

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, July 9, 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 Barnes.

ROLL CALL

Baker, Barnes, Gruel, McHardy, Nim-Husaini, Paris, Thienes

PRESENTATION

Part Time Employee of the Month - Community & Library Services Part-Time Employee of the Month Presentation was led by Senior Library Specialist, Claudia Locke, who recognized Department Services Aide, Abigail Tapia, as the Homework Help Program Coordinator at the Oak View Branch Library. Tapia has assisted over 159 students, K-12th grade, with their homework over the past school year. Tapia began with the branch in 2003 as a teen volunteer, moving to a part time library page, and later to a library clerk. She became the Homework Help Program Coordinator in 2022.

Commissioner Barnes inquired about the start of the program and where the students would obtain homework help if the program did not exist. Locke said the branch opened in 1995, and the program began shortly thereafter. Tapia said it would be difficult for the students to find after-school homework assistance, as some have no other resources.

Parks Make Life Better Month – In honor of PMLB month, Commission recognized community volunteers who dedicate time and efforts to beautifying our parks. Wysocki provided background on the department's PMLB celebration, including examples of volunteer-driven projects and improvement efforts. Wysocki recognized and awarded certificates of appreciation to approximately 20 volunteers in attendance at the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McHardy asked for adoption or corrections of the June 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Baker asked that “special needs” be changed to the term “disabilities”. With that correction, Vice-Chair Baker moved to adopt the minutes with Commissioner Barnes seconding the motion. All in favor (approved, 7-0).

STUDY SESSION

Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Wysocki introduced the topic, stating that due to the size of the master plan materials, the plan was provided in advance to Commissioners for review and uploaded to the City’s website for public viewing. Wysocki asked if Commissioners had questions. Discussion included survey data, the methods of informing the public and collecting the data, and the broadness of subject in order to encompass more information on particular items, such as homelessness. Additionally, there was discussion of the fiscal years, moving projects forward, and programming. Further, Wysocki explained that the master plan was a living document that is taken to City Council every 5-10 years for approval. The document is used as a roadmap to prioritize needs within the community. Wysocki stated that the goal was to bring the item back at the next Commission meeting for recommendation to forward to City Council for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CIP Review & Project Updates:

- Cole provided updates on the following playground projects:
 - Perry Park Playground – The slide had sustained damage due to vandalism and was removed in anticipation of future replacement.
 - Seely Playground – The new play equipment was designed as adventure based with a height element. After installation, staff received feedback from a neighbor who lived adjacent to the equipment. The equipment design company retrofitted the play structure with a screen type element to limit the user’s view into residential homes. The solution was implemented and the equipment reopened June 23, 2025, allowing more privacy for residents.

Calendar of Events – Wysocki noted that the calendar was included in agenda packets, however, she announced the annual ice cream social in celebration of Parks Make Life

Better month (July), which would be held in the breezeway, just outside of the City Hall lobby. She also announced that Saturday, July 12th would be a celebration honoring 50 years of Central Library. The event would be led by City Archivist, Kathie Schey. Reservations required.

STAFF ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Interest Committee: Adopt-A-Park Project – Committee Chair Barnes reported that the committee met on June 25th, drafted a program design and directed the project back to staff for edits. The next meeting to review the program is scheduled for July 15, 2025.

COMMENTS – Not Agendized

Chair McHardy reported that she attended the California Golf Summit in Lakewood with Community & Library Services Manager, Chris Cole. The event was informative and should help with Meadowlark Golf Club items.

Commissioner Barnes attended the pump track event with Commissioners McHardy and Paris, in addition to the monarch nature trail site walk.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair McHardy called for a motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM. Commissioner Paris moved to adjourn with Commissioner Thienes seconding.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.