

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Recreation & Parks Commission was called to order by Chair McCauley at 7:00 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and teleconference.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Escontrias, Korman-Soooper, Light, Lang, Varvarigos, Rowe, and Chair McCauley

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Senior Management Analyst  
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation Supervisor

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair McCauley led the Commissioners in a Salute to the Flag.

**D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Chair McCauley asked if there were any objections to the order of the agenda. Seeing none, the order of the agenda was approved.

**E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

**E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS**

Senior Management Analyst Orta confirmed that a Blue Folder Item was added on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, which is a presentation that will be provided by Staff later in the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Korman-Soooper, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to receive and file the Blue Folder Item. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: Escontrias, Korman-Soooper, Light, Lang, Varvarigos, Rowe, and Chair McCauley

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 12, 2022**

Senior Management Analyst Orta clarified for the record that the Recreation & Parks Commission Minutes of January 12, 2022, were previously approved. However, there was a minor edit that needed to be made to the motion regarding the Pickleball item.

The Commission approved the Recreation & Parks Commission Minutes of January 12, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: Escontrias, Korman-Soper, Light, Lang, Varvarigos, Rowe, and  
Chair McCauley

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Commissioner Varvarigos, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to approve the Affidavit of Posting in the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: Escontrias, Korman-Soper, Light, Lang, Varvarigos, Rowe, and  
Chair McCauley

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

#### **G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

None.

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

##### **H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair McCauley opened the floor to public comments.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo confirmed that there were no eComments or Public Comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Chair McCauley closed the floor to public comments.

#### **I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

None.

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

##### **J.1. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND PROJECT UPDATE**

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided an introduction and overview of the item.

Non-Profit Group Outreach Subcommittee: Chair McCauley reported that the subcommittee has reached out to different non-profit community groups and setting up meetings to discuss some of their issues. Currently Chair McCauley has reached out to the sports groups and met with leaders of those organizations and took notes. The goal

is to continue to hold meetings and then bring those items from the groups to the Commission.

Commissioner Escontrias had no additional updates for the subcommittee.

Joint Commission Fundraising Subcommittee: Commissioner Varvarigos reported that the Historical Commissioners worked together to submit for the Wilderness Park to be a historic landmark. There were representatives from the Tongva Tribal Council in attendance and had a ceremony at the park for Earth Day. There was a large turnout from various groups at the event. There was no need for fundraising for this event, the focus was the historic value of Wilderness Park. Furthermore, inquired if there was a need to have three Commissioners for this subcommittee.

Senior Management Analyst Orta confirmed that there is only a need for one Commissioner but can go up to three.

Commissioner Varvarigos reported that the Public Art Commission is leading an art project regarding the Ito Family Open Space and that was also part of the Earth Day event.

Senior Management Analyst Orta added that the Public Art Commission and Historic Commission are working on some details for the Ito Family Open Space. A report will be provided to the Recreation & Parks Commission at a later date.

Chair McCauley opened the floor to public comments.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo confirmed that there were no eComments or Public Comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Chair McCauley closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Rowe stated for the record that he will be speaking to Commissioner Varvarigos about possibly joining the Joint Commission Fundraising Subcommittee as a second representative.

## **J.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY UPDATES**

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided an introduction to the item and the PowerPoint presentation regarding the Community Services Department: Programs + Activities Update. The PowerPoint presentation included the following details:

- Staff Recruitment
- Social Media
- Afterschool Playground Program
- Historical Museum
- Summer Newsletter
- Summer Camps
- Seaside Lagoon
- Senior & Family Services
- User Pay Activities

- Upcoming Events

Discussion followed regarding summer movies at the parks and schedule available through different media for public access.

Senior Management Analyst Orta responded and provided clarification to the Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Korman-Soooper requested a detailed breakdown of the hiring program, what terms mean, efforts to expedite the hiring process, background checks, etc.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo provided an update on the recruitment and hiring process. Details included COVID-19 vaccination status, drug test, background check as requested by the Human Resources Department. Some challenges include staff testing positive for COVID-19 and having other staff cover shifts.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Salaries at Redondo Beach being comparable to other cities.
- Determining why employees are leaving.
- Applications received since December 2021.
- Specific requirements of COVID-19 vaccination requirement, background checks, and drug testing.
- Retention and interest.
- Salary based on the revenue received by programs.
- Drugs that are being tested as part of the hiring process.
- Possibly waiving marijuana from the drug test.
- Details from beginning to end regarding hiring process.
- Classification for positions.
- Comparable compensation for the positions to the area.
- Seasonal positions.
- Assisting high school students on how to apply and submit all required documentation.
- Loss of employees to other neighboring Cities.
- Hours allotted for the positions.
- Time needed by Staff to collect the requested information.

Recreation Supervisor Pinedo and Senior Management Analyst Orta responded and provided clarification to the Commissioners' questions.

Senior Management Analyst Orta confirmed that information regarding this conversation will be taken back to staff and this discussion can continue at a future Recreation & Parks Commission meeting for further consideration.

Commissioner Rowe suggested for Commissioner Korman-Soooper to draft a letter for Recreation & Parks Commission consideration that will be presented to City Council as part of public comment regarding this matter.

Motion by Commissioner Korman-Soooper, seconded by Commissioner Light, for Commissioner Korman-Soooper to draft a letter to City Council addressing the issue of the

after-school playground program within the Recreations Department. The drafted letter will be included as a Blue Folder Item as part of the next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting in July. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: Escontrias, Korman-Soooper, Light, Lang, Varvarigos, Rowe, and Chair McCauley

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discussion continued regarding the report provided by staff, including:

- Wilderness Park extended operating hours be posted on social media.
- Social media is revamped for public information and information that is posted online.

Senior Management Analyst Orta responded and provided clarification to the Commissioners' questions.

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

Senior Management Analyst Orta provided the following updates under Director's Report:

- The backstop at Julia Field is not planned to be replaced, unless there is a request from the little league.
- North Redondo Bikeway Plan - The fitness equipment was removed from the plans due to the powerlines overhead, and the City was unable to locate fitness equipment that would meet the requirements. The funding was not re-allocated but was used for the same project.

Commissioner Varv8.arigos requested details regarding the restrictions of certain projects and the funding for the North Redondo Bikeway Plan and the information can be utilized for the Greenway Project.

Senior Management Analyst Orta responded and provided clarification to the questions.

Senior Management Analyst Orta continued to provide the following updates:

- Wilderness Park parking lot will be closed on July 30, 2022, from 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM, due to a Compost Event.
- A drafted RFP for Seaside Lagoon was created by staff and then reassigned to the Water Front Department for further development.

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

Commissioner Lang inquired about Dominguez Park and the parcel next to the playground that the North Redondo Community Garden could use.

Commissioner Escontrias confirmed that the parcel and funding had been allocated for the Police K-9 training area.

## L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Varvarigos, seconded by Commissioner Light, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Escontrias, Korman-Soper, Light, Lang, Varvarigos, Rowe, and  
Chair McCauley

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Recreation & Parks Commission will be a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on July 13, 2022, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and via teleconference.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.



Cameron Harding  
Community Services Director