks and open space development needs to take into consideration other age groups in addition to younger children—need to think more broadly of who the target users are
- Under public safety, health/well-being, and quality of life initiatives, should implement an all-out ban on tobacco use and sales, beyond what has already been adopted
- Under long-term planning, consider other options for protecting renters rather than rent freeze [rent freeze may be difficult to implement and administer]

- In general:
  - Ensure #6 regarding long term planning remains in the 10-year policy directives
  - Incorporate measurements to know when a goal has been reached
  - Consider prioritizing the bullets under each policy directive
  - Consider bullet points that also sustain achievements rather than only create new objectives
  - Tie the 10-year policies to the 3-year goals and the 6-month objectives
  - Consider not just who we want to be as a City, but actions for achieving it
  - Interact and coordinate with other organizations in the City (i.e., schools, health district, Northrop Grumman, etc.) to achieve goals
  - Make the 10-year items policies rather than goals

Thank you for the opportunity to review the three options and provide you with our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Dan Elder  
Chair, Redondo Beach Planning Commission

Cc: Joe Hoefgen, City Manager  
Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Brandy Forbes, Community Development Director

September 2, 2020

Honorable Mayor Brand and Members of the City Council  
City of Redondo Beach  
415 Diamond Street  
Redondo Beach, California 90277

**SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Commission Recommendations for Strategic Plan Goals**

Dear Mayor Brand and City Council Members:

At the February 5, 2020, March 4, 2020, and September 2, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission meetings, Commission members discussed the possible revision of the City's 10-year goals covering the 2016-2026 time frame.

Of the three options provided (retain existing 10-year goals, replace the 10-year goals with those drafted on October 22, 2019, or adopt more detailed 10-year goals with policy directives), the Commission prefers the third option to adopt the more detailed 10-year goals with policy directives. However, the Commission members made the following recommendations to refine those goals as a variation of the third option:

- Simplify by reducing the number of bullet points under the goals or eliminating them altogether. If City Council keeps the bullet points, prioritize them.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the three options and provide you with our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Chairman Caldwell  
Redondo Beach Historic Preservation Commission

Cc: Joe Hoefgen, City Manager  
Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Brandy Forbes, Community Development Director

**I. OPENING SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Public Works Commission was called to order by Chair Funabashi at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Garcia, Glass, Hannon, Minne, Simpson, Chair Funabashi  
Commissioners Absent: Fox  
Officials Present: Gene Kim, City Traffic Engineer  
Camy Byrd, Minutes Secretary

**3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Funabashi led the audience and Commissioners in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**4. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS**

Items for 7-1, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3.

**II. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to approve the Order of Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Fox absent.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING** for the Public Works Commission meeting of February 24, 2020.
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES** – Public Works Commission Regular meeting of January 27, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glass, to approve items 1 & 2. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Fox absent.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NONE**

**V. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE**

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE**

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. COMMISSION INPUT RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN – Receive report and provide input to City Council as appropriate.

City Traffic Engineer Kim said the item was continued from the last meeting where staff presented options and alternatives that outlined portions of the City's goals and Strategic Plan. The recommendation is to receive the report and provide input to staff to present to City Council.

Commissioner Simpson said he had some questions, and Councilmember Horvath called him and answered his questions. He thought it was an excellent start, and that the Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) letter that Commissioner Hannon submitted was appropriate and could be added to the Strategic Plan document.

Chair Funabashi said he thought the Commission preferred Option 3 and referenced a letter from BCHD to the Commission emphasizing the master plan as it related to the bicycle maps, etc. In response to Chair Funabashi regarding the Commission's submissions becoming part of the document going to City Council, City Traffic Engineer Kim answered in the affirmative.

Public Works Director Semaan said they are looking for feedback and direction as a Commission or individually. He said they could choose to receive and file the report and provide the input that was provided by individual Commissioners, however, if the Commission has recommendations as a body, it would stand stronger.

Jacqueline Sun, from Beach Cities Health District provided context to the letter they presented to the Commission regarding the Beach Cities Living Streets Design Manual. Ms. Sun said the City and the Public Works Commission have shared the commitment to street safety and living streets and noted that the City has adopted a living streets policy, a livability plan, and the Bicycle Master Plan. She explained that the three beach cities applied for a planning grant through the Southern California Association of Governments, received the grant, and as part of the deliverables from Stantec was a customized living streets design manual for each city, modeled after the Los Angeles County Model Street Design Manual, put together by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and UCLA. She said it is a technical toolbox for cities to be able to implement essential design elements for crosswalks, intersections, pedestrian access, bikeways, traffic calming, looking at the guidelines and requirements from a living streets perspective making sure all users are considered. Ms. Sun said perhaps the Commission might consider including this in the Strategic Plan separately, or in addition to.

Commissioner Minne noted that the goals reference financial stability and resources, however, there is nothing about seeking external funds through grants on the Federal, State or local levels. He thinks one of the strategies listed explicitly should be seeking external funds to allow planning, factual infrastructure, and to supplement the general fund.

Chair Funabashi agrees with highlighting that in the Strategic Plan and as a Commission they highlight the Living Streets Design Manual as part of their consideration.

In response to Commissioner Simpson regarding staff drafting a letter to City Council, City Traffic Engineer Kim said the input was received, and the information will be provided to the City Manager, to provide to City Council.

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Minne, to receive and file the input from the Commission, documents presented, and the suggestion to search for outside grants. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Fox absent.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **BERYL STREET CORRIDOR TRAFFIC CALMING ENHANCEMENTS** – Review the engineering report, receive public input, and provide direction to Staff regarding proceeding with roadway modifications to Beryl Street.

