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HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2021

J.2. HISTORICAL COMMISSION SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Path of History Committee Report
2. Moment of History Committee Report
3. Historical Murals Committee Report

PATH OF HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

for February 17, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

On February 1, 2021 Committee members Commissioner Maroko and Commissioner Russell met via zoom to discuss committee business.

The tasks at hand include:

1. Identify North Redondo locations for the virtual Path of History and solicit input from community leaders and long- time residents.
2. Write and design (create) virtual markers, consistent with existing markers and prioritize which virtual markers will be created first, as well as create implementation plan.
3. Research each potential marker, including locating photographs relating to the marker.
4. Create plan to upload virtual markers to website.
5. As to physical markers: research records to determine vendors previously used; determine amount of funds needed to produce the physical marker and the amount of CIP funds needed to be raised or allocated so that the Vincent Park designated marker can be produced. Write the text for Vincent Park marker.
6. Prioritize remaining identified physical markers for fundraising and writing and create a fundraising and writing plan to for each marker.

In addition to the markers identified in the administrative report from the December 16, 2020 Historical Commission agenda packet (item F4), the following north Redondo locations were identified as possible markers:

1. The boundary between Rancho Sausal Redondo and Rancho San Pedro (Goodman and Ripley)
2. Pier Avenue Marketplace
3. 1940 fireworks explosion location
4. Oil derricks/rigs
5. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (on Redondo side)
6. TRW Tract
7. Perry Park
8. Congressperson Glen M. Anderson (at Anderson park)
9. Perry Park
10. Grant School and Grant School District
11. Aviation High
12. South Bay Center/Galleria
13. Historic Redondo Beach Boulevard (aka Artesia), including proposing "brown" California historic highway markers

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A MOMENT OF HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

for February 17, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

On January 31, 2021 Committee members Commissioner Maroko and Commissioner Fernandez met via zoom to discuss committee business.

The tasks at hand include:

1. Identify and solicit topics of interest for future Historic Commission meetings that can be developed into a written Moment of History.
2. Write short Moments of History to be included as part of the consent calendar at each meeting.
3. Include as the February 2021 Moment of History for the Historic Commission meeting the Hopkins Wilderness Park moment that was previously written for the December 2020 Historic Commission meeting but was not presented at that time.

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HISTORICAL MURALS COMMITTEE REPORT

for February 17, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

MURALS. At our October 2020 and December 2020 Historical Commissions meeting we discussed the possibility of creating historical murals as a way of bring Redondo's history outdoors. This project would be a partnership with the Public Arts Commission and the Recreation and Parks Commission. In the January 2021 Public Arts Commission meeting and in the February 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting, Interim Community Services Director Koike, in her Director's Report informed those commissions of this project being proposed by the Historical Commission.

Executive Summary

The Historical Museum and the Morell House in Heritage Court are currently closed indefinitely under the City's emergency orders in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Tours of the museum by elementary school students have also been suspended. At the October 2020 Historical Commission meeting there was discussion about bringing the museum outdoors, including the use of murals depicting historic events.

Conceptually, the idea would be to create multiple murals (7-10) in a local park or right of way depicting City events on walls, so that school age children and other members of our community can get an outdoor museum experience and learn about the city's history. These murals can have QR Codes on them, linking the user, via their phones, to a website or an audio recording about the scene in the artwork. There are several possible locations for these murals in close proximity to Heritage Court, the Museum and elementary schools, so once the Museum and the Morrell House are reopened to the public, the murals can supplement the museum experience. In addition, the mural experience would not be limited to museum hours.

Some possible mural themes include: (1) the Chowinga presence and culture in the area; (2) the Rancho San Pedro lifestyle/Dominguez family; (3) Hotel Redondo; (4) beach scenes (surfing, lifeguards, bandshell); (5) Red Car/trolleys; (6) pre-1920 Redondo Bay and wharves; (7) moonstones, the dunes, and the salt lake; (8) industries that helped shape the community (lumber, oil, farming, steam); (9) a Northrop Grumman satellite; (10) a map that shows the original townsite and the expansion over time; (11) a future looking mural that emphasizes and inspires the viewer that they too are and can continue to be part of the City's history.

ACTION NEEDED: To approve pursuing partnership with the Public Arts and Recreation and Parks Commissions, create a budget and timeline, pursue funding, approve (and prioritize) mural themes. Agendize approval of budget, timeline, themes at our next Commission meeting.

HISTORICAL LAWN-SIGNS

Interim project: Similar to murals, but can be implemented quickly, at more locations, and at a lower cost. This would entail putting a historic picture on a lawn sign with a QR code to a website that can include an audio story, more pictures, even a link to more resource information. The lawn sign would be similar to the political or real estate lawn-signs. Would allow for quick implementation and an opportunity to get content out to the public expeditiously.

ACTION NEEDED: To approve implementation for our next meeting, to seek input from Recreation and Parks for possible locations that can be made available to us and authorizing creation of 2-3 prototypes (no expenditure by Commission). Agendize at our next Commission meeting.

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