

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Historical Commission was called to order by Chairperson Maroko at 7:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Colin, Klinger, Warstadt, Zaremski, Chairperson Maroko
Commissioners Absent: Fernandez, Commiato
Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Senior Management Analyst
Michelle Pinedo, Recreation Supervisor

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Zaremski led the Commissioners in the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence for Patricia Dreizler, a long-time Redondo Beach resident, City employee and community volunteer.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS:

Chairperson Maroko reviewed the purpose of the Historical Commission.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Klinger, to approve the Order of the Agenda. Hearing no objections, Chairperson Maroko so ordered.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACKUP MATERIALS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

NONE.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REGULAR HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2022

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: APRIL 20, 2022

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.3. MUSEUM DONATION FUND REPORT

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

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

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

F.5. AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOCATE \$115 FROM THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S DONATION ACCOUNT TO REPLACE THE GLASS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Chairperson Maroko referred to Item F.5 and informed that the allocation of \$115 does not include sales tax.

Motion by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to approve Consent Calendar Items F.1, F.2, F.3, F.4, and F.5 Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being no comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

NONE.

**H.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

NONE.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being no comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

NONE.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

**J.1. HISTORICAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Senior Management Analyst Kelly Orta gave a report, reviewed the Committees and stated the Ito Parkette Preliminary Conceptual Plan has been attached.

Oral History Committee

Chairperson Maroko stated oral history is still taking place along with potential interviews.

Joint Fundraising Committee (JFC)

Commissioner Klinger reviewed an event at Wilderness Park that took place with Native Americans present, and the timing of possible designation of a California historical landmark was discussed. He also said the South Bay Parkland Conservancy organized the first camping event.

Museum Fundraising Committee

Nothing to report.

Travelling Museum Committee

Nothing to report.

Path of History/Virtual Path of History Committee

Chairperson Maroko stated the next sign is in fabrication which is in Vincent Park and the Lamp of Learning and if approved, will be installed. He also reviewed additional signs and said the first one will be used as a basis for the fundraiser and to obtain more funding.

Albert P. Arizmendez Moment of Redondo Beach History

Chairperson Maroko encouraged members of the public to look at the Moment of History regarding the Hotel Redondo.

Budget Committee

Senior Management Analyst Orta stated the City Council is still considering the budget for next year and said she will try to locate the City Manager's recommendations towards the Museum.

Technology and Website Committee

Chairperson Maroko stated there are plans being done to improve the technology and website, the balance to be discussed under the Director's Report.

Historical Murals Committee

Chairperson Maroko informed of a joint project with Public Arts and Recreation and Parks to put historical murals in the park and two parks have been identified.

Writing Competitions/Scholarships Committee

Chairperson Maroko stated this will be explored further.

Community Outreach Committee

Chairperson Maroko stated this will be discussed further during the strategic plan portion of the meeting.

Marketing Committee

Chairperson Maroko gave an introduction and spoke on the Chicago History Museum. He also stated that the Commission needs to work on branding.

Museum Improvement Committee

Chairperson Maroko spoke on the open house for the City's Birthday, noted over 70 people attended and the art exhibit was spectacular.

Commissioner Colin stated this event attracted a lot of students who were taught by Cesar Hernandez, people enjoyed seeing his artwork and hoped to expand his paintings for viewing.

Chairperson Maroko also said Mr. Hernandez' own personal yearbook was found.

Museum Sales Committee

Chairperson Maroko stated he will be working with staff to design a flyer regarding buying the postcard book at the City's Community Center on Artesia Boulevard.

Museum Inventory Teams

Chairperson Maroko stated there has been no progress since the last meeting.

Museum Signs and Displays Committee

Chairperson Maroko spoke on the Chicago History Museum and said he found new ideas for future signage.

Field Trips and Walking Tours of City Historical Sights Committee

Chairperson Maroko suggested planting in the sidewalk markers of historically significant sites, setting up a walking tour.

Museum Audio Tours Committee

Chairperson Maroko stated this item will be reviewed as part of the Strategic Plan.

Grants Committee

Nothing to report.

