

OPENING SESSION

Via teleconference, a Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Historical Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Maroko at 7:02 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper (arr. 7:07), Russell, Warstadt (with intermittent communication interruptions during beginning of meeting), Chair Maroko

Commissioners Absent: Zaremski

Officials Present: Laurie Koike, Interim Community Services Director
Khatirah Nazif, Office Specialist

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Fernandez led the Commissioners in a Salute to the Flag.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Chair Maroko reviewed the purpose of the Historical Commission

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

In response to Chair Maroko regarding the process in which items are included on the Commission agenda, Interim Community Services Director Koike said she included items that could be prepared in time, as well as items Chair Maroko suggested.

In response to Commissioner Klinger regarding clarification of whether Commission prioritization of items to include on the agenda, Interim Community Services Director Koike said that it does.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to approve the Order of Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Chair Maroko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Warstadt, Zaremski

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

Interim Community Services Director Koike noted that an email was received for Item F4 (Path of History).

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Pepper, to receive and file the Blue Folder Item. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Chair Maroko
NOES: None
ABSENT: Warstadt, Zaremski

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- F1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING** for the Regular Historical Commission meeting of December 16, 2020.
- F2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**
a. Regular meeting of October 21, 2020.
- F3. MUSEUM DONATION FUND REPORT**
- F4. PATH OF HISTORY REPORT**

Chair Maroko pulled Item F4.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item F4. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Chair Maroko
NOES: None
ABSENT: Zaremski, Warstadt

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Interim Community Services Director Koike gave a staff report, which included an overview on the Path of History and noted that there is a current appropriation of \$8,993 in a Capital Improvement Project fund designated to the Vincent Park/Lamp of Learning marker.

In response to Chair Maroko regarding adding to the Capital Improvement Project fund, Interim Community Service Director Koike said she understands that it could be a parallel path – a committee, or people involved in fundraising. She added that during budget discussions, the Commission could request that the City appropriate funds to this account.

In response to Chair Maroko, Interim Community Services Director Koike said she does not know the amount of funds needed to be allocated or raised before a marker can be produced and it would have to be researched because it has been a while since one has been produced.

Chair Maroko said there are a lot of Path of History signs, and he would like to have the Commission promote an electronic form of Path of History. He said it is important to identify the North Redondo locations.

Commissioner Klinger said he believes Perry Park should have its own Path of History marker.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to form a subcommittee to undertake creating an electronic Path of History for the City website and

picking some North Redondo sites, with the Artesia corridor, the Galleria, Perry Park and the bike path considered as potential sites. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Chair Maroko
NOES: None
ABSENT: Zaremski, Warstadt

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J1. DISCUSSION OF GOAL SETTING AND FORMATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Interim Community Services Director Koike delivered the staff report.

Chair Maroko explained the purpose of subcommittees and asked for input from the Commissioners regarding which subcommittees they would like to serve on and for suggestions of additional subcommittees.

Chair Maroko and Commissioner Klinger gave a brief description of the current six (6) subcommittees:

- Oral History – to capture the history in oral form from as many residents as possible; create historical programs.
Chair Maroko is the only member.
- Joint Fundraising – to work with subcommittees from other Commissions to fundraise on major projects (\$5,000 or more); currently suspended due to COVID-19. Commissioner Klinger described a project related to Hopkins Wilderness Park.
Commissioner Klinger is the only member.
- Museum Fundraising – to manage the historical museum next to the Morrell House at Dominguez Park and hold smaller fundraising events. Commissioner Klinger is the only member.
- Travelling Museum – to enable RBUSD students (primarily middle and high school students) to design a mini travelling exhibit using museum artifacts currently overseen by the Historical Commission. Commissioner Klinger is the only member.
- Marketing Subcommittee – to increase foot traffic at the museum, create interest in history, share history in museum; promote the Arcadia publication that produces royalty revenue for the museum. The current project is to bring the museum outside , such as with historical murals.
Chair Maroko is the only member.

- Museum Improvement – CLARO marketing report figuring out how to upgrade the museum, which includes layouts and exhibits for enhancing the museum.

Chair Maroko mentioned the following additional possible subcommittees and described what the subcommittee could do:

- A Path of History
- A Moment of History
- Budget
- City Birthday and Special Events
- Technology
- Website
- Historical Murals
- Record Preservation and Archiving
- Pitch Committee to outside organizations, such as Leadership Redondo, for historical projects

Chair Maroko asked for feedback, input, and interests of Commissioners.

Commissioner Pepper, who has a background in tech, expressed interest in the Virtual Path of History, QR coding, Technology, and the Joint Fundraising committee. He also stated that he was interested in ways we can provide content so more people can consume it, in the way they want to consume it.

