

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting
MINUTES**



**City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
City Council Chambers**

STAFF:
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CHARLENE GOMEZ, Administrative Secretary
Community & Library Services

JANIS MANTINI, Chair
REV. JAMES PIKE, Vice Chair
PAT BURNS, Commissioner
LAURA COSTELLOE, Commissioner
DR. RICHARD HARRISON, Commissioner
LISA KEMMERER, Commissioner
TARYN PALUMBO, Commissioner
ELAINE PARKER, Commissioner
FAITH VOGEL, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mantini called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Palumbo

ROLL CALL

Burns, Costelloe, Harrison, Kemmerer, Mantini, Palumbo, Parker, Pike (excused), Vogel
Staff present: Wysocki, Martinez, Gomez

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Gomez announced 3 supplemental communications received after the posting of the agenda and 2 handouts received from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Currie, resident, spoke on the disappointment he feels with the Edison Park design concept. Mr. Currie provided for the record, a packet that contained surveys of the local residents. Mr. Currie stated that the Edison Park group requests to present at the next Commission meeting.

Dennis Bauer, member of the American Legion Post 133, spoke on the history of the Post.

Robert McClish, resident and member of the American Legion Post 133, spoke on the history of the Post, veteran demographics, and in support of naming the building at 17th Street Park, "Memorial Hall".

Tom Welch was a member of the Coast Guard and a current member of the American Legion Post 133. Mr. Welch spoke on the history of the old Memorial Hall and its relationship with Post 133.

Jim Rossman, member of the American Legion, spoke in support of naming the building the Memorial Hall.

Gary Robles, member of the American Legion, spoke about veterans and the history of the property in Huntington Beach. Mr. Robles is in support of naming the building at 17th Street Park as "Memorial Hall."

Amory Hanson, resident and Vice Chair of the Historic Resources Board, is in support of placing a plaque at both the property located at 1718 Orange Avenue and the Senior Center in Central Park in honor of Michael E. Rodgers.

Chris Varga, resident, supports naming the building located at 17th Street Park, "Memorial Community Hall". Mr. Varga feels that the building represents more than veterans, stating that Post 133 only uses the facility once a month and the community uses it the rest of the month. He would like the word "Community" included so that it represents the entire Community. Mr. Varga is also in support of recognizing Michael E. Rodgers at the Senior Center in Central Park.

Fran Varga, resident, supports naming the building "Memorial Community Hall. Mrs. Varga feels that the building represents more than veterans, and by including the word "Community" would memorialize anyone of significance in the City, including fallen Officer, Nick Vella. Mrs. Varga also approves of the standard identification sign to be installed at 17th Street Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request approval of the July 20, 2022 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Costelloe moved to approve the minutes with Commissioner Burns seconding the motion. All in favor.

The motion passes 8-0-1 (Pike absent)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- ~~1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair — The annual election of Chair and Vice Chair will be conducted. Slama will oversee the election of Chair. Nominations for Chair will be accepted from the floor. After the new Chair is elected, they will preside over the remainder of the Commission meeting, beginning with the election of the Vice Chair.~~

Staff requested that the item be removed from the agenda due to an oversight in the revision of the Municipal Code in December 2021. According to the revision, **Municipal Code 2.64.070 Election of Officers**, states: *The Commission shall elect from its members a chairperson and vice chairperson at **the first regular meeting of the calendar year** and such officers shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified... (4241-12/21).* This change in calendar months supersedes the previous term of July 1 – June 30 of each year. Chair Mantini

approved the request to remove the item from the agenda and place it on the January, 2023, agenda in accordance with the updated Municipal Code.

2. Naming the former Senior Outreach building at 17th Street Park and the central hallway wall at the Senior Center in Central Park in recognition of Michael E. Rodgers.

Item A: Wysocki presented information on the chronological history of this item. A diagram of the Senior Center in Central Park, which depicted the location of the dedication wall where Michael E. Rodgers will be recognized, was presented. The presentation highlighted the visibility of the location and included an artistic rendering of the wall memorializing Mr. Rodgers. The text for the memorial plaque will go before the HRB for historical approval prior to being brought to Commission for design and language approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Costelloe motioned to approve Item "A" with Commissioner Parker seconding the motion, as written to state, "approve and make recommendation to City Council to dedicate the central hallway wall at the Senior Center in Central Park in recognition of Michael E. Rodgers."