Park Dedication for Ito Family Park Committee

Chairperson Maroko gave a report and reviewed pictures presented. He suggested the use of landscape as an art piece. Senior Management Orta displayed concept drawings by the Public Art team which are designed to convey two stories: the Ito family story and the Japanese Internment Camp story. Chairperson Maroko requested input from the Commission as we move forward with the project.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment on all of the Committee reports. There being no comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to receive and file the reports. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

J.2. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Chairperson Maroko gave a report and referred to the second page of the administrative report with some additional ideas. He noted the three-year plan has a short-term (2022), mid-term(2023) and long-term project (2024 and beyond), all pertaining to the Historical Museum. He supported bringing the Redondo Beach history forward and getting people involved.

Commissioner Colin spoke on the Museum and noted kids showing up with their parents to explore the Museum. He suggested having yearly events at the Museum for people to attend and celebrate. He also suggested targeting certain holidays such as Halloween and Christmas that people will want to attend.

Commissioner Klinger suggested a yearly or quarterly museum event and noted a butterfly garden at Wilderness Park that was started by a student.

Chairperson Maroko noted stained glass windows in the Museum from the St. James church and suggested collecting wedding pictures. He also noted stories about old cars and suggested having pictures and stories. He suggested plaques on the sidewalks and opportunities around the City for history. He further expressed concern with an identity issue and suggested a funding opportunity and naming the Museum. He also suggested an open house and baseball in the City and also doing something for the high school

students, and scholarships for kids. He suggested exploring moving a display case to the middle of the first room, to allow for more information on the wall.

Commissioner Colin suggested coordinating Little League and advertising.

Commissioner Klinger supported involving baseball with the Historical Museum.

Commissioner Colin suggested coordinating with the Historical Society and suggested including patrons of the Dog Park. He offered to do a mock-up flyer on his event ideas.

Commissioner Zaremski suggested having an annual Easter egg hunt.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment.

Art Middlebrooks supported history and the Museum and their 1907 home qualifying for the Mills Act. He suggested having clear goals on what to accomplish. Chairperson Maroko reviewed the Commission's goals and plans.

There being no further comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

Motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Colin, to receive and file. There being no objections, motion carried unanimously.

J.3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CONTACT: CAMERON HARDING, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Senior Management Analyst Orta gave a report and discussed the following:

- City Manager recommending that Council allocate a total of \$10K to be used on the Museum and events, and Path of History project
- Supplemental request allowing the City to purchase a computer and printer for the Museum
- Staffing at the facility may be available
- Meeting frequency for the Commission – ordinance updated to meet bimonthly which sunsets at the end of the month

Commissioner Colin suggested a Wizard of Oz event on Halloween.

In response to Chairperson Maroko, Senior Management Analyst Orta stated the position being filled is estimated at about 12 hours per week to get the Museum open on a consistent basis. She also said most of the repair items have been completed in the Museum, and the presidential sign will be replaced and displayed again. She suggested adjourning to the August meeting procedurally but there may be a special meeting in July. She also said her department and the Public Works Department are working on updates to Dominguez Park.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

In response to Commissioner Klinger, Senior Management Analyst Orta said students can reach out via her email with ideas for the Historical Commission.

Commissioner Colin informed of one more pad at Dominguez Park available for another historical home placement and asked that staff keep in touch regarding preserving it.

In response to Chairperson Maroko, Senior Management Analyst Orta stated she will verify with the City Attorney regarding limitations on a Commissioner donating one of the Path of History markers as a Commission. She also said she will reach out to Council regarding their names being on the Path of History markers.

In response to Chairperson Maroko regarding refurbishing the fountain in Heritage Court, Senior Management Analyst Orta said that Public Works is looking at repairs and upgrades.

In response to Chairperson Maroko regarding recognizing a Redondo Beach history maker in the community as part of Redondo Beach history, Senior Management Analyst Orta suggested this be a standing item on the Consent Calendar.

Chairperson Maroko also thanked the Minutes Clerk for her help in preparation of the minutes.

Chairperson Maroko called for public comment. There being no comments, Chairperson Maroko closed the public comment period.

L. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion by Commissioner Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Zaremski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Colin, Klinger, Warstadt, Zaremski, Chairperson Maroko
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Commiato, Fernandez

Respectfully submitted,


Cameron Harding,
Community Services Director