

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Historical Commission
February 17, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Via teleconference, a Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Historical Commission was called to order by Chair Maroko at 7:01 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Fernandez, Pepper, Russell, Warstadt, Chair Maroko
Commissioners Absent: Klinger, Zaremski
Officials Present: Laurie Koike, Interim Community Services Director
Laura Diaz, Office Specialist

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Maroko 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

Motion by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to approve the Order of Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with no opposition.

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

Interim Community Services Director Koike clarified that approved Blue Folder Items on the Agenda are uploaded and archived to the saved Agenda packets for public viewing on the City's Commission website.

Motion by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to receive and file an Administrative Report along with a Path of History Committee report, Moment of History Committee report, and the Historical Murals Committee report. Motion carried unanimously, with no opposition.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING for the Regular Historical Commission meeting of February 17, 2021.
- F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
Regular meeting of December 16, 2020.
- F.3. MUSEUM DONATION FUND REPORT

F.4. A MOMENT IN REDONDO BEACH HISTORY

Chair Maroko pulled Item F.2.

Motion by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item F.2. Motion carried unanimously, with no opposition.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Chair Maroko noted that there was a vote during the December 16, 2020 meeting to append the CLARO report and the Eller report to the December 16, 2020 minutes. He wants to ensure the CLARO report and the Eller report are uploaded to the Minutes page. Interim Community Services Director Koike said they are attached to Item J.2., the Historical Commission Subcommittee Reports and clarified that they would be attached to the December 16, 2020 minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Pepper, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to approve the December 16, 2020 Minutes with the CLARO and Eller Reports appended. Motion carried unanimously, with no opposition.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. THE POSSIBLE RE-NAMING OF THE FLAGLER AND RIPLEY PARKETTE

Interim Community Services Director Koike provided the following report:

Item was introduced by Chair Maroko who has spoken to people in different neighborhood while searching for areas for historical murals.

Extensive information regarding the Ito family was provided which is included in the staff report.

Recommendation is to receive and file the report and provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the possible re-naming of the Flagler and Ripley Parkette.

The item will be discussed at the April 2021 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. After feedback has been received from both commissions, a recommendation will be presented to City Council for their discussion and possible action.

Motion by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt, to recommend to City Council and the Recreation & Parks Commission that the open space adjacent to Ripley, Flagler, and Spreckels be named the Ito Family Open Space, or the Ito Family Parkette in honor of long-time residents Kimiko and Tomo Ito and their family. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Chair Maroko noted that the story of the Japanese internment camps is an important one whether for elementary school kids, high school kids, or the community. He would like to have curriculum developed that would explain it and to have a group formed that could explain the story to the community. Commission consensus that we should take the next steps to get the story out.

Chair Maroko said he would like to share ideas and continue talking to community members and educators to decide how to best present the story.

J.2. HISTORICAL COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Interim Community Services Director Koike said written subcommittee reports were received as Blue Folder items for the Path of History, Moment of History, and Historical Murals.

Chair Maroko suggested a maximum of three minutes for each report.

- Oral History – Chair Maroko has done nine so far and found the individuals to be very interesting. He plans to schedule five per month and is open to recommendations of appropriate people.
- Joint Fundraising report – Nothing to report
- Museum Fundraising – Nothing to report
- Traveling Museum – Nothing to report
- Path of History – A written report was presented. Chair Maroko asked Interim Community Services Director Koike to provide information about what the point of release is, what the cost is, and who they could contact to find those records. Chair Maroko asked if people had input for additional North Redondo Beach locations to bring it to the Committee's attention.
- A Moment of History – A written report was presented. Chair Maroko and Commissioner Fernandez will be presenting this item at each meeting. Commissioner Fernandez was providing the April meeting moment. Chair Maroko requested that if people have historical topics they want to have considered for future Moment of History to bring it to the Committee's attention.

