



CITY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM November 12, 2024
Huntington Beach City Hall

Call to Order at 5:33 PM

Roll Call

- Committee Members: *(Present) Delaine Bailey, Kristine Carroll, Ellen Kuhnert, Ann Palmer, Patricia Pappas, Jeanne Paris, and Christian Meyer*
- Staff Liaisons: *Jennifer Carey and Julie Toledo*
- Public: *Amory Hanson*

Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)

- *Amory Hanson suggested November as the "History of Service" month.*

Approve minutes from July 11, 2024 meeting (*Ann Palmer, 2nd by Jeanne Paris*)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Proposed Acknowledgement Modifications

- a. Remove Prostate Cancer Awareness from November, add it to September.
- b. Proposed Additions:
 - Dog Week (last full week of September)
 - National Car Day (10/2)
 - Great Kindness Challenge Week (1/27-1/31)
 - Valentine's Day (2/14)
 - Safer Internet Day (2/11) – will involve PD, and Community & Library Services (seniors and kids)
 - National Nutrition Month (March)
 - Easter, International Children's Book Day (4/2)
 - National Poetry Month (April)
 - National Stroke Awareness Month (May)
 - Star Wars Day (5/4)
 - Ice Cream Month (July) – A question about needing a whole month was raised
 - Grandparent's Day (August)
 - National Service Month (September)
 - Halloween (10/31)
 - TeenTober (October) - will involve Library and teen programming
 - National Arts & Humanities Month (October)
 - Archive Month (October)
 - Dia De Los Muertos (November)
 - International Games Month (November)
 - National Novel Writing Month (November)
 - Hanukkah (December), Kwanzaa (December)



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2. Proposed 2025 Celebration Calendar Themes

- a. January – “Founder’s Legacy – Celebrating Huntington Beach’s Origins”
- b. February – “Shop & Dine Locally”
 - Promote Downtown and Pacific City
- c. March – “Honoring Huntington Beach – Celebrating Community Service & Volunteerism”
- d. April – “Appreciating Huntington Beach’s Ecological Legacy”
 - Bolsa Chica/Wetlands
 - Hiking and volunteer opportunities
- e. May – “Public Art/Outdoor Art”
- f. June – “History of Independence Day & What it Means”
 - Constitution
- g. July – “Surf City Showcase – Highlighting our Lifeguard Legacy”
- h. August – “HB Pier – A Long History”
 - One of the longest piers in the U.S.
 - History is central to HB; down 2x
- i. September – “Celebrating Aviation”
- j. October – “Horses, Cows & Dogs”
 - Farm animals/working animals
 - Dogs in HB or HB Dog Week – include a K9 day and Wiener Dog races
- k. November – “History of our Military – Honoring Important Military Dates”
 - History of Foreign Wars –include Vets, American Legion, etc. Veteran of Foreign Wars
- l. December – “California History”
- m. Additional Idea Submissions – Attachment A

3. Proposed Items for Future Inclusion

- Add Sept. 17 as National Constitution Day
- Have a “Library Month” – noted Library Week is in April
- Look to promote the HB Art Center & Library more

4. Proposed Events for 2025

- Ask Chris Epting to host a Founder Legacy discussion in January at Central Library

Adjournment – 7:20 PM

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM.