

**Community & Library Services
Commission
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting
MINUTES**



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

STAFF:
CHRIS SLAMA, Director
Community & Library Services
ASHLEY WYSOCKI, Deputy Director
Community & Library Services
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 6:01 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Mantini

ROLL CALL

Burns (Absent), Costelloe, Harrison, Kemmerer (excused), Mantini, Palumbo, Parker (excused), Pike, (absent) Vogel (absent)

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request approval of the August 24, 2022 meeting minutes.

MOTION:

No quorum present, will bring back to the November 9, 2022 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Fines Free Program – Slama introduced Framson, who presented Fines Fee HB, which eliminates overdue fines through the Library system. Framson reported that other large cities throughout the country are following suite. The elimination of overdue fines is addressing equity within our communities, and allows for the provision of free and equal access to information. Research shows that across the county, a large percentage of overdue fines are found in low-income neighborhoods. Framson provided statistics of the fines across the HB Library system. These fines include late fees and lost items. Currently, fines are less than one percent of the Library's budget and the Library does not rely upon any of the fines as revenue.

Commissioners individually commented on their support of this item.

MOTION:

Commissioner Pike moved to approve and make recommendation to City Council to eliminate overdue fines for library services items and remove from the City's Master Fee & Charges Schedule. Commissioner Costelloe seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0-4 (Burns, Kemmerer, Parker, Vogel absent).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. **Schroeder Park Improvements-Phase II** – Slama reported that new play equipment was installed a few years ago as Phase I. At that time, neighbors asked for low level lighting and landscaping, which has been scheduled as Phase II
2. **Hope View Park Play Equipment Replacement** – Slama said Hope View Park is a City-owned park that was not originally on the approved priority list; however, Public Works staff identified rusted footings and removed the equipment for public safety purposes. Due to the slow supply chain issues the country is experiencing, it will take a while for the play equipment to arrive. Mantini asked if the type of equipment will be different from other parks in an attempt to diversify the City's play equipment inventory. Slama said yes, neighboring school colors have been taken into consideration in the design.
3. **Booster Park Playground Equipment** – The play equipment had also been replaced due to safety issues, but pending final inspections, the playground should open to the public by the end of the week.
4. **LeBard Park Phase II Improvements** – Wysocki reported on Phase II, which includes tennis court improvements and landscaping. An assessment of the clubhouse was made and it was determined that the clubhouse should be removed due to deterioration. A mailer went out to residents within a 2000' radius of the park with a survey regarding the potential addition of pickleball court lines. Depending on feedback, staff will determine whether to move forward with recommending striping one of the tennis courts for dual play. Slama said that the item would come to Commission for approval prior to any change in plans. Commissioner Mantini voiced her concern over the noise made by the Pickleball paddle and balls, and how the noise may effects the neighbors. An update will be provided next month.
5. **Edison Park Conceptual Plan Progress Update** – Staff is preparing information for the next City Council meeting. After much feedback from the community, revision of the original concept design are anticipated for Commission's review. Wysocki reported on statistics from the outreach methods, including surveys, emails, mailers, etc. A more robust update will be provided at the next Commission meeting.

Discussion ensued on the direction staff was given by City Council and the efforts being taken by local residents to develop their own plans for the park. Commissioner Costelloe asked if there was somewhere Commissioners could direct people for current information on the project. Wysocki said that since the inception of the

project, there has been a website with a link for feedback. The information can be found at bit.ly/edisonpark.com. Slama said there are also banners at the park with a QR code for public information. Gomez will provide Commissioners with a link to the website.

STAFF ITEMS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS – Not Agendized

Chair Mantini asked Framson if once the Fines Free has been approved by City Council, if the idea could be presented to the local school districts. Slama said that it is a discussion that can be had with Administration and possibly with the school districts, thereafter.

Commissioner Pike commended staff on their good work, especially Framson on the Community Café project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Chair Mantini adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Meeting Minutes 08/10/22
2. Library Services, “Fines Free”, RCA

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Commission is Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

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