

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
6 p.m. – 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.

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 6:01 pm, at which time a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Barnes

ROLL CALL

Baker, Barnes, Gruel (excused), McHardy, Nim-Husaini (excused), Paris, Thienes

PRESENTATION

A. Brown Act Presentation and Discussion Led by City Attorney Michael Vigliotta.

The City Attorney provided a general legal overview of the Brown Act for the benefit of Commissioners. He discussed posting requirements and various types of communication that could be considered a meeting and subject to the Brown Act, such as serial meetings, emails and other forms of electronic mediums, including social media. Additionally, topics of discussion should pertain to items on the agenda.

Commissioner Barnes inquired about items discussed that do not appear on the agenda. City Attorney Vigliotta said it was the role of the Chair to bring the topic back to the item at hand. Discussion continued on the role of the Chair.

Commissioner Paris asked about a majority of Commissioners “liking” an item on social media. City Attorney Vigliotta voiced a strong recommendation to stay clear of topics that may be related to Commission business at some point.

Commissioners Barnes and Baker, respectively, addressed an scenario that occurred at the April 8, 2026 meeting where a substitute motion was made on an agenda item with a second provided, but due to an interjected recommendation by staff, a vote was not taken at the meeting. Commissioners were confused and asked staff to obtain clarification from the City Attorney on the matter.

Commissioners Barnes and Commissioner Baker asked the City Attorney for clarification on the scenario from the April meeting. City Attorney Vigliotta said that at City Council meetings, the City Attorney acts as the meeting parliamentarian, and in his place at board and commission meetings, the Chair acts in that capacity. The Chair should make the call on parliamentarian issues and said staff was there to provide information, answer questions, and assist technically. The City Attorney stated that Commissioners were in charge of their

meetings. Commissioner Barnes asked that in the case of the item in question, could Commissioners have moved forward with the vote. City Attorney Vigliotta said yes, barring an objection, it could have moved forward.

Commissioner Baker provided additional details and respectfully expressed her confusion on how a request for staff to reach out to the City Attorney for procedural clarification regarding the issue at the April meeting, concluded with the City Attorney providing Brown Act training at this meeting. City Attorney Vigliotta could not provide a definitive answer on how the original request became a Brown Act training.

Further, Commissioner Baker asked the City Attorney for his advice when Commissioners feel the minutes and comments are recorded inaccurately. City Attorney Vigliotta said minutes are not recorded verbatim, but in summary only. However, if something is improperly characterized, Commissioners can clarify the minutes when presented at the next meeting for approval by requesting a correction of the item in question.

Discussion ensued on recording of meetings. The City Attorney said that although not all boards and commissions record or broadcast their meetings, anyone can record a public meeting per Brown Act law.

Commissioner Barnes confirmed with City Attorney Vigliotta that it is within Commissioners' purview to ask for a correction of minutes should they feel they are not reflected accurately.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

A copy of the Brown Act presentation presented by the City Attorney was provided in the Commissioners' agenda packets at the dais.

Dissertation summary by Christopher H. Gerry, Ph.D., "Findings and Observations for Parks and Recreation and Equivalent Advisory Boards."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Rini spoke in opposition to the Huntington Beach International Museum utilizing space in the Main Street Branch Library. He voiced his concern that the Museum was not in compliance with the Agreement entered into with the City and was encroaching on library space. Additionally, Mr. Rini felt there could be a conflict of interest regarding the archival collection of the museum housed within the public library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Tabled at the April 8, 2026 meeting, staff requested approval of the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes as written or provision of Commission's requested corrections.

MOTION: Commissioner Thienes moved to accept the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes as revised at the meeting with a second by Commissioner Paris. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-2, Gruel and Nim-Husaini absent).

B. Request approval of the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes - Commissioner Barnes called for correction of the minutes to reflect Commissioner Gruel's absence in May, including revisions

to the votes recorded under items where action was taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Barnes moved to approve the May 13, 2026 minutes with the noted corrections. The item was seconded by Commissioner Paris. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-2, Gruel and Nim-Husaini absent).

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - NONE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. CIP Review & Project Updates: Cole introduced Capital Projects Administrator, Frank Drevdahl to present an update on CIP projects:

Drevdahl reported on the following FY 25/26 projects as completed:

1. 9th Street/All-Inclusive Playground – Restoration project
2. Park Bench Café – Roofing and siding improvements
3. Schroeder Park – Development and improvements Phase 2
4. Central Library & Cultural Center – Fountain restoration Phase 1
5. Patriot Point – Memorial structure installation
6. Newland Barn – French door replacement
7. 17th Street Park/Memorial Hall – Pergola refurbishment - replacement of original pergola from Rodgers' Seniors Center, which had deteriorated over time
8. Main Street Branch Library – Asphalt driveway resurfacing (in-house staff project)

