

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Monday, April 8, 2026
6 p.m. – Regular Meeting
MINUTES**



**City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
City Council Chambers**

STAFF:

ASHLEY WYSOCKI, Director
Community & Library Services
CHRIS COLE, Manager, Facilities & Dev.
Community & Library Services
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Sr. Admin. Assistant
Community & Library Services

LOLLY MCHARDY, Chair
CEASON BAKER, Vice Chair
STEVE BARNES, Commissioner
LAUREN GRUEL, Commissioner
JEANNE PARIS, Commissioner
TRICIA THIENES, Commissioner
TEISHA NIM-HUSAINI, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McHardy called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., at which time a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Barnes

ROLL CALL

Baker, Barnes, Gruel, McHardy, Nim-Husaini, Paris, Thienes
Staff: Wysocki, Drevdahl, Gomez

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amory Hansen spoke in support of the Pier Plaza plaque honoring veterans and America 250.

Dina Chavez spoke in support of the Library Facilities Master Plan. Ms. Chavez emphasized the volume of users at the library branches and Library's efforts to meet the demand. She urged Commission to support the Master Plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McHardy called for approval of March 9, 2026, meeting minutes. Commissioner Paris request correction of the "second" she made on Commissioner Baker's motion regarding the Library Facilities Master Plan Liaison Committee (minutes, pages 6 and 7). Discussion ensued on Roberts Rules of Order and the legality of making a motion on non-administrative items. When asked if the minutes should be held, pending direction from the City Attorney, Commissioner Baker stated she would like to see Commissioner Paris' second of her motion reflected in the March minutes. The recording secretary clarified the request for correction. No request for approval of the amended minutes was conducted.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Updated Pier Plaza Flagpole Rededication Plaque Honoring Veterans and America 250 – There is a need to approve the language and design of the updated Pier Plaza flagpole re-dedication plaque

Wysocki provided background on the original plaque funded by American Legion Post 133

in honor of Veterans. She explained that in 2025, Scout Brenden Bauer notice that due to the plaque's installation at ground level, the public tended to walk on the plaque. Scout Bauer felt it was disrespectful and adopted the building of a pedestal for the plaque as his Eagle Scout project. Shortley after the project was completed and the plaque installed on the pedestal, the plaque was pried from the pedestal and stolen.

Wysocki reported that staff, working in coordination with Post 133, designed a new plaque that would continue to honor Veterans, but would also include the commemoration of America 250.

Commissioner Barnes asked if the new plaque would be installed at ground level. Wysocki replied that the plaque would be reinstalled on the pedestal, however, with additional safety features, such as inlayed and bolted for extra security.

Recommended Action:

Approve for recommendation to City Council the language, design and installation of the Pier Plaza flagpole rededication plaque honoring Veterans and America 250.

MOTION:

Commissioner Barnes moved to approve the item with Commission Paris seconding the motion. All in favor (7-0).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CIP Review & Project Updates – Reports by Drevdahl

- **Greer Park South** – A public workshop was held on April 7, 2026, regarding the McFadden Lift Station, which is the first phase of rehabilitating the park. Approximately 50 people attended. Although the lift station was the main topic, the public inquired about the lake as well.

Commissioner Barnes noted that he attended the Greer Park meeting and thought there would be more discussion on the lake. He asked when the lake phase begins, if a meeting would be scheduled to include the public. Drevdahl confirmed that a meeting on the lake phase would include the public.

- **Library Fountains** – Drevdahl reported that the fountains are currently watertight, with plumbing, piping work, the cascading fountains, and prelim for Phase I completed. Due to the ongoing issues with leaking at the seams, which the vendor has appears to have mitigated, monitoring of the inside fountain will continue to take place for a few weeks.
- **Newland House Rehabilitation** – Current paint tested as led based and will need abatement. Staff received a quote from Sherwin Williams and anticipate the project to begin by summer with completion in the fall.

Calendar of Events

Wysocki presented the calendar of events for April and May 2026, highlighting the Creative Visions opening exhibition at the Art Center on Friday, April 17.

STAFF ITEMS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Master Plan Liaison Group Update – presented by Commissioner McHardy
Prompted by Commissioner Barnes, Chair McHardy announced that Commissioner Barnes would be joining the Liaison Group. Wysocki explained that changes should be made by Commission vote at the next meeting since the Liaison Group was originally approved as an Administrative Item and voted on by the Commissioners.

America 250 Liaison Group Updates – presented by Wysocki and Commissioner Barnes
Wysocki announced that should one person from each of the three America 250 Liaison Group like to attending meetings of the Celebration Committee, the next one is scheduled for 6 p.m. on April 13.

Commissioner Barnes reported that he and Commissioner Nim-Husaini were assisting the Huntington Beach Art Center on an America 250 project by judging a mural banner contest. Submissions were open April 1–16 with the Commissioners to judge and select four winning banners to hang on the exterior walls of the Art Center.

MEMBER OR STAFF COMMENTS (Not Agendized)

Commissioners Barnes, Paris, Thienes, Nim-Husaini, McHardy, attended pre-opening group tours of the remodeled Dwight's Beach Concession.

Commissioners Barnes, McHardy, Paris, and Thienes attended the Greer Park South Lift Station meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair McHardy adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.