

**MINUTES OF THE
REDONDO BEACH HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
June 16, 2021**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular virtual meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Commission Chairperson Maroko at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

PRELIMINARY REMARKS:

Chairperson Maroko reviewed the purpose of the Historical Commission. Chairperson Maroko welcomed Cameron Harding, the new Director of Community Services, who has been in the department for three weeks, to introduce himself to the Commission. Director Harding came most recently from Community Services in the City of Cypress and prior positions at the cities of Lomita and Manhattan Beach.

APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

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

BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

**F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING for the Regular Historical Commission Meeting of
June 16, 2021**

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: April 21, 2021

F.3. MUSEUM DONATION AND FUND REPORT

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

Motion made to by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously approved.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

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

City Attorney Webb presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Brown Act. This presentation was put together by the LA County District Attorney's office. This is meant to keep newer commissioners educated on certain restrictions that apply to the commissioners especially in order to maintain transparency for the public. The Brown Act was originated to keep certain local agencies from having "secret" meetings that did not include the public's input. The public is supposed to have a meaningful opportunity to participate in the local government decisions. The City relies on the commissions appointed to provide meaningful advice to the City Council, however the public is also to have opportunity to speak to the commissions prior to them providing recommendations to the City Council.

City Attorney Webb thanked the commission for the time they are volunteering to the City.

Motion made by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell to Receive and File this presentation. Motion unanimously approved, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinger, Zaremski, Russell, Warstadt, Chairperson Maroko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pepper, Fernandez

J.2. HISTORICAL COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Oral History subcommittee** (Oral report)
Chairperson Maroko noted that they are continuing to interview people.
- **Joint Fundraising subcommittee** (Oral report)
Commissioner Klinger and Commissioner Warstadt noted that they have met and are currently working through an agenda. Commissioner Warstadt reached out to Commissioner Varvarigos with the Parks and Rec Commission and he is onboard to assist with recognizing and registering Wilderness Park as a Historical Landmark.

She has also spoken to members of other commissions and Barbara Epstein of Parkland Conservancy to join in the fundraising efforts. Commissioner Fernandez has reached out to the Library Commission; Commissioner Warstadt is reaching out to the Public Arts and the Chowizna people; Commissioner Klinger has also reached out to Councilman Nehreheim. Commissioner Fernandez is also looking into the history of the Nike Missile site and Commissioner Klinger is looking into other historical archives.

- **Museum Fundraising subcommittee** (No report)
- **Traveling Museum subcommittee** (Oral report)
Commissioners Klinger and Russell briefly discussed exploring some options to extend the program to include more residents but will clarify their ideas and bring something in form of a written report for the next meeting.
- **Moment of History subcommittee** (Oral report)
Commissioner Fernandez will present Moment of History at August meeting.
- **Budget subcommittee** (Oral report)
- Chairperson Maroko spoke to a current Budget and Finance Commissioner about letting Commissioner Fernandez work with him to learn the process in preparation to add their input for next year's budget.
- **Technology & website subcommittee** (No report)
- **Historical Murals subcommittee** (Oral report)
Chairperson Maroko stated that Cindi Arrata, is the liaison for the Parks & Rec Commission on the project. Interim Director Koike stated that she passed along information to Director Harding for the July Public Arts Commission agenda. Chairperson Maroko noted that the commissioners can recommend to Director Harding items to put on the upcoming Public Arts Commission agenda for July related to our projects if they wish to.
- **Pitch subcommittee** (No report)
If any of the commissioners have thoughts or ideas for a Leadership Redondo project or another service group that has a volunteer component, please bring it up at end of meeting as a staff recommendation or send off to Director Harding.
- **Marketing subcommittee** (No report)
- **Museum improvement** (Oral report)
A few meetings ago we mentioned the Claro report and that there was money spent to make the historical museum more inviting but nothing has been formalized on any agenda yet.
- **Path of History subcommittee** (Written report)
Chairperson Maroko stated following the last commission meeting the subcommittee reviewed potential additional sites for markers. The subcommittee proposed 10 additional sites in North Redondo where they would like to see markers. These locations are, Pier Avenue Marketplace, 1940 Fireworks Explosion location, Oil rigs, The Redondo Beach side of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, TRW Tract, Perry Park, Anderson Park, Grant School/Grant School District and South Bay Center/Galleria.

Motion made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Klinger to approve these 10 locations. Motion unanimously approved, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinger, Zaremski, Russell, Warstadt, Chairperson Maroko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pepper, Fernandez

Chairperson Maroko mentioned the recent signage for the City's birthday. He suggests that the commission create signage similar to that for future "Path of History markers/signage locations. He added some mock ups as examples and included in the packet, along with some possible locations for those signs. He is even willing to front the cost of perhaps 6 signs to eliminate any delay, upon Director Harding's approval.

Motion by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Warstadt to create and erect lawn signs for historical markers/signage. Motion unanimously approve, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinger, Zaremski, Russell, Warstadt, Chairperson Maroko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pepper, Fernandez

Motion made by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell to Receive and File all subcommittee oral and written reports. Motion unanimously approved, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinger, Zaremski, Russell, Warstadt, Chairperson Maroko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pepper, Fernandez

J.3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Harding noted that we are still figuring out the safest way to reopen the museum. They are working towards that goal and will keep the commission updated as soon as they have a date.
- Manager Koike wanted to remind the commission that there is a background process that the Human Resources department uses for all volunteers. They complete background checks on all just like if they were new employees so she wanted to note that it might take a while to get a volunteer on board.

Commissioner Russell asked about the timeline for moving the commission meetings back to in person in the council chambers. Director Harding notes that we are still in the middle of making technology updates in the chambers and once completed, there will be training so perhaps in August for that meeting but that is still not confirmed yet.

MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Klinger asked to continue to check out certain storage locations for historical artifacts and the presidential letter.

Commissioner Russell asked if when the museum opens, would the entire commission be able to go look at the museum or would that violate any Brown Act. Chairperson Maroko mentioned that he left that question with City Attorney Webb.

Chairperson Maroko was following up on possibility of needing waterproof containers for museum docs that could be wrecked.

Chairperson Maroko also asked about an update on business cards for commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Historical Commission will be a regular or virtual meeting to be held at 7:00pm on August 18, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Russell to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinger, Zaremski, Russell, Warstadt, Chairperson Maroko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pepper, Fernandez

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Maroko at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Harding', is written over a horizontal line.

Cameron Harding,
Community Services Director