

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
6 p.m. – Regular Meeting
MINUTES**



**City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Room B7**

STAFF:

ASHLEY WYSOCKI, Director
Community & Library Services
CHRIS COLE, Manager, Facilities & Dev.
Community & Library Services
CHARLENE GOMEZ, Sr. Admin. Assistant
Community & Library Services

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 p.m., at which time a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Barnes

ROLL CALL

Baker, Barnes, Gruel, McHardy, Nim-Husaini, Paris, Thienes
Staff: Wysocki, Cole, Gomez

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request approval of March 9, 2026 meeting minutes, as corrected to reflect Commissioner Paris' second to Commissioner Baker's motion regarding the Library Facility Master Plan; and approval of the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Barnes moved to approve the March 9 minutes as corrected with Commissioner Nim-Husaini seconding the motion. All in favor (7-0).

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioners raised questions concerning the accuracy of the minutes related to discussion of a proposed subcommittee and requests for legal clarification regarding procedural matters. Vice Chair Baker and Commissioner Barnes stated their understanding was staff would seek guidance from the City Attorney's Office regarding the procedural matter and report back to the Commission. Wysocki clarified the City Attorney's Office had been contacted and that the City Attorney directed Wysocki to provide his contact information to Vice Chair Baker so that any questions could be discussed directly.

Commissioners discussed the sequence of motions made during the March 9, 2026 meeting, including the original motion and second, and a subsequent motion to table the item pending legal guidance. Vice Chair Baker expressed a preference for procedural guidance to be provided to the full Commission during a regular meeting rather than through an individual discussion.

Commissioners discussed communications with the City Attorney's Office, the request in March related to the formation of a subcommittee, and the Commission's desire for clarification regarding Robert's Rules of Order. Staff confirmed the Commission's request to agendize the City Attorney for a future meeting to provide guidance to the full Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Paris moved to table approval of the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes, with Commissioner Thienes seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Amend the Library Facilities Master Plan Liaison Group to remove Commissioner Nim-Husaini and add Commissioner Barnes.

Recommended Action:

Approve the removal of Commissioner Nim-Husaini and addition of Commissioner Barnes to the Library Facilities Plan Liaison Group.

MOTION: Commissioner Barnes moved to approve with Commissioner Thienes seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CIP Review & Project Updates - Library Fountains

Cole reported Phase I is complete. The future Phase will include the filtration system, and then decorative features including bubbler fountains. Commissioner Barnes asked about the recent evacuations of the Library. Cole confirmed the evacuation was out of caution due to a leak in the basement fountain piping, which caused the odor from the chlorinated water to permeate the building.

Calendar of Events – Wysocki referenced the calendar in the agenda packet. Commissioner Paris asked if the egrets were still nesting at Shipley. Commissioner Barnes inquired about the opening of the Dwight's Beach Concession and the HB Symphony event.

Cole addressed Dwight's re-opening, which was delayed due to permit circumstances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Master Plan Liaison Group – Presented by Commissioner McHardy
Commissioners discussed the role and activities of the Library Master Plan Liaison Group, including meeting frequency, reporting practices, and circumstances under which the group would convene. Wysocki provided a timeline of past Liaison Group meetings and background regarding the formation and purpose of the liaison groups, including participation in community workshops, project briefings, and maintaining continuity throughout the Library Facility Master Plan process.

Vice Chair Baker expressed concerns regarding communication from the Liaison Group to the Commission and the level of reporting provided on the group's activities.

Commissioners discussed the group's role in the project, the conceptual plan recommendation presented by Johnson Favaro, and whether the current project direction reflected the City's style. Wysocki noted that pursuing a new request for proposals process or engaging a different architectural firm would require additional funding authorization from the City Council.

Discussion also addressed the composition and leadership of the Liaison Group. During the discussion, Chair McHardy indicated her willingness to step aside from the Liaison Group and allow another Commissioner to serve in that role.

MOTION: Commissioner Paris moved to replace Chair McHardy with Vice Chair Baker as the Commission's representative on the Library Master Plan Liaison Group. Commissioner Thienes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

America 250 Liaison Groups – Presented by Liaison Leaders

Commissioner Barnes had nothing new to report, saying the banner project was in a holding pattern while they awaited submissions from artists.

Wysocki reported that the Celebration Committee was looking at such events as a movie in the park, the symphony in the amphitheater, children's coloring contest, and the Art Center's banner contest, which would include Commissioner participation.

MEMBER OR STAFF COMMENTS (Not Agendized)

Vice-Chair Baker, Chair McHardy, and Commissioner Paris all attended the Creative Visions art exhibition at the Art Center.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair McHardy called for adjournment at 6:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.