

**MINUTES OF THE  
REDONDO BEACH HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2021**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A regular virtual meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Commission Chairperson Maroko at 7:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Maroko, Fernandez, Klinger, Pepper, Russell, Zaremski  
Commissioners Absent: Warstadt  
Officials Present: Laurie Koike, Interim Community Services Director  
Khatirah Nazif, Administrative Specialist, City Clerk's Office

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner Fernandez led the Commissioners in the salute to the flag.

**PRELIMINARY REMARKS:** Chairperson Maroko reviewed the purpose of the Historical Commission

**APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

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

**BLUE FOLDER ITEMS**

Two items were presented by Interim Director Koike:

1. Power Point created by City staff, presented to City Council on October 26, 2011.
2. CIP Information cover page and item related to Path of History  
(from City 2018-2023 City Council Presentation)

*Motion made by Commission Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Pepper to Receive and File Blue Folder Items which will be part of the upcoming "Path of History" report. Motion unanimously approved.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING for the Regular Historical Commission Meeting  
of April 21, 2021**

## **F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: February 17, 2021**

## **F.3. MUSEUM DONATION AND FUND REPORT**

## **F.4. ALBERT P. ARIZMENDEZ MOMENT IN REDONDO BEACH HISTORY**

Commissioner Fernandez pulled item F.4. ALBERT P. ARIZMENDEZ Moment in Redondo Beach History.

*Motion made to by Commissioner Maroko to approve the Consent Calendar items F1, F2 and F3. Motion unanimously approved with the following roll call vote:*

AYES: Klinger, Zaremski, Russell, Pepper, Fernandez, Chairperson Maroko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Warstadt

## **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Commissioner Fernandez gave a report on a Moment in Redondo Beach History concentrating on the Redondo Beach Veteran's Park Library. This report was given in honor of past Historical Commission Chairperson Arizmendez.

*Motion made by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski to Receive and file the Albert P. Arizmendez Moment in History report. Motion unanimously approved.*

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

## **ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

### **I.1. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE DESIGNATION OF HOPKINS WILDERNESS PARK AS AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK (CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2021 MTG.)**

Commissioner Klinger will be giving an overview of this item which was moved from the February 17, 2021 meeting due to his absence at that meeting.

Commissioner Klinger wrote a template for a letter and is asking for Commission feedback. The letter will request the Hopkins Wilderness Park be considered a historical landmark and is directed to be sent to Assemblyman Muratsuchi and Senator Allen. He read the letter to the Commission. He is asking the Commission if they are agreeable to the wording of the letter and to Receive and File the "letter template" in order for the subcommittee to reach out to other applicable commissions that are involved in this item. (Parks and Recreation Commission, Library Commission and City Council).

As an action item, Commissioner Klinger stated he wants to reach out to other commissions, the City Council, the State Historical Resources Commission, the Office of Director of State Parks, and other stakeholders. In response to Interim Director Koike, Commissioner Klinger stated that there have not been any formal presentations yet, but he feels that the letter can be presented to the commissions and the City Council concurrently. Chairperson Maroko inquired about the process and whether the letter needs to be vetted by the City Attorney before being sent to elected representatives. Interim Director Koike suggested that there be a joint commission recommendation before Commissioner Klinger reaches out to the City Council.

Commissioner Klinger also presented three brief newspaper articles relative to the subject matter: Easy Reader (5/16/14); LA Times (4/17/92); U.S.Trip.com Travel Guide review (5/5/20). Commissioner Klinger will send Interim Director Koike the three articles plus the letter template. Interim Director Koike will distribute the articles and template to Commissioners when she receives them from Commissioner Klinger. Commissioner Zaremski referenced recent events involving wedding gifts made to benefit Wilderness Park that was included in the Beach Reporter that could be part of the presentation.

*Motion made by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to Receive and File the three news articles presented at the meeting and the proposed letter/template to local legislators. Motion unanimously approved.*

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

### **J.1. BROWN ACT TRAINING BY MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY**

Mr. Webb was not available to make the presentation at the April meeting; therefore, the Commission will table this discussion to their June meeting or request to hold a "Special Meeting" in May and ask Mr. Webb to present at that meeting.

*Motion made by Commissioner Zaremski, seconded by Commissioner Klinger to table this item until June meeting. Motion unanimously approved.*

### **J.2. HISTORICAL COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Oral History subcommittee:** Oral Report. Chairperson Maroko reports that the subcommittee will continue to conduct oral histories. Goal is to still have five oral histories per month.
2. **Joint Fundraising subcommittee:** No report
3. **Museum Fundraising subcommittee:** No report
4. **Travelling Museum subcommittee:** No report, will have one for June
5. **Moment in History:** Oral report on Albert P. Arizmendez. Thanked Commissioner Fernandez for preparing the report for this month
6. **Technology and Website subcommittee:** No report
7. **Pitch subcommittee:** No report

**8. Marketing: No Report**

**9. Path of History subcommittee:** Written report, review of materials in agenda packet, and recommendations presented

**10. Historic Murals subcommittee:** Written Report; Cindi Arrata, Parks & Rec Commissioner was appointed Liaison

*Motion by Commissioner Zaremski, seconded by Commissioner Russell to identify the three North Redondo Beach locations and a stairwell location for historical markers/signage as part of the Path of History project.*

- Rancho Sausal Redondo and Rancho San Pedro (Ripley)
- Historical Redondo Beach Blvd. (close to the library)
- Aviation High School (near Performing Arts Center)
- Ainsworth staircase by Veteran's Park (under the ivy)

*Motion unanimously approved.*

Chairperson Maroko discussed activating fundraising for the Path of History markers by identifying and prioritizing markers for fundraising.