City Traffic Engineer Kim presented the following:

- Background
  - Requests to review traffic safety and traffic calming along the Beryl Street Corridor (Catalina Avenue to Prospect Avenue)
    - Speeding, traffic control concerns, pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic signal operations
  - School traffic safety recommendations incorporated
    - High-visibility crosswalks, Stop limit lines, Retroreflective post covers, flashing LED Stop signs
- Data Collection
  - Field surveys
  - Accident history surveys
  - Speed survey
- Traffic calming enhances safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. The main goal of traffic calming is to encourage safer, more responsible driving and reduce traffic speed, collisions, type of collisions, and severity of collisions
- Class II bike lanes include striping and signage to denote a separated bike lane on the roadway to enhance bicyclists safety, and bring about awareness for the driver and the bicyclists
- Sharrows are pavement markings to remind the driver that the bicyclists and the driver share the road
- Bike lanes narrow the travel lane causing drivers to be more cautious because the roadway is tight
- Class III bike lanes do not have lane striping, only pavement markings
- High visibility crosswalks such as zebra, ladder, or continental allow crossing area to pop, reminding drivers that there may be pedestrians crossing
- Curb bulb-outs serve to reduce vehicle speeds and help reduce the pedestrian crossing distance, as the curb extensions extend into the parking lane limit, reducing the pedestrian exposure to the roadway by 14-16 ft
- Radar feedback signs ping vehicle speeds to remind drivers to slow down when they are driving at a high rate of speed
- Traffic circles
  - Mini traffic circles are raised circular islands usually constructed in residential intersections with the intended use to reduce speeds and manage traffic
- Pedestrian actuated flashing crosswalks are used in locations with higher pedestrian counts
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons
- Illuminated Pedestrian Crossing signs
- In-pavement flashing lights – new alternatives are available, and some cities have used them with positive results

- Eight reported accidents during two-year span (2017-2019), all broadside T-bone, Right-of-Way collisions
- Recommendations

In response to Commissioner Garcia regarding traffic circle concerns, City Traffic Engineer Kim explained that the bike lanes would terminate before the traffic circle, and the vehicle and bicyclist would share the road going through the traffic circle. He said the crosswalks would not cross Beryl, they would be on the minor roadways.

Commissioner Hannon noted that the bike lane ends at Catalina and asked if there will be a Class III bike lane with sharrows that continues down to Harbor. City Traffic Engineer Kim said that is something that could be done.

Commissioner Minne clarified that there is a proposed hybrid beacon at Francisca Avenue and Beryl in the packet, but not on the presentation. City Traffic Engineer Kim said that is one of the alternatives proposed, the recommendation is to find a feasible pedestrian crossing at that location.

In response to Chair Funabashi regarding the direction of the speed counts, City Traffic Engineer Kim said he believes they were facing both directions.

Chair Funabashi suggested flashing signs and signage on the downhill side of PCH as a warning to drivers of their speed.

James Stickler, resident at 620 N. Irena Avenue said it is terrifying to cross Beryl Street at Irena Avenue as a pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver, and he was hoping for the installation of a stop sign at that location. He noted the traffic circle and high visibility crosswalks are parallel to Beryl Street, rather than crossing Beryl Street.

Scott Wright, resident, 600 block of N. Irena Avenue said there are palm trees and parked cars blocking the view of approaching traffic when trying to cross or make a turn onto Beryl Street. He said he requested a stop sign two years ago and is urging the installation of stop signs again.

Angelica Wright, resident, 600 block of N. Irena Avenue, requested a 4-way stop. She also requested a 5-way stop at Irena Avenue and Carnelian Avenue and noted that the visibility is especially bad on Thursdays and Fridays when there is street sweeping.

Mary Ann Stickler, resident on Irena, said she crosses Beryl Street often and is concerned regarding the difficulty of crossing at a traffic circle.

Tim Allen, resident on north side of Maria Avenue, next to Beryl Heights, said he is concerned about keeping the volumes from going into the neighborhoods. He said 25 years ago there was a 4-way stop at Maria Avenue and Beryl Street which was removed because of accidents and injuries at that intersection. He cautioned removing the signal at Maria Avenue without looking at the history of why it was put in. He expressed concern regarding vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists traveling through the traffic circles.

Chair Funabashi noted that bulb-outs in conjunction with crosswalks allow extra space to look left and right before pulling out.

Tim Farmer, resident, 400 block of Paulina Avenue asked if there were any pedestrian accidents in the study. City Traffic Engineer Kim reiterated that the accidents are reported accidents, if no police report

was filed, there would be no information on it. He said the accidents were classified as Right-of-Way collisions meaning that the party at fault was at the stop-controlled intersection.

Mr. Farmer said the stop sign technique is more efficient for crossing Beryl, than a traffic circle.

Joanna Farmer, resident on Paulina Avenue prefers a traffic stop sign rather than a traffic circle. She said across the street from VONS there are a lot of apartments and families crossing the streets. She is concerned about families having to navigate a traffic circle along with bicyclists and cars.

Robert Reeves, resident at Beryl Street and Juanita Avenue said he believes traffic circles would be worth considering rather than stop signs at every intersection.

Commissioner Simpson noted that people tend to not stop at stop signs when there is a series of them. He said what he likes about traffic circles is that they demonstrably slow traffic. He noted that some locations for the traffic circles might be in inappropriate locations. He confirmed that the proposed traffic circle on Irena Avenue would be installed, with no crossing of Beryl Street. City Traffic Engineer Kim said under the yield function a crosswalk gives the pedestrian a false sense of safety.

City Traffic Engineer Kim explained that at every traffic location, Beryl Street will remain under a yield function, however, the minor north and south-bound roadways would maintain their stop function.

In response to Commissioner Minne regarding volumes, City Traffic Engineer Kim said they have pedestrian volumes at Beryl Avenue and Francisca Avenue, however, they have not gotten any traffic volumes. Commissioner Minne suggested a temporary trial for a couple of weeks to see how it works, and conduct outreach during the trial.

City Traffic Engineer Kim said they would collect baseline data prior to installation, purchase the parts, move forward with the installation, get volume and speed data, and prior to conclusion of the 6-month evaluation they will send surveys to residents along the corridor to get feedback. He said they would have the data side and the survey side and present it to City Council for their final decision.

Commissioner Hannon said roundabouts are safer because they create more predictable behavior. He explained that at a 4-way stop people are supposed to stop, however, they don't always stop which creates unpredictable behavior. He said roundabouts force drivers into stopping because they have to slow down, which creates predictable behavior to help avoid accidents.

In response to Commissioner Simpson regarding the implementation of the project, City Traffic Engineer Kim said based on a previous City Council decision, the traffic circles don't have to be approved by City Council.

