

PATH OF HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

for June 16, 2021 Historical Commission Meeting

On June 6, 2021 Committee members Commissioner Maroko and Commissioner Russell met via zoom to discuss committee business. Commissioner Pepper, absent.

The agenda included:

1. Update on April Commission meeting approve action items.
2. Approve North Redondo locations for the Path of History, as discussed in April Commission meeting, for presentation to June Commission meeting.
3. "Future possible Path of History" lawn sign.
4. Review of Vincent Park Path of History content from 2009.
5. Create a fundraising/partners and writing plan for each marker.
6. Create plan to upload virtual markers to website. Discuss needs for additional pages on historical website.

Update: Current status unclear. Discussed steps moving forward since April Commission approval to get Vincent Park sign created: including Commissioner Maroko 5/18/21 email to Director Koike asking about next steps; her email of 5/27/21 stating that Capital Improvement Project Manager wanted to receive layout/language for next Path of History signage; and Commissioner Maroko response of 5/28/21 that included the content created from 2009, which content is attached to this report.

Commission Action Item: Request staff update at June Commission meeting.

Future North Redondo locations: At the April Commission meeting, markers in North Redondo were approved to be part of project and for fundraising: (1) Rancho Sausal Redondo/Rancho San Pedro boundary; (2) Aviation High School; and (3) Historic Redondo Beach Boulevard. It was discussed whether we bring possible future locations for approval before the Committee or directly to Commission at the June meeting. The Commission decided the Committee should look at first. No suggestions were received from the public or staff prior to the Committee meeting. Hence, the following possible markers were identified and approved by the Committee for inclusion in the project (as set forth on the February 17, 2021 written Committee report):

1. Pier Avenue Marketplace
2. 1940 fireworks explosion location
3. Oil derricks/rigs
4. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (on Redondo side)
5. TRW Tract
6. Perry Park
7. Congressperson Glen M. Anderson (at Anderson park)
8. Perry Park
9. Grant School and Grant School District
10. South Bay Center/Galleria

Commission Action Item: Approve these 10 North Redondo locations as part of project.

“Future possible Path of History” lawn signs: Discussed placing lawn signs near different future locations to encourage public interest in project and promote fundraising for future signs. A model sign was approved (attached). The QR Codes would link to the Path of History pages on the City website. We discussed the need for additional pages (see below).

Commission Action Item: Request that Commission approve production of lawn-sign and work with Community Services Director for placement.

Vincent Park Path of History content: Commissioner Maroko received from Maggie Healy, who formerly was the Path of History Coordinator for the City, content that was created in 2009 for the Vincent Park Marker (attached). We will need to work with sign design company to finalize and implement.

No Commission action needed at this time.

Create a fundraising/partners and writing plan for each marker: Discussed the need to identify funding partners, sign project leads, research, writing, and protocols.

No Commission action needed at this time.

Additional pages on historical website needs: Discussed need of adding pages to our website for: (1) pictures of the six markers we prioritized at the April meeting, with a request for fundraising; (2) a page for each previously installed marker (virtual content); (3) a list of all future signs, with a small blurb. As part of the blurb can include a request for a lead donor (\$2,000 minimum; “Foundation of History”), so we can further prioritize design work, partner, and fundraise for future markers.

Commission action item: Discuss conceptually and get input from staff.

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