



# Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum License Agreement

March 3, 2026

# Background

On July 1, 2025, Mayor Burns, Mayor Pro Tem McKeon and Council Woman Van Der Mark brought forward a Councilmember Item directing staff to evaluate the feasibility of co-locating the Huntington Beach Surfing Museum (HBISM) within the underutilized space at the Main Street Branch Library (Library).

On December 16, 2025, City Council was presented a study session on the feasibility of the co-location.



# Analysis

- The co-location of HBISM in the Library, in combination with the Huntington Beach Art Center (HBAC) provides the opportunity to create a cultural hub in the downtown area.
- The combination of programming, events and educational opportunities will enhance cultural offerings, increased foot traffic and reinforce Huntington Beach's identity as "Surf City USA."



# City Key Obligations

- Provide a designated space at Main Street Branch Library.
- Maintain common areas.
- Provide reasonable support for HBISM
  - Co-sponsorship of up to eight (8) Surfin' Sundays per year, including use of the Show Mobile at no cost.
  - Recommendations on resources for best practices on organizing, preserving and storage of HBISM items, including the "P.T. Collection."



# City Key Obligations

- Provide reasonable space for HBISM
  - Space for up to twelve (12) meetings per year
  - Use of a separate work area to receive, store, organize and prepare static displays and art sales.
- Permit HBISM use of parking at HBAC on a “first come, first served” basis.
- Publicize events using a variety of channels.



# HBISM Key Obligations

## Financial Obligations:

- Pay \$500 monthly base rent, pay any fees for late payments and pay yearly CPI adjustment.
- Any possessory interest subject to California Revenue and Taxation Code 107.6.
- City staff costs related to Show Mobile use
- Bear the full cost of any improvements, including but not limited to environmental compliance, entitlements and construction mitigation of designated area.
- Bear the full cost of maintenance, repairs and upkeep of improvements of designated area.

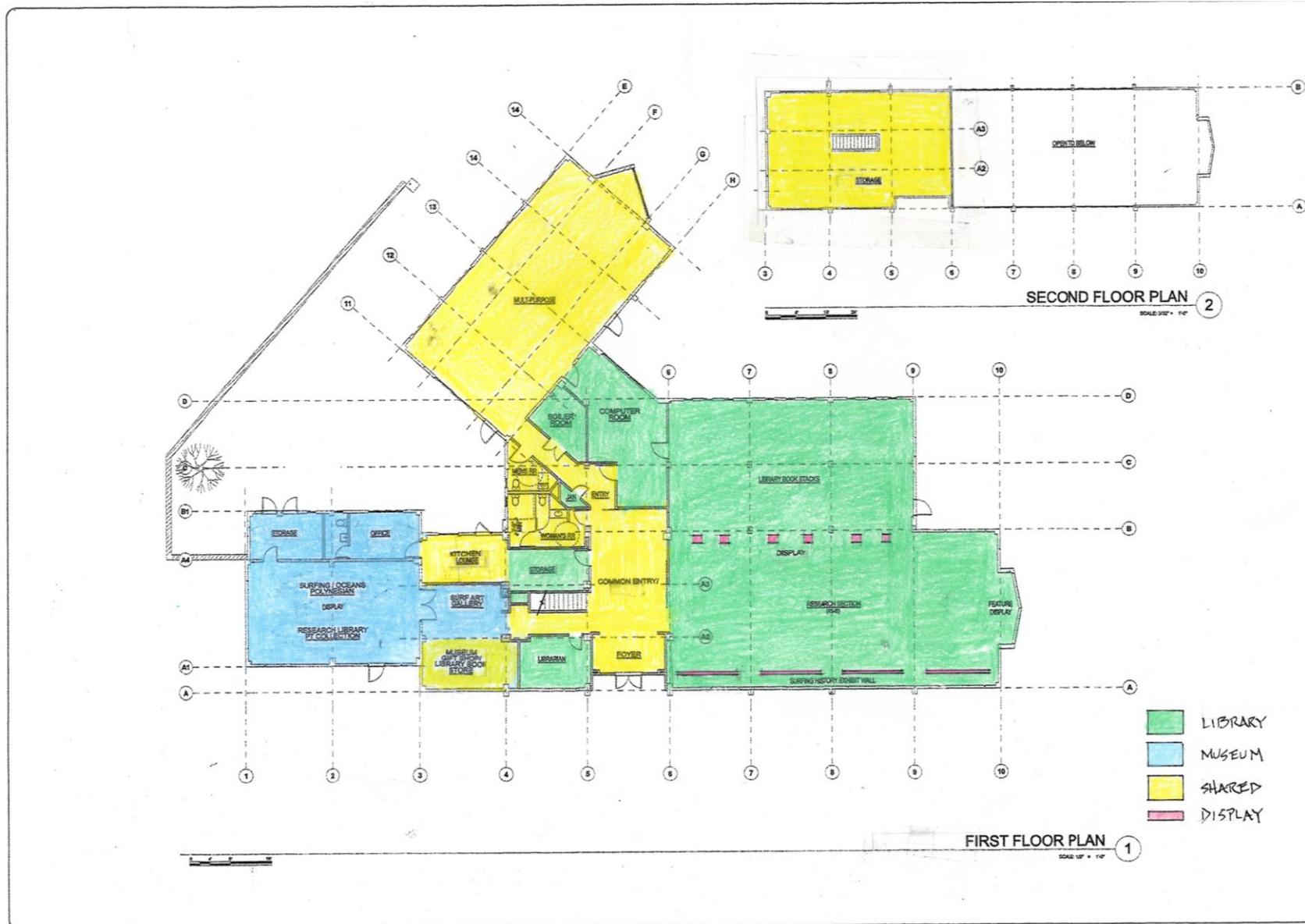


# HBISM Key Obligations

- Obtain approval from the City for any exterior building signage.
- Strive to increase community's awareness of Library and Surf Museum through publicity and fundraising efforts.
- Collaborate on grant applications.
- Track programming and visitor statistics.



# Main Street Library Footprint



Branch: ~9,500 sq. ft.

HBISM: ~1,200 sq. ft.

Library: ~4,000 sq. ft.

Shared: ~3,600 sq. ft.



# Recommendation

Approve and authorize execution of a License Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum for use of a designated space at the Main Street Branch Library located at 525 Main Street.



# Questions?