City Traffic Engineer Kim said they have a quick turnaround schedule anticipated for the City Council meeting for the crosswalk location, the radar feedback signs and the bike lanes. He said it is possible that while the traffic circle is being designed, the rest of the elements can be approved and added on as part of the design.

Commissioner Glass said he is concerned that there are not a lot of opportunities to cross Beryl Street. He suggested more evenly spacing the crosswalks. He also suggested putting a crosswalk between Irena Avenue and Guadalupe Avenue, with a flashing light, so people coming out of the traffic circles could see pedestrians trying to cross.

Commissioner Garcia said he has concerns crossing Beryl Street and asked if staff recommendations don't work after 6-months on Paulina Avenue and Irena Avenue, if staff would consider installing all-way stops.

Commissioner Minne said he is in favor of the bike lanes, curb extensions, and radar feedback signs to evaluate the effectiveness of slowing speeds and suggested installing roundabouts only if speeds are still up.

Chair Funabashi suggested emphasizing a crosswalk at Irena Avenue, and adding another stop sign on Beryl Street.

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hannon to accept staff's recommendations.

Commissioner Glass said something needs to be done with the crosswalk allocation. He would like staff to look at the placement of the crosswalks across Beryl Street.

Chair Funabashi expressed concern with the potential traffic circles and the bike path because not all bicyclists are experienced.

City Traffic Engineer Kim said a hybrid approach could be considered as part of the recommendations to look at installing bike lanes, the radar feedback signs, and bulb-outs, foregoing the traffic circle installation with a 6-month evaluation to see how the bike lanes work. He said they could conduct a more thorough pedestrian crossing related study to identify the pedestrian crossing locations, and in six months present the findings to the Commission.

Commissioner Minne said he highly recommends a phased approach. He said he would support the roundabouts west of PCH. He said he would make a friendly amendment to accept the roundabouts east of PCH, but not west.

Commissioner Minne added allowing staff to evaluate the possibilities of all-way stops and additional crosswalks throughout Beryl Street.

City Traffic Engineer Kim said a friendly amendment cannot be made because the motion on the floor is to accept all of staff's recommendations and to have a friendly amendment to take portions out can't be done. He said they could take a vote, make a decision on the motion on the floor, and if it falls through, make another motion.

Motion by Commissioner Minne, seconded by Commissioner Glass, to accept staff's recommendations with the exception of the roundabouts east of PCH to allow staff to investigate all-way stops and additional crosswalks throughout Beryl Street.

In response to Commissioner Simpson regarding the timeline, City Traffic Engineer Kim said they would have to design the traffic circle, and wait for the equipment which would take some time.

Commissioner Minne amended his substitute motion to add investigation of all-way stop at Irena Avenue.

Motion by Commissioner Minne, seconded by Commissioner Glass to accept staff's recommendations, with the exception of roundabouts east of PCH and to direct staff to investigate all-way stop at Irena Avenue, and investigate the placement of crosswalks along Beryl Street. Motion carried, with Commissioner Garcia opposed, and Commissioner Fox absent.

- 2. DOW AVENUE – JOHNSTON AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC SAFETY EVALUATION –**  
Review the engineering report, receive public input, and provide direction to Staff regarding proceeding with roadway modifications to the Dow Avenue-Johnston Avenue neighborhood.

City Traffic Engineer Kim presented the following:

- Background
- Modified T-intersection functions the same as a traffic circle, providing horizontal deflection, suited for a T-intersection, using less real estate or equipment, with the same effect
- Raised median center island used to narrow the travel way, which encourages some speed control
- Short term enhancements:
  - Install Class II or Class III bike lane/route pavement markings and signage
  - Install/replace existing crosswalks with high-visibility crosswalks, install new limit lines and yield lines, install new speed limit signs, replace existing speed limit signs with oversized speed limit signs and install speed limit pavement markings
  - Install radar speed feedback signs as part of rotational program
- Long term enhancements:
  - Install traffic circles, modified T-intersection, curb bulb-outs or landscaped center median islands
  - Modify the traffic signal at Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Dow Avenue to provide protected left-turn phasing
  - Address feasibility of Class II bike lane signage and markings along Manhattan Beach Boulevard (Manhattan Beach Boulevard in the subject vicinity is identified as a Class II bike facility per the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan)
  - Address feasibility of Class II bike lane signage and markings along Inglewood Avenue (Inglewood Avenue in the subject vicinity is identified as a Class II bike facility per the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan)
- Speed surveys – along Beland Boulevard, recorded 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds were well above the posted 25 mph speed limit
- 2014-2019 – 32 reported traffic collisions, mostly on Manhattan Beach Boulevard

Staff's recommendations:

- Install Shared Lane Markings immediately after each intersection and spaced at 250 ft intervals between intersections as appropriate along Robinson from Vail to Inglewood; Phelan to Beland and Johnston; Vail Avenue between White Court and Manhattan Beach Boulevard
- High visibility crosswalks, installation of bulb-outs where Phelan meets Robinson, intersection of Perkins and Blaisdell Avenue
- Speed limit signs, speed limit pavement markings, radar-feedback signs on a 3 or 4-month rotational basis
- Install traffic circles, modified T-intersections (received positive resident feedback), consideration of center median island (received positive resident feedback for location)
- Previous request to remove turning restriction at Johnston Avenue and Beland Boulevard – from 7:00-9:00 a.m., staff observed 20 prohibited movements. Staff recommended maintaining it because there is some cut-through traffic as a result of this.
- Manhattan Beach Boulevard/Gibson Place – modification of traffic signal, which would require significant modifications and construction costs

In response to Commissioner Simpson regarding the bulb-outs becoming permanent if they work, City Traffic Engineer Kim said after their evaluation, one recommendation may be to maintain them as is because installation of a permanent bulb-out is far more exorbitant in cost. He said that is something for City Council to consider.

(Commissioner Simpson left the dais at 9:23 p.m., returned at 9:25 p.m.)