Commissioner Warstadt expressed interest in Hopkins Wilderness Park fundraising and anything related to it.

Commissioner Fernandez expressed interest in the Budget, Joint Fundraising, leveraging technology for getting the content of history into people's hands.

Commissioner Russell explained that his family has been in the area since the 40's and expressed interest in technology, social media, pictures, and documents.

Commissioner Klinger expressed interest in social media, the Virtual Path of History, Joint Fundraising.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Pepper, to (1) confirm the assignment of the task of designating the Hopkins Wilderness Park as a historical landmark to the Joint Fundraising subcommittee; (2) confirm the assignment of the subcommittee Chairman and Vice Chair the task of reaching out to other commissions, City Council, and California representatives, including, but not limited to Los Angeles Commissioner Janice Hahn, State Assembly member Al Muratsuchi, and State Senator Ben Allen to take any actions in furtherance of the task on behalf of the Redondo Beach Historical Commission for the perks of designating the Hopkins Wilderness Park as a California historical landmark, and (3) prioritize the discussion of Hopkins Wilderness Park at the February meeting or subsequent meeting if there is no quorum in February.

In response to Commissioner Pepper, Commissioner Klinger clarified that through this motion he would be able to speak on behalf of the Historical Commission, instead of just himself, solely on the issue of historical designation of the landmark.

Also in response to Commissioner Pepper regarding the severability of the motion, Commissioner Klinger stated that the motion would be reviewed by the City Attorney and would be severable by the City Attorney if parts were a problem.

In response to Interim Community Services Director Koike regarding the general process, the final step in having an entity become a historical landmark, and who makes the determination, Commissioner Klinger said it is the California Historical Landmark Commission, however, he noted that this is only the beginning stage. Commissioner Klinger said the first major step is to ensure that they have the required support, and City Council's approval, because the City owns Wilderness Park. He said it would then go through the state assembly and state senate and then the California Historical Landmark Commission would make the final call.

In response to Chair Maroko regarding an application being required, Commissioner Klinger affirmed that there is, however, he has not done so yet, because the parties need to be amendable to it prior to filing the application.

Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Warstadt, Chair Maroko
NOES: None
ABSENT: Zaremski

Commissioner Klinger said he prefers to have the fundraising subcommittee fully staffed by the end of the meeting, because while not much will be done with the other two subcommittees that he is chairing until February, while this one will start in January.

Chair Maroko asked for volunteers for the following subcommittees:

- Oral History – Chair Maroko
- Joint Fundraising – Commissioner Klinger, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Warstadt
- Museum Fundraising – Commissioner Klinger
- Travelling Museum – Commissioner Klinger, Commissioner Russell
- Virtual Path of History – Chair Maroko, Commissioner Pepper, Commissioner Russell
- A Moment of History – Chair Maroko, Commissioner Fernandez
- Budget – Commissioner Fernandez
- Technology & Website – Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Pepper, Commissioner Russell
- Historic Murals – Chair Maroko
- Writing Competitions/Scholarships – none
- Pitch – Chair Maroko
- Marketing – Chair Maroko

Chair Maroko noted that it is possible to have joint subcommittee meetings during the regular Commission meeting if it is on the agenda.

Commissioner Klinger said a Commissioner is able to approach any of the other Commissioners to discuss a narrow issue and that particular Commissioner can be your Commission buddy on that specific issue.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commission Pepper, to establish new subcommittees for A Path of History, Moment of History, Budget, Technology & Website, Historical Murals, and Pitch. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Warstadt, Chair Maroko
NOES: None
ABSENT: Zaremski

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Pepper, to appoint Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Pepper and Chair Maroko to the Path of History, Commissioner Fernandez and Chair Maroko to the Moment of History, Commissioner Fernandez and Chair Maroko to the Budget, Commissioner Pepper, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Russell to the Technology & Website, Chair Maroko to the Historical Mural, and Chair Maroko to the Pitch. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Warstadt, Chair Maroko
NOES: None
ABSENT: Zaremski

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to add Commissioner Warstadt and Commissioner Fernandez to the Historical Fundraising subcommittee, and Commissioner Russell to the Travelling Museum subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Warstadt, Chair Maroko
NOES: None

Chair Maroko asked each subcommittee to explore the projects' parameters and what they would like to accomplish and to report back in February.

In response to Commissioner Russell regarding a list of subcommittees and their members, Chair Maroko volunteered to put together a list and forward it to Interim Community Services Director Koike for distribution to the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to append the subcommittee list and members to the minutes. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Warstadt, Chair Maroko
NOES: None
ABSENT: Zaremski

J2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Interim Community Services Director Koike explained that this item is a compilation of updates, and upcoming or general items that have been approved at City Council meetings.

