

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
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, Acting Deputy Director
Community & Library Services
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 6:09 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Baker

ROLL CALL

Baker, Barnes, Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison, McHardy, Palumbo
Staff: Wysocki, Cole, Uemura, Gomez

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request approval of the September 13, 2023; October 11, 2023; and November 8, 2023, meeting minutes.

The minutes were approved as follows:

- Minutes for September 13, 2023:
Approved: Baker, Barnes, Costelloe, Harrison, McHardy
Abstained: Edsell, Palumbo
- Minutes of October 11, 2023:
Approved: Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison, McHardy, Palumbo
Abstained: Baker, Barnes
- Minutes of November 8, 2023:
Approved: Baker, Barnes, McHardy, Palumbo
Abstained: Costelloe, Edsell, Harrison

PRESENTATION

1. Specific Events Update – Supervisor, Molly Uemura provided an update on the City's

2023 Specific Events. Uemura stated that Municipal Code 13.54 establishes how Specific Events are governed. Uemura provided a background on the Specific Events Committee process, saying that 70 Specific Events were held, along with 60 beach Special Events. Additionally, Uemura provided information on a new Specific Events software called Placer that will be utilized soon. She provided attendance numbers for some of the Specific Events, including 500,000 for the 4th of July Celebration (now called the Independence Day Celebration); 300,000 attended the US Open, and there were approximately 800,000 for the Pacific Air Show. Uemura provided information on new and returning events that will come to Huntington Beach in 2024 and hopes to hold more music festivals in the future.

Commissioner Barnes asked how Placer tracks the people who attend the events. Uemura provided a brief description of what it tracks and will ask specifics from the Office of Business Development on specifics of how they are tracked.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair** – The Community & Library Services Commission held its annual elections. Wysocki deferred to Gomez, who reported that two (2) nominations had been received for the office of Chair and two (2) nominations were received for Vice-Chair prior to the meeting. Chair nominations were received for Commissioner Edsell and Commissioner Costelloe and Vice-Chair nominations were received for Commissioner McHardy and Commissioner Harrison. Gomez called for further nominations from the floor, of which no additional nominations were received.

ACTION: A vote was taken. Commissioner Edsell received 4 votes (Baker, Barnes, Edsell, McHardy), and Commissioner Costelloe received 3 votes (Costelloe, Harrison, Palumbo). By majority vote, Commissioner Edsell will remain as Chair for the 2024 term.

Next, the election for Vice-Chair took place where Commissioner McHardy received 4 votes (Baker, Barnes, Edsell, McHardy), and Commissioner Harrison received 3 votes (Costelloe, Harrison, Palumbo). By majority vote, Commissioner McHardy will remain as Vice-Chair for the 2024 term.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. CIP Review & Project Updates: Cole reported on the following items:
 - a. **Carr Park Conceptual Master Plan Study** – An environmental study on the bird population will be conducted, including the habitat and type of birds within the park. Additional tests will be conducted in the spring when the birds are nesting, if deemed necessary.
 - b. **LeBard Construction** – Tennis courts have been resurfaced and concrete has been poured. It is anticipated the park project will reopen in phases. Tennis courts will be first, sodding where the clubhouse was removed will take place as well.

- c. Exterior Improvements at the City Gym & Pool and Central Library – Exterior painting has been performed, giving both facilities a fresh new look.

2. Calendar of Events

- a. 2024 Jubilees Celebrations – Cole reported that the Boy Scout Cabin in Lake Park will be celebrating 100 years on April 20th with an open house, food, and tours of the cabin; The Community & Library Services Dept. and the Commission will be celebrating 75 years in March; Celebrating 50 years will be Edison Park in April and Huntington Central Park will celebrate its 50 years with an event at the Senior Center in Central Park on June 15. In addition to park related milestones, City Hall will celebrate its 50th Jubilee in March as well. More to come as plans develop.

STAFF ITEMS – Not Agendized

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

1. Park Naming & Memorials Committee Update – The Committee met on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Commissioner Barnes was elected as Committee Chair. She reported that there were a handful of communications received and three public speakers at the meeting who provided naming suggestions for the park, including naming the park after the Tongva Native American Tribe who once inhabited the area, Frank Ciarelli, and fallen Officer Nicholas Vella. The Committee reviewed the names presented, along with those provided in their agenda packets, and while all were considered fine names, the Committee selected officer Nicholas Vella’s name to be brought forth at the next Commission meeting for recommendation to City Council for final approval.

COMMENTS – Not Agendized

Wysocki reported that she anticipated bringing forward information on a department-wide event calendar that Commissioners will be able to access at the next Commission meeting.

Gomez announced beach parking passes were available for pick up after the meeting for those who have completed their mandatory ethics and harassment training programs.

Commissioners discussed moving the February 14 meeting to Wednesday, February 7, 2024 with Chair Edsell’s approval. Staff will post the change according to the Brown Act.

Chair Edsell announced the **50 Trees for 50 Years** project taking place in Central Park by the HB Tree Society. They are raising funds to reforest 3 groves of trees.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Chair Edsell adjourned at 6:32 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 07, 2024, at 6:00 PM, in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.