Drevdahl reported on the following FY 25/26 projects in progress:

Construction Projects

1. City Gym & Pool – Flooring replacement
 - Pre-construction process underway. Will add non-slip tiles at lobby, staff area and rooms.
2. Newland House & Museum – Exterior restoration
 - Pre-award review/bid review – Staff is currently working on price breakdown with the contractor.
3. Oakview Branch Library – Roof restoration and HVAC replacement
 - Bid underway. Construction anticipated for summer 2026. Project includes repair/replacement of four leaking HVAC units and roof restoration.
4. Drew Park Playground – Full replacement and rubberized surfacing
 - Bid Underway. Construction anticipated for summer 2026. Project includes removing the swing set from the volleyball courts and installing a new playground at a new location.
5. Robinwood Park Playground – Full replacement and partially rubberized surfacing
 - Bid underway. Construction anticipated for summer 2026. Project includes newly designed and installed play equipment.
6. Art Center – Studio lighting rehabilitation
 - Construction anticipated for winter 2026.
7. South Beach Parking Attendant Booths – Roof rehabilitation
 - Construction anticipated for summer 2026.
8. Main Street Branch Library – Front desk replacement

- Construction anticipated for summer 2026.
- 9. Arevalos Park Playground – Full replacement and rubberized
 - Awaiting approval from SCE
- 10. Sports Complex – Dugout bench replacement and improvements
 - Equipment on order – awaiting arrival.

Design Projects

1. Central Library & Cultural Center – Fountain restoration Phase 2
 - Design underway to install a new filtration system and restore the water features. The new hardware system will be installed in section, so if one goes down, the entire system will not go down.
2. Murdy Park – Ballfield improvements
 - Design underway.
3. Carr Park – Redevelopment
 - Design underway to expand the lake, install a new bio filtration system, playground, and exercise area.
4. Marina Park – Redevelopment
 - Design underway. Currently, in discussion with the school district on how to address the shared property that divides the ballfields.
5. Edison Park – Redevelopment
 - Final design award in progress.

Commissioner Barnes inquired about the timeline of when the contract for the Newland Barn would be awarded. Drevdahl said he anticipated the project to be awarded soon with a fall start date. Cole said staff was working to identify restoration items and develop a timeline.

Commissioner Barnes asked about the Sports Complex batting cages. Cole responded that staff was weighing the options of replacing what was originally installed and a concept presented by the Operator to modernize the facility.

Commissioner Barnes asked about the construction order of the park master plans. Drevdahl said the order would be Edison, Marina, and then Carr Park. Commissioner Barnes asked if construction of Carr would take place in phases. Drevdahl said theoretically it would not, but he would know more after construction began. Wysocki explained that funding was already available for Edison, and, therefore, it would begin first. Wysocki also noted that Carr Park may qualify for a state grant due to the lake being attached to the storm water system. This would allow it to move forward sooner. Staff would look at the state grant and other alternative outside funding to assist with these projects.

Commissioner Paris asked about the status of the Sports Complex after touring the facility several months ago. Wysocki said that the City is working with the Operator and was close to bringing a presentation forward to City Council and the public, showing the Operator's concepts for the future.

B. Calendar Of Events - Mid-June through Mid-August:

Wysocki said a revised Calendar of Events was included in Commissioner's agenda packets. Unfortunately, due to ocean conditions, a decision was made to postpone the 75th

Annual Pier Swim event until a later date. The registrants and public were notified. Because of postponement two years in a row, moving the event to August was under consideration.

Other notable events included the upcoming ribbon cutting for the Library Fountains and the Summer Reading Program event kick-off.

STAFF ITEMS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Master Plan Liaison Group – Commissioner Baker reported that Wysocki reached out to Committee Members to set a meeting for June 23.

America 250 Liaison Groups – Commissioner Barnes reported the banner contest artwork submission would run through June 21 at the Art Center, and the Liaisons were schedule to make selections on June 24.

MEMBER OR STAFF COMMENTS (Not Agendized)

Commissioner Barnes attended the concert in the City Hall Amphitheater a few weeks ago and would like to see more events of that type.

Wysocki reported that a supplemental communication was added to Commissioners' agenda packets providing information on the dissertation by Christopher H. Gerry, Ph.D., "Findings and Observations for Parks and Recreation and Equivalent Advisory Boards", and thanked Commissioners for their participation with his research.

Wysocki also reported that the Summer Reading program had opened that morning online with 1,251 registrants. The program runs June 20 – Aug 8, with only 5 books needing to be read during the program period. She challenged all to participate. Commission Barnes said it was an incredible number of registrants and asked what attributed to it. Wysocki said it was thanks to the Senior Librarian, Lina Zubkov, who was promoting the program and generating community involvement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair McHardy adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.