

**Community & Library Services  
Commission  
Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
6:00 PM – 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

AUSTIN EDELL, Chair

LOLLY MCHARDY, Vice-Chair

CEASON BAKER, Commissioner

LISA-LANE BARNES, Commissioner

LAURA COSTELLOE, Commissioner

DR. RICHARD HARRISON, Commissioner

TARYN PALUMBO, Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order by Chair Edsell at 6:09 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Commissioner Barnes

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Baker, Barnes, Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison, McHardy, Palumbo

Staff: Wysocki, Cole, Gomez, Martinez, Sandoval, Getman, Yerke

**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Gomez announced supplemental communications that had been provided with Commissioner's agenda packets.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carol Daus, resident of 28 years, felt that that there were inaccuracies at the last City Council meeting on outsourcing. Ms. Daus provided information on outsourcing versus privatization.

Amory Hansen spoke in support of the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee plaque for the rededication of Huntington Central Park.

Christopher Rini, Huntington Beach native, library volunteer, and supporter of the library, spoke regarding the Parent/Guardian board and privatization of the library system. Mr. Rini voiced his concerns on actual savings, loss of volunteers, and who would replace them.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Request approval of the April 10, 2024, meeting minutes.

Chair Edsell and Commissioner Baker asked for revisions to the minutes, with Chair Edsell asking that the word "operations" be added to "outsourced" on Page 6, paragraph 5. Commissioner Baker voiced concerns of how her comments were recorded and felt they did not reflect the points she was trying to make and did not convey her message appropriately. Chair Edsell assisted Commissioner Baker and Gomez with revised language of the

minutes. The paragraph should now read, "Commissioner Baker thanked the speakers for attending and making comments. Commissioner Baker mentioned that on Library social media accounts, there was concerning materials that did not require a library card. Gomez will make revisions accordingly.

**MOTION:** With the corrections determined, Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes as amended, with Chair Edsell seconding the motion.

**AYES:** Baker, Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison, McHardy, Palumbo

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Barnes

## **PRESENTATION**

**Senior Center in Central Park Update** – Martinez introduced Bill Sandoval, new Sr. Supervisor of the Senior Center in Central Park, along with the Senior Center Team. Sandoval said he was excited to be part of the HB family and the Senior Center, bringing 30 years of municipal experience with him. Sandoval and his team provided a presentation on programs and services provided at the Senior Center.

Sandoval introduced Recreation Supervisor, Scott Gettman, who has been with the Senior Center for 9 years and witnessed the genesis of the Center. Gettman said he oversees the recreation section and provided information on classes, social clubs, and statistics on classes, listings in the SANDS recreation magazine, the Center's partnership with Hoag, along with special events. Getman also spoke about the Center as a rental facility for parties, fundraisers, weddings, and business events. He stated that the Hoag Health and Wellness program includes a state-of-the-art fitness center with over 1,800 members.

Michelle Yerke, Social Services Supervisor was introduced next. Yerke oversees the Care Management portion of the Center, which she said provides in-person services to over 900 older adults annually, and transportation services through Surf City Seniors on the Go with over 20,000 rides per year. It is ADA accessible, provides rides throughout Huntington Beach and its neighboring cities. The home delivered meals and Senior Café are nutritional programs, serving residents 60 and older with about 84,000 meals served per year. Lunch is provided at the Senior Café by Meals on Wheels with a \$3 suggested donation. She explained the volunteer program provides 40,000 volunteer hours per year, which equates to \$1.5 million.

Sandoval spoke about the various partnerships with HBCOA, Hoag, OC Memorial Care, Meals on Wheels, and many more to provide services to the older residents in the City. Additionally, Sandoval announced that May is Older Americans Month.

A Q&A followed with Commissioner Baker commenting on the incredible menu. Chair Edsell asked about the Meals on Wheels partnership. Yerke said that Meals On Wheels provided the food, and volunteers make the deliveries along with some staffing and facility partnership, and the food was donation based. Questions continued on the age limit and the amount of people who are served. Chair Edsell asked about Surf City Seniors on the Go. Yerke said this was a grant funded, donation-based program. There were further questions about scheduling and hours of operation. Commissioner Costelloe asked about the age requirements for the gym. Getman said the program was for 50 and up and provided the membership fees. Those 65 and above could join for free through Silver Sneakers.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Huntington Central Park Jubilee Plaque** – Staff requested approval for the language and location of the Huntington Central Park 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee rededication plaque. Cole provided a short presentation providing background information on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park, the plaque context, the location of the plaque and the boulder. The location was described as a triangular area where paths merge, allowing high visibility to park visitors. Using a natural boulder to house the plaque and having staff provide the installation would be a cost-effective measure verses hiring a vendor for a post mounting. Cole also informed Commission that a Boy Scout has requested to beautify the triangular location with planting of shrubs and flowers for his Eagle Scout project at no cost to the City.

#### **Recommendation:**

Approval for recommendation to City Council the language and location of the rededication plaque in recognition of Huntington Central Park's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration.

**MOTION:** Chair Edsell moved to approve as recommended by staff with Commissioner Baker seconding the motion. All in favor (7-0).

**AYES:** Baker, Barnes, Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison, McHardy, Palumbo

**NOES:** None

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **CIP Review & Project Updates:**

1. **Trinidad Park Playground** – Cole reported the fencing came down, the play equipment had been installed and the new rubberized surfacing was in place. The playground reopening is scheduled for May 13, 2024.

#### **Calendar of Events**

1. **Update on Jubilee Celebrations**

- a. Log Cabin 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration Recap – Saturday, April 20 was one of the highlights of the 2024 Jubilee events with a 100-year celebration of the Log Cabin in Lake Park. The cabin has been in continuous use by Troop 1 over the years. They provided tours of the cabin and a fundraiser breakfast

- to help raise money for a new roof.
- b. Huntington Central Park 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration – Cole asked Commissioners to save the date of June 15, 2024, for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Central Park, and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community & Library Services Department, and the Commission. Food will reflect the opening day picnic-style fare from 50 years ago and the original park architect will attend as an honored guest.

### **STAFF ITEMS – Not Agendized**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**Park Naming & Memorials Committee** – Wysocki said this was an opportunity to inform Commission and the public that the Committee would be reconvening to consider naming opportunities for what was currently being called the “Nature Plateau.” This allows an opportunity to designate the area as a point of interest and landmark within the park by formally naming the area in accordance with Resolution No. 2017-25. An additional opportunity is available to add to the already familiar name by naming it after a past Mayor, or another notable person, place, or thing. Wysocki said that Gomez would work with the Committee members on scheduling the meeting.

### **COMMENTS – Not Agendized**

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Chair Edsell move to adjourn at 6:58 pm, with a second by Commission Baker.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Minutes – April 10, 2024

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.