*Motion made by Commissioner Pepper, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski to prioritize the next six locations for the Path of History project, adding two more to the four listed above as follows:*

- Vincent Park
- Old City Hall

*Motion unanimously approved.*

Chairperson Maroko discussed that Hunt Design did the design work for each previously installed marker. Interim Director Koike mentioned that Hunt Design may be the company the City works with on an ongoing basis for City signage.

*Motion made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Pepper to request Staff to ask Council to explore or enter into a contract with Hunt Design for Path of History markers. Motion unanimously approved.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell to allocate \$1,500 from the fundraising money already raised for funding of Vincent Park marker. Motion unanimously approved.*

During the subcommittee reports, the Commissioners asked about protocols for adding content to the City's webpage. Interim Director Koike verified that each department has the ability to add content to their own department's webpage. Interim Director Koike suggested that any additions/changes brought through subcommittee reports, but within discretion of the Community Services Director, if a commissioner proposes to the Director directly. In response to Commissioner Pepper, Chairperson Maroko suggested that the

Technology and Website subcommittee meet to discuss and suggest processes and guidelines to modify the Commission's webpage.

Chairperson Maroko noted that the City's birthday is next week so he created some historical lawn signs which have QR codes on them that link to the Commission's webpage and the library's historical resources webpage to place in Public Parks. Chairperson Maroko also noted that Recreation and Parks Commission stated that they had no objection to a 90-day placement of the historical lawn signs in the City's parks.

*Motion made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Pepper to adopt these signs on a temporary basis (90 days) as part of our commission. Motion unanimously approved.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Zaremski, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to post these signs on a temporary basis in Heritage Park and General Omar Jr. Parkette for 90 days, subject to Interim Director Koike's approval. Motion unanimously approved.*

### **J.3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Interim Director Koike mentioned that Chairperson Maroko went to the April 21<sup>st</sup> Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. He spoke to them about murals and gave a presentation recommending possible renaming of Flagler/Ripley Parkette to commemorate the Ito family. The Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to move this recommendation forward. The next step will be to take the recommendation to City Council.
- The Historical Museum has not yet reopened due to the pandemic protocols. There is currently only one volunteer and he is not able to volunteer at this time so the museum is still closed. Chairperson Maroko stated that in the past each commissioner had done some portion of the volunteer work at the museum and they may need to bring that idea up now in order to have sufficient coverage to reopen the museum. Chairperson Maroko stated that they do have a "Museum Docent" training program. Commissioner Zaremski volunteered to be part of the planning group to come up with protocols/ideas related to reopening/staffing.
- The Morrell House replacement roof project is done and is now nice and bright.
- Interim Director Koike mentioned the City Council is considering a land-based fireworks show for 4th of July.
- The re-opening of Seaside Lagoon is set for June 1, 2021 for a modified season this year.
- Planning of The BeachLife Festival in process for the event to be September 10-12, 2021

- The Community Services building will reopen for passports on May 3, 2021, by appointment only
- Both the main and north branch libraries are due to open on April 19, 2021.
- The Performing Arts Center is still not open or hosting events, however the marquis was updated and looks much better.

Chairperson Maroko asked for clarification on excused absences. Interim Director Koike will send them a copy of the Commissioner Handbook that City Clerk's office provides to all new Commissioners.

Commissioner Zaremski asked if the City could reach out to commissioners in a secondary way in addition to email since she hasn't received any info about meetings. She believes her emails may have gotten caught in the spam folder.

Chairperson Maroko asked Interim Director Koike to share with the Commission information about the utility boxes that the Public Art Commission are creating. The Commission is covering them with vinyl wrapping of artist designs.

## **MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Commissioner Klinger asked Interim Director Koike to verify whether she received the four items discussed in item I.1. and asked that they be appended to the minutes. Interim Director Koike confirmed receipt and stated that they will be appended to the minutes.

Commissioner Klinger asked about the status of the framed five Presidents' letters. He volunteered to help locate the documents. He also thought the last known place for the framed letters may be in the Library storage room

Commissioner Zaremski commended the City staff for their work on the recent rally in support of the AAPI community at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Chairperson Maroko asked about an update on business cards for commissioners, to which Interim Director Koike responded there is no update yet.

Chairperson Maroko asked if there was any interest in having via Zoom a "Special Meeting" in May to address the "Brown Act" training item. Interim Director Koike would need to check with City Clerk's office and will email City Clerk's office.

Chairperson Maroko noted that a few commissioners must reapply since they filled vacated positions part way through an existing term. He wanted to make sure they did not miss any upcoming deadlines for those applications and noted that they will need to reapply by June 11, 2021 at 5:30pm to receive applications for the terms expiring in September.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Historical Commission will be a regular virtual meeting to be held at 7:00pm on June 16, 2021.

*Motion made by Commissioner Russell to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pepper.  
Motion unanimously approved.*

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Maroko at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie Koike  
Interim Community Services Director