John Nemeth, resident at 160<sup>th</sup> and Vargas, said the concern is not speed on Gibson Place, it is the left turn off Manhattan Beach Boulevard, where the highest number of accidents occurred according to the accident history slide. He noted that a lot of illegal U-turns occur at Gibson Place/Manhattan Beach Boulevard and he thinks the traffic light further up on Manhattan Beach Boulevard will not address the problem. He spoke about a cement planter at Inglewood Avenue and Fraser that prevents traffic from turning into Fraser off Inglewood, and he thinks that would work at Gibson Place and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. He said that would prevent people from getting in and out of the area, so it would require further public input and comments.

Alisa Beeley, resident on Johnston Avenue said there is a lot of traffic eastbound on Manhattan Beach Boulevard in the afternoon and has noticed a lot of cut through traffic. She said they have been trying to get some attention on their street for years and she would be happy with street markings, crosswalks, or signs. She also said she agrees with the bike path crosswalk going into the park.

Commissioner Minne suggested speed humps on Johnston, Gibson, or Dow.

City Traffic Engineer Kim said residents don't want speed cushions. He explained that roadways like Dow and Johnston have rolled curbs so if a speed cushion were installed, drivers would hug one side, making them ineffective. He said vehicles parked on Dow are halfway on the sidewalk, which creates a more open lane for vehicles to travel on, whereas, if they parked appropriately, the travel lane would force drivers to slow down. He said in his discussions with the residents, speed cushions were not heavily pursued or requested.

Commissioner Glass suggested the possibility that residents might not mind the inability to turn from Manhattan Beach Boulevard onto Gibson Place, using the modification at Anita as an example.

Commissioner Simpson suggested a modified T-installation at Thomas and Sebald to slow traffic. City Traffic Engineer Kim confirmed that on Johnston there would be one for vehicles entering from Manhattan Beach Boulevard, and midway through the segment there would be a second one to force them to slow down.

Motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Minne, to accept staff's recommendation with reconstructed intersections, more traffic calming, with protected left-turn phasing at Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Dow Avenue. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Fox absent.

- 3. TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND BROADWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL ENHANCEMENTS** – Review the engineering report, receive public input, and provide direction to Staff regarding proceeding with traffic control modifications at Torrance Boulevard and Broadway.

City Traffic Engineer Kim presented the following:

- Background and traffic control enhancements that were installed in 2016
- November 19, 2019, City Council made a referral to staff to reassess the existing traffic controls

- Right-turn Only Restrictions for Broadway recommended, re-routing traffic
- Bulb-Out Installation on Torrance Boulevard to narrow cross distance for pedestrians, oversized signs to emphasize speed limit, and permanent radar speed feedback sign
- All-Way Stop Control Installation would help mitigate reported collision types, potentially causing issues on the length of Torrance
- Construct a Roundabout – for a multi-lane roundabout, additional right-of-way would be needed
- Traffic Signal Installation – 300 ft west of PCH, which could provide concerns with traffic flow along the corridor
- Traffic analysis was not provided, staff plans to provide staff analysis to City Council at the March meeting

Commissioner Hannon said re-routing is a good solution and asked if the potential bulb-out could be replaced with a Class II bike lane, which would reduce exposure trying to cross. He said he has concerns with an all-way stop because he thinks traffic would back up to PCH or Catalina quickly. He also said it would be difficult to synchronize the lights because they would be so close to PCH and Catalina.

Commissioner Garcia said he likes the way it is currently and is in favor of the alternatives, except for the bulb-out.

Commissioner Glass said if the residents don't mind, the first block south of Torrance and the first block north of Torrance will become one-way streets. He said he would like a traffic circle, however, there is not enough room there.

Commissioner Minne said a traffic signal would fix the problems because the backup could be coordinated with the two other signals, however it is expensive. He said this is a perfect example of a grant opportunity for the highway safety improvement program. He suggested going with Option 1, but go for the grant for the signal, curb extension, bike lane, modifications, and median island.

City Traffic Engineer Kim clarified they are trying to address the broadside concerns from vehicles making a left or going through on Broadway.

Chair Funabashi noted the volume of traffic east/west is much higher than on Broadway, and the right turn only would solve that. He asked if the light could be green most of the time unless Broadway triggered it.

City Traffic Engineer Kim replied that it would be a semi-actuated intersection which would allow the vehicle to go, and allow the pedestrian to cross.

City Traffic Engineer Kim explained the alternatives, suggestions and discussions the Commission has had and would be re-presented to City Council.

In response to Commissioner Hannon regarding the ability to consider installing a Class II facility, Public Works Director Semaan said there is a disconnect on just the east leg of Torrance Boulevard at PCH because of the lane configurations. He said they don't want to have short segments of Class II's, then disconnects going through major intersections, though it may be explored.

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Glass to go with Option 1 and ask staff to look at using a bike lane to give pedestrians more room before moving out into traffic, or investigate using a bulb-out. Motion carried, with Commissioner Garcia opposed, and Commissioner Fox absent.

**IX. MEMBERS ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF**

In response to Commissioner Glass regarding faded signs, particularly signs with red on them, Public Works Director Semaan said the sign shop constantly replaces signs, and noted that south facing signs have the most degradation.

In response to Commissioner Garcia regarding the lanes offset on PCH at Francisca Avenue, City Traffic Engineer Kim said lane line extensions have been installed, however, they can look at it.

Commissioner Hannon asked staff to look at traffic volumes because the current data is from 2006-2008. He said traffic counts would be beneficial.

Commissioner Hannon said roundabouts save lives, reduce collisions, and are better than 4-way stops. He would like to have a full demonstration of one with plants and statues, something that neighborhoods want that are conducive and consistent with their neighborhoods.

Chair Funabashi said Grant to 190<sup>th</sup> looks great. He asked if they could get traffic counts from Caltrans on PCH traveling through the City, and Artesia Boulevard from the County as it passes through the City.

City Traffic Engineer Kim said for PCH, they would get annual average, mid-block volumes for an average 24-hour period. He said it would have annual average daily traffic to get an average 24 ADT type volume. He said the County would not have data on Artesia, the City would get that data.

In response to Chair Funabashi regarding doing counts if the City wanted to pay for it, City Traffic Engineer Kim said it would depend. He said for PCH turning movement volumes, depending on the equipment used, and type of data requested, they would have to get a Caltrans encroachment permit.