The motion passed, 8-0-0 (Pike absent).

Item B: Wysocki provided a presentation showing an aerial slide of the property while under construction, and a diagram of the interior, which includes the locations of meeting rooms, the staff office, and the office assigned to the American Legion, in addition to the covered patio. Wysocki provided a recap of the previous meeting where Commission considered various iterations of "Veterans Community Hall" and "Memorial Community Hall", specifically with and without the word "Community added. She also provided an image of the exterior of the building and the potential location of a flagpole and future memorial site.

Discussion ensued on the item. Commissioner Parker asked about the dedicated American Legion office and if it were the only space available for use by the Post. Wysocki said that the Post will also have use of the meeting rooms. Commissioner Burns stated that he is in support of naming the building "Memorial Hall." Commissioner Parker agrees with Commissioner Burns, while Commissioner Kemmerer likes adding the word Community. Commissioner Costelloe said that she appreciates the veterans who spoke during public comments, but supports "Memorial Community Hall." Commissioner Palumbo also appreciates the historical aspect of the original "Memorial Hall", and supports the name "Memorial Community Hall".

MOTION: Commissioner Costelloe moved to approve Item B as recommended with Commissioner Kemmerer seconding the motion. The recommended motion reads: "Approve and make recommendation to City Council to formally name the former Senior Outreach building located at 1718 Orange Avenue as Memorial Community Hall."

The motion passes, 6-2 (Pike absent).

AYES: Costelloe, Harrison, Kemmerer, Mantini, Palumbo, Parker, Vogel

NAYES: Burns, Parker

- 3. 17th Street Park Identification Sign Installation – Staff is requesting approval from Commission for the installation of a standard park identification sign at the recently named, 17th Street Park.**

Staff provided a slide depicting a mockup of a standard park identification sign. The text will include “17th Street Park” on the first line, “Gifted to the City in 1914 by HB Company” on the second line, and the dedication date on the third line once the date is determined.

MOTION:

Commissioner Burns moved with Commissioner Vogel seconding the motion to approve the installation of a new standard park identification monument sign for 17th Street Park, to be located at the corner of 17th Street and Orange Avenue.

All in favor.

The motion passed 8-0-0 (Pike absent).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 1. Pattinson Park Playground Equipment Replacement**

Wysocki provided information on the Park saying it is on the City Council approved Park Playground and Equipment Replacement Priority list and is on the fiscal year 2022-2023 CIP program list. The park is located at 6200 Palm Avenue. The rubberized surface needs replacement due to deterioration. The standard equipment is deteriorating as well and needs replacement, along with the tables under the picnic shelter. The play equipment area will be updated with more vibrant colors, and unique activity based play equipment. Palumbo asked about accessibility. Wysocki stated that the replacement playground has been designed for play from the ground up in order to make it accessible.

- 2. Central Park East Playground Equipment Replacement**

Wysocki reported that in addition to Pattinson Park, Huntington Central Park East playground is deteriorating as well. Originally built in the same cookie-cutter design of several of parks of that era, the updated play equipment will be redesigned in a more modern, risk based, design. Rubberized surfacing will be replaced as well.

STAFF ITEMS – Not Agendized

1. Gomez reported that in an effort to keep Commissioners up to date on City happenings, City Administration is requesting that individuals sign up for the City’s e-newsletter, Surf City Break. Additionally, Gomez reminded Commissioners that an email was sent to them with guidelines to follow in the upcoming election season. The guidelines provide Dos and Don’ts that the Commissioners should follow with regard to political matters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS – Not Agendized

No comments

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Chair Mantini adjourned at 6:53 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes – July 20, 2022
2. Naming of the former Senior Outreach Building at 17th Street Park and the central hallway wall at the Senior Center in Central Park in Recognition of Michael E. Rodgers
3. 17th Street Park Standard Park Identification Monument Sign

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