

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, August 13, 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.

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CHARLENE GOMEZ, Sr. Admin. Assistant

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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 – Wysocki announced Community & Library Services recognizes part time Program Coordinator, Elizabeth Espinoza, for her hard work each Spring and Summer at Adventure Playground. Wysocki provided background on Adventure Playground activities stating that the City's Adventure Playground maintains the true nature of adventure with mud and water play.

Barnes asked about the attendance this year. Wysocki said that because other cities have opened Adventure Playground type facilities, there has been more competition, and with the combination of price increases, the numbers have been a bit lower this season.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Gomez announced six (6) supplemental communications were received via email, which were included in the Commissioners' agenda packets at the dais.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Redaelli spoke in support of bocce courts. Mr. Redaelli requested 4 more courts at Edison, in addition to restoring the courts at the Murdy. Mr. Redaelli provided informational statistics on bocce ball and felt there had been an increase in his class enrollment numbers. Additionally, Mr. Redaelli reported that he has been repairing the courts to the best of his ability using his own time and funds and is requesting professional repairs be provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McHardy asked for adoption or corrections of the July 9, 2025 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Baker moved to adopt the minutes as written with Commissioner Paris seconding the motion. All in favor (approved, 7-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

City of Huntington Beach Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Wysocki presented the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, requesting Commission approval to recommend the plan move forward to City Council for final adoption. The plan has been in development for four years, using various means of public input, and was introduced to the Commission last month during a study session, along with feedback from the Commission liaison group.

Commissioner Gruel noted that the City's senior population is a higher percentage but felt the plan appeared more focused on younger generations. She asked what was planned for seniors. Wysocki responded that the Senior Center in Central Park continues to evolve, with programming adjustments made to meet senior needs.

Gruel also questioned whether any parks could be repurposed to reduce costs. Wysocki explained that Measure C limits how open space can be used and that any significant change to parkland—based on dollar amount or footprint—would require voter approval.

Commissioner Paris inquired about the possibility of bocce ball at Edison Park. Wysocki said the Environmental Impact Report addressed various amenities and needs, and while bocce ball was not identified at the time, the plan allows for future adjustments if demand increases.

Vice-Chair Baker asked about the plan as a “living document.” Wysocki confirmed it is updated every 5–10 years, with public input gathered to assess community needs, programming, facilities, and amenities. She clarified that the Master Plan is a broad, guiding document, while individual park master plans, such as Edison Park's, address site-specific needs. The Master Plan serves to guide staff and the Commission in meeting the community's overall recreational needs and remains adaptable to future changes.

MOTION:

Vice-Chair Baker moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as presented and recommend approval by City Council. Commissioner Paris seconded the motion. All in favor. (approved, 7-0).

Establish the Library Facility Master Plan Project Liaisons – Wysocki provided information on the role of project liaisons, saying they are a minority of the Commission, who attend community input meetings, to avoid a Brown Act violation, and then report back to

Commission.

MOTION:

Commissioner Paris moved to establish a working liaison group consisting of three (3) Commissioners in the role of attending community meetings and pertinent staff briefings. Chair McHardy, Commissioners Paris and Nim-Husaini volunteered to act as the working group liaisons. Commissioner Gruel seconded the motion. All in favor. (7-0)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Calendar of Events – Wysocki noted that the calendar was provided in Commissioners' packets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Interest Committee: Adopt-A-Project – Committee Chair Barnes reported that the committee met on July 30th, moving forward with tier development for various sized projects. The program was modified to expand beyond the original Adopt-A-Park concept. Staff is working with the City's Information Technology Services Department staff for redevelopment of the City's volunteer website to include the new program.

COMMENTS – Not Agendized

Commissioner Barnes attended Homeboy Industries opening exhibition at the Art Center (HBAC) and an event for Free Rein Cattle Baron's Ball this past weekend with Commissioner Baker.

Commissioner Baker also attended the HBAC art exhibition, the Free Rein event and National Night Out.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair McHardy called for a motion to adjourn at 6:23 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, September 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.