**X. ADJOURNMENT AT 10:45 P.M.**

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to adjourn at 10:45 p.m., to a Regular meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Redondo Beach City Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Fox absent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ted Semaan  
Public Works Director

**MINUTES OF THE  
REDONDO BEACH RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair Varvarigos at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Arrata, Berling, Korman-Soooper, Varvarigos  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Officials Present: John LaRock, Community Services Director  
Teresa Hartman, Recording Secretary

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Vice-Chair Varvarigos led the Salute to the Flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chair Varvarigos announced that Chair Taylor has resigned from the Commission.

**APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Arrata, seconded by Commissioner Berling, to approve the Order of Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

- a. Approval of Affidavit of Posting for the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting of March 11, 2020.
- b. Approval of the minutes of the Recreation and Parks Commission Regular Meeting of November 13, 2019, January 8, 2020, and February 12, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Berling, seconded by Commissioner Arrata, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**5.a. Commission Input Related to Development of Goals and Objectives for the City's Strategic Plan**

Community Services Director LaRock reported that in October, 2019 the City Council held their bi-annual Strategic Planning Session. At that time the Council reviewed the City's ten-year goals. Three options for the ten-year goals emerged from this meeting, and the Council

has requested input from the various Commissions on these three options. Option 1 consists of the City's existing goals, Option 2 includes some revisions to the existing ten-year goals, and Option 3 includes a more detailed list of ten-year goals proposed by Councilman Horvath. The three options are detailed in the staff report. The Council has directed City staff to obtain from the Commissions their input on the three alternatives. Whatever the Commission recommends in regard to their preferred option will be communicated to the City Council. The next Strategic Planning Session will be in April. Director LaRock asked for the comments of the Commission.

Commissioner Korman-Soper made a motion to put forth Option 3 as the Commission's recommendation to City Council. She commented that it was impressive and extremely detailed. The only thing she would change is under the category of Economic Development, she would reorder number 2 and number 3, making The Waterfront number 2.

Community Services Director LaRock said he does not believe the items are listed in priority order, and suggested that the items could be listed as bullet points rather than being numbered.

Commissioner Arrata inquired why there wasn't a more comprehensive list of goals and objectives in prior years.

Community Services Director LaRock replied that ten-year goals often survive the term of a council member, and these long-term goals are considered to be evergreen. Regardless of who our elected officials, commissioners, and staff will be, the ten-year goals are universally applicable. That is why you have broad aspirational long-term goals, and from those you derive what your work program will be in the near term.

Commissioner Berling seconded the motion of Commissioner Korman-Soper to recommend Option 3. He asked how the recommendations from the City's General Plan can be integrated into the ten-year goals as detailed in Option 3.

Community Services Director LaRock said that these ten-year goals, once adopted, will remain unchanged, so if the Commissioners want to add anything pertaining to Parks and Recreation, now would be the time to do that.

Commissioner Berling noted a trend in the City to an older population, and talked about locating recreational opportunities within walking distance of residents. He asked whether Option 3 would include an assessment of what we are doing.

Community Services Director LaRock replied that we have regular assessment of our recreation programming, on a quarterly basis. You could add a goal that says to apply the analysis and goals of the park element of the General Plan, in order to connect the two documents.

Commissioner Arrata referred to an item in Option 3 where the abbreviation FD was used, and said the acronyms should be spelled out rather than abbreviated.

Commissioner Varvarigos said that he likes Option 3. He suggested including a mention of native habitat connectivity for wildlife, and he would like to add his recommendation, as well as Commissioner Berling's recommendation to include a reference to the park elements of the General Plan, as friendly amendments to the original motion of Commissioner Korman-Soper, which was seconded by Commissioner Berling. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Services Director LaRock said that staff will prepare a brief memorandum stating the motion to support Option 3 with the amendments added to the Option 3 detail, and he will provide this recommendation to the City Council.

### **5.b. Pat Dreizler Parks Facility Dedication**

Community Services Director LaRock introduced the topic and said that Pat Dreizler is one of the most renowned and active members of the Redondo Beach community. Years ago, she ran the Recreation Department for the City. She has received accolades for her work with the Redondo Beach Women's Club, the Redondo Beach Education Foundation, the School District, and the Beach Cities Health District. She was the founder of the Redondo Beach Historical Museum, and was a longtime Chair of the Historical Commission. She and a co-author created the postcard book that is sold by the Historical Museum. She also worked on the Path of History signage throughout the City. Last year the South Bay Adult School was named after Pat Dreizler. What the City is now proposing is to rename the Heritage Court area at Dominguez Park for Pat Dreizler. This area includes the Historical Museum, also known as the Queen Anne House, and the Morrell House, and the courtyard with a rose garden and a fountain.

Motion by Commissioner Arrata, seconded by Commissioner Berling, to receive and file the report and to approve the renaming of Heritage Court in honor of Pat Dreizler. Motion carried unanimously.

### **5.c. Draft Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan Update**

Community Services Director LaRock presented a draft of the open space and conservation element of the new General Plan. The City convened the General Plan Advisory Committee back in April, 2017. They have been working diligently and meeting on a monthly basis since then, with the goal of providing the City with a road map for the next twenty-five to fifty years. An element of the General Plan is focused on open space and conservation. It describes in great detail what the current inventories and capacities of the City's park systems are, and it describes strategies to build upon, expand and improve these systems, and forecasts the funding needed to do so. The conservation section is managed by Community Development and Public Works, so we are not looking specifically at that tonight, but that deals with our natural resources of water and land and air. This draft of the General Plan was first completed in December, 2019. The General Plan Advisory Committee will consider the final draft of the plan at their meeting in April. Following that, it will go to the Planning Commission for review. Then it will be sent to the City Council. If they approve it, then it goes to a vote of the people of Redondo Beach, as required in the City's Charter. Director LaRock said that Commissioners may provide their comments tonight and may also comment later by sending him an email.

Commissioner Berling said they did a nice job on the plan, and he asked how you get from the bullet points in the plan to what we can expect for the next eighteen to thirty-six months.

Community Services Director LaRock said the General Plan is deliberately non-specific as to who and what and when. For example, it states a goal to acquire land for park facilities. But it does not specify a date, because that is not predictable. We're not including specific target dates, because these are aspirational goals meant to be for twenty-five to fifty years. We use the plan to aim toward what is possible within the constraints we have to work with at the time. These are guideposts by which we will respond to opportunities in the future.

