

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting
AGENDA**



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

STAFF:
CHRIS SLAMA, Director
Community & Library Services
ASHLEY WY SOCKI, Deputy Director
Community & Library Services
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Administrative Secretary
Community & Library Services

JANIS MANTINI, Chair
REV. JAMES PIKE, Vice Chair
PAT BURNS, Commissioner
LAURA COSTELLOE, Commissioner
DR. RICHARD HARRISON, Commissioner
LISA KEMMERER, Commissioner
ELAINE PARKER, Commissioner
FAITH VOGEL, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER – Mantini called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Parker

ROLL CALL

Burns, Costelloe (Zoom), Harrison, Kemmerer (absent), Mantini, Parker, Pike (excused), Vogel (Zoom)

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. California State University-Long Beach – Slama introduced Heather Schmoll, Outreach Chair, CSU Long Beach's National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA), who provided a presentation on their Augmented and Alternative Communication (AAC) device to be installed at the Eader Park playground. The primary reason for installing at Eader Park is because it is a universal playground, fully accessible, includes sensory items and is located next to an elementary school and a library. AAC boards allow equality for all children to use the playground.

Chair Mantini asked where the board would be placed. Ms. Schmoll said it would be located near the wheelchair ramp at the elevated end of the play area. Ms. Schmoll reported that the hope is to have it placed by the end of summer 2022. Chair Mantini suggested adding contact information for feedback. Schmoll said the sign would be double-sided and approximately 2' x 4'. Commissioner Burns asked how children will be instructed on the use of the board. Ms. Schmoll stated that although it is intuitive, children usually attend the park with an adult or caregiver that would be able to read the instructions to the child.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request approval of the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes.
Motion: Burns moved with Parker seconding the motion to approve. All in favor (Kemmerer-absent), Pike-excused)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS – Not Agendized

1. Slama reported on the Central Park Conservancy and Park Ranger program saying that an RFP went out for City-wide security patrol and a Park Ranger Program. Lyons Security was awarded the contract. The City is in the midst of developing an MOU with the HCP Conservancy who are raising the seed funds for the Ranger Program. The ranger will be boots on the ground in Central Park and will educate those who may not be in compliance with park rules. If a situation warrants, the ranger may contact the police department for assistance. Chair Mantini asked about the patrol hours. Slama said that the contract will begin with an 8 hour shift, but is flexible with the possibility for longer hours during summer months. Discussion continued on the amount of rangers, a stationary location versus a roaming ranger, and the inability for the ranger to issue citations at this time; however, that could evolve down the road. Chair Mantini also asked that a report be given at a future meeting on the various non-profits and stakeholders within the park so that the Commissioners could become familiar.
2. Lake Park improvements have been completed, including ADA improvements to the restrooms and walkways, installation of new picnic tables, an expanded patio, and new irrigation and sod were also installed. A reopening will be planned and Commissioners informed when the information is available.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Project Updates:
 - a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Wysocki reported on the Parks and Rec Master Plan under development by RJM Design Group, which will guide staff over the next 10-15 years. In addition to in-person meetings, there is information on the website which explains how to provide feedback in case the public is not able to attend the public input meetings.
 - b. Library Facilities Master Plan – Like the Parks Master Plan, Wysocki reported that the Library Master Plan will help to determine the needs for the Libraries over the next decade or so. The architectural firm is Noll & Tam and the design firm is Margaret Sullivan Studio. This Master Plan will include the library branches. Chair Mantini asked if combining the Park & Recreation Master Plans with the Library Master Plan was discussed. Slama stated that the master plans were already in progress when the two departments (Community Services and Library Services) merged. Therefore, there is no plan to combine the master plans at this time, but there may be some cross referencing.
 - c. Edison Park Conceptual Plan – Additional feedback was received from the public, who voiced some concerns on such items as parking, tree removal, and additional practice fields. Staff is working with the design firm to address the concerns. City Council withdrew their approval of the original design and directed staff to conduct further evaluation and analysis to address the concerns. The design firm will continue to collect public input. In the meantime, a topographical view will be

taken and a certified arborist will be brought in to do a site analysis. Ideally, staff anticipates that in 3 to 4 months there will be sufficient public input to develop a revised concept to bring back to Commission for recommendation to City Council.

d. Playgrounds Improvements:

- Booster Park play equipment has been removed due to its condition. The park is on the play equipment inventory list for replacement. The replacement will be requested in the 2022/23 CIP budget. If funds become available prior to the next budget year, then it will go straight to Council for approval.
- Sun View Park is being completely replaced and will have ADA accessibility. Replacement is anticipated by the end of March 2022.
- Glenview Park is on the list as well for a complete replacement. ADA accessibility and walkways will be included. Completion is anticipated by the end of March 2022.

- e. Rodgers Seniors' Center Site Redevelopment – Wysocki reported on the remembrance of the former Rodgers Seniors' Center building and the groundbreaking for the park redevelopment project. The building has been demolished and the construction of the park will begin shortly. Banners have been installed at the site with QR codes so that the public can follow the progress of the project on the website. Anticipated completion is March 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Parks Naming and Memorials Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 22, 5:00 PM, at City Hall in Room B-7 & B-8 to discuss the naming of the parkland at 1706 Orange Avenue (the former Rodgers Seniors' Center site).

MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS – Not Agendized

Chair Mantini asked that a park tour be scheduled soon for commissioners. Commissioner Parker asked if the libraries could be included in the tours.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Mantini adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes – February 9, 2022

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Submitted by:

Charlene Gomez, Recording Secretary