- Budget – Nothing to report
- Technology & Website – Nothing to report
- Historical Murals – Chair Maroko provided a written report, including action items; he would like to agendaize approval of budget timelines and themes at the next meeting – no motion was made.

Historical lawn signs – beneficial because they are inexpensive, and coordination could be made with schools to place lawn signs at the different schools. He would like to have two or three prototypes created, develop content for a QR code, and present the opportunities to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, to have Chair Maroko create two or three prototypes and present them at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with no objections.

Interim Community Services Director Koike said she spoke to the Recreation & Parks Commission regarding the historical murals and the possibility of bringing the museum outdoors. She indicated that the Commission voted to agendaize the item for the April meeting and she invited Chair Maroko to join them.

- Writing Competitions & Scholarships – Nothing to report
- Pitch – Nothing to report
- Marketing – Nothing to report
- Museum Improvement – Eller subcommittee report has been provided as well as the CLARO report. Pointed out page 27 of the Eller report gave current layout of the building; ideas of the Eller report gave rise to the CLARO report; Page 30 sets out the goals for the upgrade. Encouraged the Commissioners to review the CLARO report.

In response to Commissioner Russell regarding the CLARO report being available to the public, Chair Maroko said City Council had approved the expenditure of funds for the CLARO report, however, the report was not made available to the public or to the City Council, until now.

In response to Commissioner Russell regarding the approval of changes to the museum, Chair Maroko said no action was taken regarding the options described in the report and that we are at the beginning of the process.

Motion by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Russell to receive and file the subcommittee reports. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

Interim Community Services Director Koike noted that she would like to publish the agenda one week prior to the meeting, along with the written subcommittee reports.

J.3. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE DESIGNATION OF HOPKINS WILDERNESS PARK AS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK

Interim Community Services Director Koike noted that at the December 21, 2020 meeting, Commissioner Klinger made a motion to confirm the assignment of the task of designating the Hopkins Wilderness Park as a historical landmark to the Joint Fundraising subcommittee, which was done. In addition, he wanted to confirm the assignment to the Subcommittee Chairman and Vice-Chair, the task of reaching out to various commissions, City Council, and representatives and to prioritize the discussion at the February meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Warstadt, seconded by Commissioner Pepper to table the item to the April meeting. Motion unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

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

J.4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Interim Community Services Director Koike provided the following updates:

Morrell Historical house – per Public Works, the roof has been removed and the shingle roof replacement will take two to three weeks.

Upcoming City Council items – update on Strategic Plan pending

Fiscal 21-22 budget process will begin soon, the budget will be another tight one

COVID – Historical Museum, Morrell house, Veterans Historic Library space, RBPAC remain closed

Veterans Historic Library – currently the City does not have an operating agreement with a catering company. An RFP for an operator for the Historical Library will be distributed in the spring.

Email addresses and business cards – before the Commissioners can be provided individual email addresses and business cards, the retention policy needs to be changed. It is currently undergoing various reviews, including legal.

Recruitment for the Community Services Director has begun.

MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Chair Maroko reviewed the following items:

Climate control for fragile items – Interim Community Services Director Koike will follow up.

Commissioner Klinger provided a referral regarding the storage case for the document signed by the Presidents. Interim Community Services Director Koike suggested looking at cases and storage when the museum re-opens.

Franklin Center – an inventory sheet indicated there are historical items being stored there. Interim Community Services Director Koike said she will check and advise.

Locate plaque that should be at the Historical Library with regards to a family member who was active with the campaign of Mayor Czuleger – Interim Community Services Director Koike said she will research and advise.

Brown Act training – City Attorney Webb was invited to tonight's meeting; requested Interim Community Services Director Koike follow up to request his attendance at the April meeting.

Requested Presentation and Announcement section added to the agenda, which is allowable by bylaws. Public Records Request was filed - no response yet.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:58 P.M.


Chair Maroko announced the next meeting of the Historical Commission will be held on April 21, 2021.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Koike

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Interim Community Services Director