Commissioner Korman-Soooper asked about AES and the right-of-way, how much and what areas of that land they are looking to acquire for open space.

Community Services Director LaRock said that in order for a development project at the AES site to go forward, there is a required restoration of wetlands, which could be up to 1.5 or 1.8 acres. In addition, there is a proposed plan for the City to acquire any number of acres at the site in a deal with the incoming owner. According to what has been in the media, the City is still very hopeful that they're going to be able to acquire some form of acreage at the AES site, above and beyond the wetlands. The City still awaits the decision at the state level for what the operating schedule for the AES plant will be, beyond December of 2020. There is discussion at the state level to extend the AES operation as a power plant to December 2021 or 2022. The mayor and Council and staff are advocating for no extension beyond 2020. That decision will affect the timing of when we can even consider land acquisition. Then there will be the process of land acquisition by the developer, as well as land remediation. If the power plant is operating beyond 2020, the power lines that bring that energy inland have to stay too. We are in a holding pattern until we know the date when the AES power plant stops operations.

Commissioner Korman-Soooper asked if there is controversy about how this land should be used.

Community Services Director LaRock said there are no plans for the AES property currently, either from a developer or the City. It is private property and it is zoned for industrial and open space. If the developer wants to use it for any other purpose, he has to go to the voters to approve a zoning change.

Commissioner Korman-Soooper said that what she would add to the General Plan, in regards to the Galleria and the Waterfront, would be a requirement that any future development would include some sort of open green space.

Community Services Director LaRock said that requirement is already part of the Land Use Ordinance. He agreed it would be good to include a reference to the Land Use Ordinance and usable open space in this section, to reinforce this as a priority.

Commissioner Korman-Soooper commented on the section on page 25 referring to school sites. She said you have to be careful with allowing residents to access school sites during off hours, for safety purposes. That idea may come with its share of issues.

Community Services Director LaRock suggested we could clarify the language to refer to structured access under the supervision of the City or its affiliates, and to mention specific targeted locations for specific recreation uses.

Commissioner Korman-Soooper said she was surprised last week to see her son's school used as a location for voting. It was pretty much an open campus to the public for two days, and that was very disconcerting, as a parent, and somewhat disconcerting for some of the teachers.

Community Services Director LaRock suggested providing feedback about the voting process to the City Clerk.

Commissioner Korman-Soooper also said the General Plan has not been updated to include the new language regarding dogs in parks.

Community Services Director LaRock said that once that is approved by the City Council, it will be added to the General Plan.

Commissioner Varvarigos said it has been a pleasure to go to some of the GPAC meetings and to hear the discussions. He said there has been a lot of outreach and feedback from community members. He is pretty satisfied going through the open space and conservation section. His concern is to advocate for native habitat restoration and there are sections in the plan that incorporate that.

Motion by Commissioner Berling, seconded by Commissioner Arrata, to receive and file the report and to recommend the edits and comments from the Commissioners to the General Plan Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. COMMISSIONER REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Commissioner Berling said he wanted to follow up on the status of installing pickleball courts.

Community Services Director LaRock replied that solutions to this issue will be presented to the City Council as part of the fiscal year 2020-21 Capital Improvement Project budget, because it is going to take a larger investment by the City than originally estimated. It will be a budgetary consideration for the Council.

Commissioner Berling inquired about a data system coming online for usage of the parks.

Community Services Director LaRock said there is a Strategic Plan Objective for how we monitor and evaluate the parks system and all of its amenities. The Public Works Department is currently using a field tablet-based system to monitor all roads and sidewalks in the City so that they can respond to needed repairs. There is technology for a similar system for parks and recreation facilities. Public Works is preparing a report for the City Council about what that might cost, how it is implemented, how it is used. That is in process as a strategic objective, and there is reporting to the Council on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Berling asked if you would have a usage report for the parks along with that.

Community Services Director LaRock replied that for recreation classes or events organized by the City, they have an exact count of participants, but for general use of the parks by the public, there is no way to capture that data.

Commissioner Berling suggested having an online system to process dog license applications.

Community Services Director LaRock replied that the infrastructure and technology that the City currently uses may not provide the convenience Commissioner Berling recommended. There is a strategic plan objective for making certain permits accessible online, but we are not there yet.

Commissioner Varvarigos announced that this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the South Bay Parkland Conservancy will be doing native habitat restoration in Wilderness Park, and a couple of student groups are coming out, and they have an Eagle Scout who is starting his project, and it is open to any other community members and is family friendly.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Berling, seconded by Commissioner Korman-Soper, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice-Chair Varvarigos adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John LaRock  
Community Services Director

**MINUTES OF THE  
REDONDO BEACH YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Youth Commission was called to order by Commissioner Suncin at 6:33 pm in the City Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA.

**ROLL CALL**

Youth Commissioners Present: Bauer, Branche, Davis, Gray, Lee, Reeves, Rosales  
D. Sanchez, F. Sanchez, Schaffer, Suncin  
Youth Commissioners Absent: none  
AD HOC Commissioners Present: Au, Crosby, Ganis, Lowenstein, Manzano  
AD HOC Commissioners Absent: none  
Adult Commissioners Present: Bubenicek  
Adult Commissioners Absent: none  
Officials Present: L. Aguirre, Recreation Coordinator  
H. Short, Recording Secretary

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner D. Sanchez led the Commissioners and audience in the salute to the flag.

**A. PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

**B. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

*Motion made by Commissioner Branche, seconded by Commissioner Gray to approve the Order of Agenda. Motion unanimously approved.*

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- C1. APPROVAL OF THE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING for the Regular Youth Commission Meeting of February 6, 2020.**
- C2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: November 7, 2019**  
Meeting canceled due to lack of quorum.
- C3. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES TO THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENT**

*Motion made by Commissioner D Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Schaeffer to approve Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously approved.*

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

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE**

**F. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - NONE**

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

**G.1 Presentation by John LaRock, Community Services Director**

The agenda item tonight is a continuation of the City's Oct. 22, 2019 Strategic Planning meeting to promote commissioner input related to development of goals and objectives for the City's Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Planning meetings are held twice a year. At the Strategic Planning meeting last October our goal was the establishment and review of 10-year goals for the City.

