

**Community & Library Services  
Commission  
Wednesday, November 10, 2021  
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

LISA KEMMERER, Vice Chair

PAT BURNS, Commissioner

LAURA COSTELLOE, Commissioner

DR. RICHARD HARRISON, Commissioner

ELAINE PARKER, Commissioner

REV. JAMES PIKE, Commissioner

FAITH VOGEL, Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Mantini called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm, at which time a quorum was met.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mantini

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Burns, Costelloe, Kemmerer, Mantini, Parker, Pike (excused), Vogel (excused)

Staff: Slama, Wysocki, Gomez

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Chris Slama introduce new commissioners, Dr. Richard Harrison, who represents Council Member Dan Kalmick; Elaine Parker and Faith Vogel (not in attendance), who have joined Commission through the merger with the Library Board of Trustees.
2. Wysocki provided information on the Boards and Commissions Ad Hoc meeting and the decision approved by City Council to update the City's Boards and Commissions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Ann McCarthy spoke on the need of soccer field space for youth programs.
2. Amory Hanson spoke in favor of the Edison Park design program and the memorial plaque for Rick "Rockin' Fig" Fignetti.
3. Pano Frousiakis spoke in support of the Edison Park design, but is concern about parking issue with the added amenities.
4. Dr. Mark Bubovay reported that he is a pickle ball player who is in support of the Edison Park Design plan.
5. Mark Currie spoke regarding parking concerns and tree removal. Mr. Currie voiced his opposition to the Edison Park design plan.
6. George Weber uses the Edison Park fields for Girls Fast Pitch, and voiced his concern of not knowing what will happen to the snackbar, restrooms, and storage bins.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Chair Mantini called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021 meeting. Commission Burns moved to approve with Commissioner Costelloe seconding the motion.

**Approved:** Burns Costelloe, Kemmerer, Mantini (Pike absent)

**Abstained:** Harrison, Parker (Vogel absent)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. **Oath of Office** – Gomez administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioners, Dr. Richard Harrison and Elaine Parker.
2. **Edison Park Conceptual Plan** – Slama introduced Tamara from RJM Design Group, who presented a presentation, which included an overview of the public process, the design plan, and project background. A Geotechnical Study was completed in June 2021. Information was provided on the project website, which provided step-by-step information on the process. There were 600 participants, and 4,000 website uses.

Discussion followed with questions regarding soccer and softball fields. Staff is confident that the dual use of soccer and softball fields and tennis and pickleball courts can be shared.

Questions and discussion moved to parking on Hamilton and other adjacent streets, along with notification options to the public. Burns asked for a definition of a “pump track”. Tamara explained that it is a track that can be used by bikes, skateboards, and other forms of movement.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the conceptual diagram for Edison Park reconfiguration and forward to City Council for their consideration.

**MOTION:** Chair Maintini motioned to approve with Costelloe seconding. All in favor. (6-2, Pike and Vogel absent)

### **3. Rick “Rockin’ Fig” Fignetti Memorial Plaque Recognition at Tower Zero**

Slama presented the proposed design and location for a public memorial plaque honoring Rick “Rockin’ Fig” Fignetti (1953-2021), as directed by City Council at their September 7, 2021 meeting.

### **Recommended Action:**

Make a recommendation to City Council to approve the design concept and placement of a memorial plaque honoring Rick “Rockin’ Fig” Fignetti at Tower Zero on the Huntington Beach Municipal Pier.

**MOTION:** Burns motioned to approve with Parker seconding. All in favor. (6-2, Pike and Vogel absent)

## **DIRECTOR'S ITEMS – None**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Improvements & Playground Updates
  - a. Bluff Top Park Railing – Phase I is underway. The railing will be replaced from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Seapoint. Materials are on order. Phase II is the expansion of the path and landscaping with delineators between pedestrians and moving transportation such as bikes and skateboards.
  - b. Central Park West Playground – The equipment should be installed by December 2021, with a potential ribbon cutting in December or January.
  - c. Former Rodgers Seniors' Center Site – The construction of the park has gone out to bid.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Park Naming & Memorials Committee – Slama said that there is nothing to report at this time. Gomez will work with the Committee to schedule a meeting to discuss the naming opportunity for parkland located at 1706 Orange Avenue.

## **MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS – Not Agendized**

Burns commented on the notification of neighbors when park improvements are forthcoming.

Costelloe commented that she attended the Edison workshops and felt that the neighborhood was well represented.

Mantini announced that she would not be able to attend the December meeting, if a meeting is held.

## **ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED**

1. Library Master Plan

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Mantini adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Huntington Beach Community Services Commission is Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

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