

**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 La Rock, 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 22nd 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 6th.

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 La Rock 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 La Rock noted City Council is taking an active poll of all Commissions regarding content of 10-year goals and on whether the City should have ten-year goals. Regardless of Commission consensus, there is opportunity to provide input, 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 La Rock noted the importance of the Commission's recommendations to City Council 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 La Rock stated if the Commission is unable to meet in March, staff's action would be to provide copies of each Commissioner's recommendations to the City Council. 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 La Rock 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 6th 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, though 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,

John La Rock
Community Services Director