What is included in the commission packets tonight is essentially three potential sets of 10-year goals covering 2016-2026.

Option 1 is to retain the existing 10-year goals: modifying as we see fit.

Option 2 is to create a new set of 10-year goals that was proffered at the October mtg.

Option 3 is to create a very different style of 10-year goals in more detail, leading to creation of Policy. This set of goals was proffered by Commissioner Horvath. Commissioner Horvath is attending this evening's meeting to further explain his methodology behind his Option 3 submission.

Director LaRock is here tonight as a part of a two part meeting process; tonight is to present and introduce the options and let Councilmember Horvath explain Option 3. As the second part of the process, he will re-agendize this subject and attend the Commission meeting in March to gather all input from the Youth Commission.

Director LaRock introduced Councilmember Horvath.

Councilmember Horvath has been visiting all City Commissions to walk them through the process of how we got to 10-year goals. He emphasized that the Youth Commissioner is a very important commission to gather feedback from and he's interested to hear their perspective.

Councilmember Horvath confirmed that the Strategic Planning meetings occur every 6 months and they set goals into a 3-year time period but it had always seemed to him to be more of a "To Do" list rather than a long-term strategy for the City. Councilmember Horvath felt that a longer term goal was in order, which resulted in creating the original 10-year goal listing, currently referred to as Option 1. In his opinion he felt his last 3-year goal session was a little too slack and feels some of the residents concur. He started to think of his concerns and those of his colleagues which resulted in his drafting Policy Directives for the City.

Councilmember Horvath suggests creating six “buckets” of policies that affect all of us. As you set long-term goals, our job is to figure out how they’re going to get there, so the 3-year goals could be measurable points on the way to a 10-year goal or Policy Directive. It’s meant to start a conversation and help us decide how to be proactive instead of reactive, as well as set a plan on how to get there. His six “buckets” of policies were as follows:

1. Ensure long-term financial sustainability through Economic Development and Public Infrastructure Investments;
2. Ensure Environment Sustainability, Livability, Public Health and Safety by evaluating all policy and operational decisions through the lens of a Climate Emergency;
3. Enact and Enhance Multi-modal Mobility and Connectivity Plan;
4. Create and Execute Innovative and cost-effective Public Safety, Health/Well Being and Quality of Life Policy Initiatives;
5. Streamline Governmental Processes with Improved Efficiency, Resilience, Responsiveness, Transparency and Accessibility;
6. Create Long-term Planning, Housing and Equity Policies that preserve or enhance future Quality Of Life for all residents

Councilmember Horvath went on to explain Option 2, stating that it was basically just a whittled down version of Option 3.

Councilmember Horvath asked the Commission if they had any questions.

Commissioner Branche asked about #6 (Long-term Planning and Quality Of Life) and specifically what would that entail as far as keeping affordable housing. In response, Councilmember Horvath mentioned that there are 50,000 people on the list for Section 8 housing in our city so we need to discuss whether or not we need to add more affordable housing.

Commissioner Rosales asked about homeless people at the library and pier area because he does not see that issue reflected on the current list. Councilmember Horvath answered that #6 and #4 address the homelessness situation and the Council is soliciting all feedback, even if a particular item is not specifically called out on his listing.

Commissioner Lee asked for the current status of the Waterfront project and asked what the plan is now. Councilmember Horvath answered that most of the residents want something to happen in the waterfront but we’re in a holding pattern right now in the revitalization of the project. At this time, we have several legal roadblocks to get past before we are able to create a new plan. He noted that it will probably be one to five years before they can restart or reboot that conversation. This item is on the Strategic Plan listed under Redevelopment

Commissioner Branche asked if Council has any goals regarding education. Councilmember Horvath said that education is very important and spoke to educating residents, but ultimately would refer the actual schooling to our School District.

Commissioner Suncin asked about traffic and if any specific roads or streets are being looked at. To which Councilmember Horvath said we could look at main roads like PCH, ect. or we could look at neighborhood traffic and noted that 30% of our morning and afternoon traffic is created by parents taking their kids to school. This council has been aggressively trying to solve this by enforcement of existing laws and regulations, creating infrastructure changes such as stop signs and roundabouts, ect. and as an additional way to control traffic is the regain control of the streets by slowing traffic down.

Commissioner Suncin inquired about the parking situation at school and asked if Council has talked about that. Councilmember Horvath said he has been trying to create more parking including possible overflow permit parking at local church parking lots that are vacant during the school hours. He expressed that Council would like to see the School District take this situation on but that any feedback the commissions have would be good appreciated on this issue.

Commissioner Schaffer asked how they plan to enforce a lower speed limit as a possible solution. She suggests stop signs instead of just posting lower speed limit signs. Councilmember Horvath mentioned how the potential impact with a pedestrian increases with each additional 5 mph, but noted that lowering a speed limit may be difficult since it also requires us to speak to State Legislature too.

Commissioner Davis commented on morning school traffic and asked how the new school start times might impact traffic. Councilmember Horvath said this subject may be a good way to start a dialogue with the School District.

Commissioner Lee asked if the City has a plan for the AES site and if so, what is the timeframe. Councilmember Horvath mentioned that they have moved forward by creating the EIFD for the AES site but are still waiting to find out when that purchase transaction may take place. They are trying to secure part of that area for open space park but the private purchaser will have to decide what he will do with his part of the property that is not public. This is listed on the Strategic Plan because roughly 6 acres will be deemed protected wetlands by the CA Coastal Commission. At this point, the City still needs to find the money to purchase the acreage.

Councilmember Horvath suggests that the commission members keep a check on the newspapers and council meetings for updates since this is all big news for our city.

Commissioner Au read about new traffic layout in a AAA magazine. Councilmember Horvath said it sounds like a "Complete Living Streets" model. Artesia and Aviation are two streets he would like to see take on that concept. Commissioner Au thinks public transit needs help in our area. We need a lot of improvement in public transit to reach out further to our area.

Commissioner Davis asked about zero waste. Councilmember Horvath said we should move toward zero waste, which is a lofty goal, but worth talking about. He mentioned that the State, as well as manufacturers, would be involved in that process.