- A new wood shake roof for the Morrell House was approved by City Council at the December 1, 2020 meeting. She said weather permitting, the project will start in January and take 4-6 weeks. In addition, the Deputy Public Works Director wanted to inform the Commission that the house will be scaffolded.
- There will be an update on the Strategic Plan at an upcoming City Council meeting. City Council will review and select the top three objectives per goal. She will report back when that occurs.
- COVID-19 update – the Historical Museum and Morrell House remain closed; senior centers remain closed, Seaside Lagoon and RBPAC remain closed; Aviation track is open, and playgrounds are open.
- Historical query received from the public regarding the big anchor at Del Amo and Diamond. Requested assistance in locating information. Chair Maroko said heard on something about it on an old recording (such as Redondo Speaks) and will see if can locate.

MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to include reports for all subcommittees on each agenda through September 2021; either oral or written (subcommittee reports and attachments will be sent to the staff liaison at least one week prior to the meeting). Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Zaremski absent.

Chair Maroko noted that he sent the CLARO report and former Commissioner Eller's PowerPoint to Interim Community Services Director Koike and asked how soon she could distribute it to the Commissioners. Interim Community Services Director Koike replied that she will add it to the referral list, and provide it as promptly as possible.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to have Interim Community Services Director Koike email copies of the CLARO report and the Eller 2018 PowerPoint slides to the Commissioners as promptly as possible and append those documents to the minutes of tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Zaremski absent.

In response to Interim Community Services Director Koike regarding the plans of former Community Services Director LaRock, Chair Maroko said former Director LaRock was going to send out a link that was in the minutes or the agenda. Chair Maroko was not able to locate the link.

In response to Interim Community Services Director Koike asking if they would like the link added to the Historical Commission on the website, Commissioner Klinger said the Technology and Website subcommittee could work with city staff to do that.

Chair Maroko said he would like to have the following items included as Consent Calendar items on future agendas through September, 2021:

- Affidavit of Posting approval
- Minutes approval
- Donation Fund report
- Museum Visitation report approval
- Arcadia Publishing royalty statement
- Moment in History
- Events calendar

Interim Community Services Director Koike said while she understands Chair Maroko's desire to include these items at each meeting, she would only include items that would be sufficiently presented.

Commissioner Klinger commented that Chair Maroko would forward the Moment in History to staff for inclusion on the agenda and expressed his desire to have it included.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to include the Moment in History as part of the Consent Calendar on all agendas through December, 2021. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Zaremski absent.

Chair Maroko said he would like to have a Presentation and Announcement section on each Commission agenda where an invited guest would make a 10-minute historical presentation at each meeting. The guest's name, topic, presentation, and applicable written materials will be forwarded to the staff liaison by the Oral History subcommittee two weeks prior to the meeting. Interim Community Services Director Koike said she will check with the City Clerk's office regarding the addition of the Presentation and Announcement section to the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to have the Presentation and Announcement section added to the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Zaremski absent.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Pepper, to agendize a 10-minute discussion at the February, 2021 meeting, to address Commissioners' questions and thoughts on the CLARO report. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Zaremski absent.

Chair Maroko provided comments on the following items:

- Former Community Services Director LaRock was planning to consult with the City Attorney regarding solicitations of funds from non-community members - requested Interim Community Services Director Koike follow up.

- Climate controlled storage for fragile historical documents to avoid being subjected to extreme weather conditions – requested Interim Community Services Director Koike follow up.
- Commissioner business cards – Interim Community Services Director Koike said she will follow up with the City Clerk’s office regarding business cards and individual Commissioner email addresses.
- Brown Act training for new Commissioners at our meeting – Interim Community Services Director Koike will follow up with the City Attorney’s office.
- Renaming the Moment of History “Albert Arizmendez Moment in Redondo History”, in honor of former Chair Albert Arizmendez who was an advocate of the Moment of History. Commissioner Klinger will reach out to the family for comments.

Commissioner Klinger referenced prior discussions with former Community Services Director LaRock regarding designing a storage case for the document that was signed by five Presidents, and requested an update by February meeting.

Interim Community Services Director Koike assured the Commissioners that she would do her best in providing answers to the requested items and said she will touch base with Chair Maroko.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:29 P.M.

Chair Maroko announced the next meeting of the Historical Commission will be held at 7:00 pm on February 17, 2021 via teleconference.

Motion by Commissioner Pepper, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Warstadt, Chair Maroko
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Zaremski

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Koike
 Interim Community Services Director