

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
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

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 6:00 PM, at which time a quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Paris

ROLL CALL

Baker (excused), Barnes (Barnes), Gruel, McHardy, Nim-Husaini, Paris, Thienes (excused)

PRESENTATION

2026 Meadowlark Charity Golf Tournament Opportunity Drawing - Cole provided background information on the program, saying that the opportunity was made possible through the lease agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Arcis Golf, who manage Meadowlark Golf Club. A bingo ball selection method was used to select the winning organizations. Chair McHardy and Cole conducted the drawing and announced the 2026 winner to be the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington Valley with American Legion Post #133 as the alternate non-profit. Cole thanked all the non-profits who entered the drawing and asked that they participate again next year.

Part-Time Employee of the Month – Wysocki thanked Part-Time Department Services Aide, Risana Nowel, saying she was an integral part of the Beach Enforcement Division (Parking & Camping) of Community & Library Services Department. Risana was celebrated for her dedication to her job, her commitment to building strong relationships with downtown businesses and her approach in fostering community trust and collaboration. Wysocki said Risana was interictal in the success of the new parking enforcement program.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Novick spoke regarding Gibbs Park and the volunteer efforts of Dave Moore. Mr. Novick provided on Gibbs Park, the loss of trees and the central garden. Mr. Novick provided information on Dave Moore stating, Mr. Moore had volunteered through the Tree Society for many years by caring for the central garden. He shared a story about how Mr. Moore and his dog drove into the park to care for the garden, however, Mr. Moore was recently

confronted with driving his vehicle into the park and prohibited from doing so in the future. Mr. Novick would like the Commission to provide a pass for Mr. Moore to drive in the park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request adoption of the September 10, 2025, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion to adopt the minutes as presented by Commissioner Paris and seconded by Commissioner Nim-Hissaini. The motion passed 4-0-3 (Baker, Barnes, Thienes absent).

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Dissolution of the Park & Recreation Master Plan Liaison Group – Wysocki reported that with the completion of the project, staff was requesting the dissolution of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Liaison Group.

MOTION: Commissioner Paris move to dissolve the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Liaison Group with Commissioner Gruel seconding. The motion passed 4-0-3 (Baker, Barnes, Thienes absent).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CIP Review & Project Updates:

- a. Patriot Point – Cole introduced staff member Frank Drevdahl, Capital Projects Administrator, who spoke on the construction improvement at Patriot Point in coordination with the non-profit, Tee It Up For the Troops. At completion, there will be 6 benches to represent each branch of the armed services, a new flagpole and uplighting. The project is slated for a quick turn-around to meet the Veterans Day celebration. Cole provided background on Patriot Point, originally created by Zack Martinez, a Viet Nam veteran, as a place where the public, most particularly, veterans, could reflect.

Calendar of Events – The Calendar of Events was provided for the months of October and November.

STAFF ITEMS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Master Plan Liaison – Chair McHardy reported that at the liaison group meeting, members were presented with prototypes. The group will attend workshops on October 15th, 16th, and 17th. Wysocki said that the library branches are spearheading the marketing efforts to target the community members within the vicinity of each branch and not a broader audience. Once the data is collected from the branch library workshops, a general meeting will be held at Central Library to present the results to the public at large.

Special Interest Committee – In the absence of Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Paris reported that the program was with staff for review and there was no update at this

time.

MEMBER OR STAFF COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Chair McHardy called for a motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Commissioner Paris moved to adjourn and Commission Nim-Hussaini seconded the motion.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.