Councilmember Horvath thanked the Commission for their service.

Director LaRock thanked Councilmember Horvath for his time with the Commission.

Director LaRock reiterated that he will be back to the Commission in March to receive their input.

Mayor Brand spoke to the Commission and thanked them for their service. He also thanked Councilmember Horvath for putting together his 10-year goals document.

Mayor Brand noted that he doesn't agree that this listing should be a 10-year goal listing. He feels that 10-year goals should be simpler and have a broader perspective. He also feels that 10-year goals should not necessarily set policy. Since Councilmembers can change every two years, he likes the shorter-term listing. Additionally, he does not agree with "robust economic development" because he feels people get very nervous about the reference "robust". He mentioned that he has been on council for 8 years and feels we should keep 10-year goals simple that can last the test of time. He thanked the younger generation for participating as commissioners. In reference to the AES site, Mayor Brand mentioned that we've gotten 5 million dollars from the State toward the purchase of AES to use as public use. As far as the Waterfront project goes, we're tied up in litigation and he spoke about how lengthy litigation can be. Mayor Brand also mentioned that he is a proponent of the slogan "Revitalize not Supersize" to which he feels his slow growth approach is what got him elected.

*Motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Schaffer to R/F the Strategic Plan presentation. Motion unanimously approved.*

## **G.2 Presentation by Heidi A Swan, screening of the short film, "A Night In Jail"**

The Commission welcomed Ms. Swan. Ms. Swan shared some photos of her brother who was homeless, addicted to drugs, had schizophrenia and had gone to jail 18 times. She noted that thankfully now her brother is sober, has received treatment and is currently housed. Her and her brother wrote a book together about addiction, homelessness and mental illness which was based on his life. Their book was also turned into a short film entitled, "A Night In Jail". Ms. Swan would like to run the film for the commission to watch.

*Motion made by Commissioner Grey, seconded by Commissioner Branche to take a recess while they watched the film.*

Ms. Swan wanted to impress upon the commission how cannabis can induce paranoia and paranoia is a form of psychotic behavior. Marijuana creates an impaired relationship with reality. She noted how marijuana has changed over the years since she was young and mentioned that the THC level in marijuana was 5 % long ago, but now she understands that California dispensary marijuana is on average 23%.

*Motion made by Commissioner Diego Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Fernando Sanchez to R/F the Presentation. Motion unanimously approved.*

## **H. COMMISSIONER REFERRALS TO STAFF - NONE**

### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting of the Youth Commission is scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 6:30pm.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

*Motion made by Commissioner Branche, seconded by Commissioner Diego Sanchez to adjourn. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

John LaRock, Director  
Community Services

**MINUTES OF THE  
REDONDO BEACH YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Youth Commission was called to order by Commissioner Suncin at 6:31 pm in the City Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, CA.

**ROLL CALL**

Youth Commissioners Present:	Bauer, Branche, Lee, Rosales, D. Sanchez, F. Sanchez, Schaffer, Suncin
Youth Commissioners Absent:	Davis, Gray, Reeves
AD HOC Commissioners Present:	Au, Crosby, Ganis, Lowenstein, Manzano
AD HOC Commissioners Absent:	none
Adult Commissioners Present:	none
Adult Commissioners Absent:	Bubenicek
Officials Present:	J. LaRock, Community Services Director L. Aguirre, Recreation Coordinator H. Short, Recording Secretary

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Rosales led the Commissioners and audience in the salute to the flag.

**A. PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

**B. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

*Motion made by Commissioner Schaffer, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Order of Agenda. Motion unanimously approved.*

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**C1. APPROVAL OF THE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING for the Regular Youth Commission Meeting of March 5, 2020.**

**C2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: February 6, 2020**

*Motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner D. Sanchez to approve Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously approved.*

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

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS –**

Local author Heidi Swan spoke to the commission. She is happy to announce that the PTA has agreed to sponsor a screening of her film in May. They will also have a panel for Q&A with a psychiatrist from LA County of Health. Mayor Brand has agreed to moderate the panel discussion

Motion made by Commissioner Schaffer, seconded by Commissioner Lee to R/F report.

**F. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - NONE**

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

**G.1 Presentation by John LaRock, Community Services Director**

Director LaRock addressed the commission as a follow-up to last month's commission item asking commissions for input to the Strategic Plan. Director LaRock is here to receive any information the commission would like to submit relative to the 10- year goals for the Strategic Planning meeting. He asked if the commission had any comments or questions for him this evening.

Commissioner Schaffer noted that she is in favor of Option #1. She feels Option 2 is a bit vague, Option 3 is too long to accomplish within a 10-year period.

Commissioner Lee agrees with Commissioner Schaffer that he also favors Option #1.

Chair Sunchin inquired about the revitalization of the Galleria. Director LaRock confirmed some of the plan that was approved by City Council.

Commissioner Lee asked about PD

Director LaRock reiterated that the PD has determined to be more of a community-based department to demystify any negative connotations from the past. They are encouraging the community involvement.

Commissioner Lee also asked about the funding option for new safety facility and City Hall

Chair Sunchin spoke to the traffic issue and how revitalization of the Galleria will only add to the traffic congestion. Director LaRock spoke to the area of the Galleria being a transit center so that mass transit would be easily accessible and they hope that it will mitigate any traffic issues. Housing accepted for that area is not for large family and multiple units on a lot.

Director LaRock confirmed that some of what they are speaking of is a parking relief, rather than an actual traffic issue. Council is focused on traffic because of public safety, not parking. If they would like to suggest the council explore a parking situation they can.

Director LaRock informed the commission that If they have any ideas after tonight's meeting, they can feel free to email Coordinator Aguirre or him and noted that comments will be taken through middle of April.

#### **H. COMMISSIONER REFERRALS TO STAFF –**

Ad Hoc Commissioner Ganis asked for information on current education policy. Recreation Coordinator Aguirre deferred that to the School Board and suggested that perhaps the commissioner can visit a School Board meeting.

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Youth Commission is scheduled for April 2, 2020 at 6:30pm. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

*Motion made by Commissioner Branche, seconded by Commissioner F. Sanchez to adjourn. Motion unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

John LaRock, Director  
Community Services