

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting
MINUTES**



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

STAFF:

ASHLEY WYSOCKI, Acting Director
Community & Library Services
CHRIS COLE, Acting Deputy Director
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 – Chair Edsell called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Palumbo.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Baker, Barnes, Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison, McHardy, Palumbo
Staff: Wysocki, Cole, Framson, Gomez
Guest: Past Commissioner, Elaine Parker

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amory Hanson – Spoke in support of the language proposed for the Michael E. Rodgers memorial wall at the Senior Center in Central Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request approval of the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Chair Edsell moved to accept the minutes as written with Commissioner Baker seconding the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1.

Ayes: Baker, Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison, McHardy, Palumbo

Abstain: Barnes

PRESENTATION

Certificates of Service were presented to former Commissioners, Elaine Parker and Faith Vogel. Library Manager, Jessica Framson, provided information on the service history of Elaine Parker and Faith Vogel, including their time spent on the Library Trustee Board prior to the merger with the Community Services Commission. Not only was Mrs. Parker a member of the Library Trustee Board, but she continues to volunteer at the branches with homework club and gives her time to the Veterans Resource Center. Mrs. Parker thanked Commission and said, as a veteran, her proudest moment was being part of the approval process for the naming of 17th Street Park and the new Memorial Hall. The Commission

thanked past Commissioners Parker and Vogel for their time, commitment, and dedication to the City of Huntington Beach.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. **Michael E. Rodgers Memorial Wall** - Wysocki reviewed the memorial design concept proposed at the Senior Center in Central Park (SCCP) central hallway. As directed by City Council at their June 22, 2022 meeting, the Commission reviewed options to honor Mr. Rodgers at SCCP, with the central hallway being the most suitable. The Historic Resources Board reviewed the language and with some small edits, approved the language for the wall.

MOTION: Chair Edsell moved to recommend City Council approve the conceptual design for the Michael E. Rodgers Memorial Wall located in the central hallway at the Senior Center in Central Park. Vice-Chair McHardy seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0, all in favor

2. **Commission Project Liaisons** - Wysocki reported that staff worked with Chair Edsell, who assigned Commissioners as liaisons to the current list of projects. Chair Edsell said he appreciates Commission being able to get into the community and work directly with the residents on projects. Discussion ensued on the current projects, those that have public meetings scheduled and those that are yet to be scheduled. Chair Edsell asked Wysocki the best way liaisons could educate themselves prior to the upcoming meetings for Marina and Carr parks, respectively. Wysocki recommended that those assigned to these park project should visit the parks and talk with park users about what they would like in the new design. Wysocki said that the Library projects are still in their infancy, but liaisons should also visit the library and fountains for familiarity. Commissioners can also encourage the public to get involved, participate in workshops, and provide input. Discussion moved to Edison Park and continued on information that went out to the public but a resident group, and was not provided by the City. Wysocki encouraged the Commissions to sign up on the project's official website in order to receive accurate information and requested that Commissioners encourage others to do the same.

MOTION: Commissioner Baker moved to approve the establishment of the "Commission Liaison." The role of the liaison will be to attend community meetings and certain staff briefings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Costelloe. The motion passed, 7-0, all in favor.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. CIP Review & Project Updates: - Wysocki introduced Chris Cole, Facilities and Event Manager, who is currently Acting Deputy Director. Cole reported on the following items:
 - a. Schroeder Park - Currently in Phase II, design and specs phase. The phase will include such items as new benches and tables, rubberized surfacing, and pathway lighting,

- b. Marina Park Community Meeting Update – The first public meeting was held on March 30, 2023 at Murdy Community Center. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2023. There was turnout of about 40 attendees, who shared their ideas and concepts for the new park. Chair Edsell and Vice Chair McHardy were in attendance. Chair Edsell provided a recap of the meeting and the stakeholders in attendance. Cole said the virtual survey is active until April 17, 2023.
- c. LeBard Park – Council approved the construction for LeBard Park in March 2023. Construction will begin in May, which includes refurbishment of the tennis courts, irrigation upgrades and demolition of the clubhouse. Palumbo asked about the construction parking and if it would impact neighbors. Wysocki said construction would take place during daytime-work hours and the contractor will stage on park property whenever possible.
- d. Sports Complex Arena Turf - The new turf has been installed. The next items on the list will include arena walls and goal nets. HBSC is looking for a sponsor for a new scoreboard.
- e. Gothard Restrooms – Awaiting new hardware that is better suited for the design of this restroom. Receipt is anticipated by the end of the week, and the restrooms will open shortly thereafter.
- f. Huntington Central Park East - Slater Playground – The playground opened and is already well attended. Austin asked if there would be a ribbon cutting. Wysocki said no ribbon cutting is scheduled for this particular playground replacement.
- g. Hope View Park – This project is slated to begin April 17 with anticipated completion in May 2023.

Chair Edsell asked if Commission could be provided with a production timeline for their knowledge when working with the public. Wysocki said that staff would work it.

2. Calendar of Events

- a. Distribution of the April/May events calendars – Cole announced the Cherry Blossom Festival for the upcoming weekend. He provide background on the cherry trees saying it began as a Girl Scout project in 2014 and has since been hosted by our Sister City Association. A cherry tree would be planted on Sunday along with a tea ceremony.

3. Procedural Reminder

- a. The City Manager's Office provided a reminder to all BCCs, that should a member be contacted by a member of the press, they should direct the inquiry to Jennifer Carey, the City's Public Affairs Manager at media@surfcity-hb.org or (714) 536-5496.

STAFF ITEMS – Not Agendized

Cole reported that Adventure Playground would be reopening this season, with a grand opening scheduled for June 24, 2023. The playground closed in 2020 due to the pandemic and the need for refurbishment.

COMMENTS – Not Agendized

Commissioner Costelloe asked that staff provide any information they would like the Commissioners to put promote on their personal social media accounts.

Chair Edsell thanked Wysocki and Cole and congratulated them in their new roles as Acting Director and Acting Deputy Director, respectively.

Chair Edsell announced that he and Vice-Chair McHardy visited Greer Park after the report on the deteriorated conditions of the park due to the mudhen population and high groundwater level. Chair Edsell and other Commissioners also attended the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt in Central Park.

Palumbo echoed that the Easter Egg Hunt was an awesome event and thanked staff for putting it on for the community.

Barnes asked where she could get a list of all the parks. Wysocki said that all parks were listed on the City's website and a map was provided at a previous meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Chair Edsell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm with Commissioner Costelloe seconding the motion.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes – March 8, 2023
2. Rodgers Memorial Wall RCA
3. Schroeder Park Phase II Conceptual Design
4. Calendar of Events – April/May

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

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