

City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

6:00 PM

**Joint City Council/Library Commission, Cultural Arts
Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Zoom Meeting**

City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Hildy Stern

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Napolitano

Councilmember Richard Montgomery

Councilmember Joe Franklin

Councilmember Suzanne Hadley

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Stern called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Stern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

City Council

Present - Mayor Stern, Mayor Pro Tem Napolitano, Councilmember Montgomery, Councilmember Franklin, Councilmember Hadley

Staff

Present - City Manager Moe, City Attorney Barrow, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman, Public Works Director Lee, City Clerk Tamura, Assistant City Clerk Alvarez, Deputy City Clerk Matson, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart, Senior Management Analyst Robb, Recreation Manager Buike, Assistant to the City Manager Gabriel, Communication & Civic Engagement Manager Vincent

Library Commission

Present - Commissioner Bond, Commissioner Windes, Commissioner Siemak, Commissioner Schreiner, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Parikh

Cultural Arts Commission

Present - Commissioner Marcy, Commissioner Manna, Commissioner Spackman, Commissioner Tokashiki, Commissioner Rubino

Absent: Commissioner Ryan

Parks and Recreation Commission

Present - Commissioner Karger, Commissioner Greenberg, Commissioner Weiner, Commissioner Doran, Commissioner Turkmany, Commissioner Grampp

Commissioner McCarthy arrived at 6:08 PM.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Assistant City Clerk Martha Alvarez confirmed that the City received 1 eComment and 1 email comment for the January 11, 2022 Adjourned Regular Meeting.

Mayor Stern opened the floor to public comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Mayor Stern closed the floor to public comments.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Status Review and Update on Annual Commission Work Plans for the Library Commission, Cultural Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

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DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman provided a brief introduction regarding the Work Plan presentations and acknowledged the commissioners for their work.

Library Commission

Chair Jones provided a brief introduction to the Library Commission.

The Library Commission provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Library Commission Work Plan in the following order:

Afternoon with an Author, Commissioner Schreiner

City Manager Moe responded to City Council questions.

East Manhattan Beach Library Services, Commissioner Siemak

Commissioner Siemak and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman responded to City Council questions.

Library Poetry Event, Commissioner Schreiner

Library Appreciation Event(s), Commissioner Jones

No Strings Attached, Commissioner Windes

Commissioner Windes responded to City Council questions.

Spring/Summer Reading Program/Teen Librarian Update, Commissioner Windes

Story Adventure, Commissioner Bond

Commissioner Bond and Commissioner Windes responded to City Council questions.

Photo Op Event, Commissioner Jones

Commissioner Jones, City Manager Moe, and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman responded to City Council questions.

Entertainment Series, Commissioner Jones

Commissioner Jones responded to City Council questions.

The City Council approved the Library Commission Work Plan with direction to add the Photo Op Event and the Entertainment Series to the Library Commission Work Plan, pending a sponsor.

Cultural Arts Commission

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart introduced the commissioners and provided a brief overview of the Work Plan items to be discussed.

Chair Marcy and Cultural Arts Manager Stewart provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Cultural Arts Commission Work Plan in the following order:

Rainbow Crosswalk, Commissioner Marcy

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart responded to City Council questions.

Manhattan Beach Art Center Revitalization, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart

Arts Grants - Digital Wall Art, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart responded to City Council questions.

Arts Grant - Murals, Commissioner Marcy

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart responded to City Council questions.

Arts Grants - Utility Infrastructure Beautification, Commissioner Marcy

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart, Commissioner Marcy, and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to explore parking meters and fire hydrants under the Arts Grants - Utility Beautification Work Plan item.

Arts Grants - Performing Arts, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman, and Commissioner Rubino responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to add an additional \$6,000 for Shakespeare in the Park to be appropriated at a later date and to add the exploration of more performing arts options for the City.

Arts Grants - Sculpture Garden, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to explore a contract with CJ Rensch regarding a permanent installation of the "Circles" sculpture and to bring it back for City Council consideration at a later date.

Arts Grants - Permanent Sculpture, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart

Cultural Arts Manager Stewart, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman, and Commissioner Spackman responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to explore a policy for receiving suggestions for permanent art in the City under the umbrella of the Donation policy.

Arts Grants - School/Education, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart

Public Outreach and Marketing Campaign, Cultural Arts Manager Stewart

The City Council approved the Cultural Arts Commission Work Plan.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Parks and Recreation Director Leyman introduced Chair Karger.

Chair Karger introduced the Commissioners and provided a brief overview of the Work Plan items to be discussed.

The Parks and Recreation Commission provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Parks and Recreation Work Plan in the following order:

El Porto Family Park, Commissioner Greenberg

The City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of County funding for the park.

Nature Areas and Trails, Commissioner Greenberg

Parks and Recreation Director Leyman and Commissioner Greenberg responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to add a comprehensive study of Sand Dune Park to the Work Plan and to have staff identify maintenance issues in the parks with their respective costs to be included in this years budget.

City Manager Moe provided that maintenance of the parks will appear in this years budget cycle.

At 8:31 PM, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:36 PM with all Councilmembers present.

Dog Parks and Community Parkettes, Commissioner Weiner

Commissioner Weiner responded to City Council questions.

Polliwog Park Enhancements, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman

Replace Sand Dune Building, Commissioner Turkmany

City Manager Moe, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman, and Communications and Civic Engagement Manager Jessica Vincent responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to limit the scope of the Sand Dune building.

Explore Repurposing Pay-N-Play Racquetball Land/Building, Commissioner Karger

Commissioner Karger and City Attorney Quinn Barrow responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to proceed with exploring options and to obtain budget numbers.

Explore Acquiring Armory Land, Commissioner Greenberg

The City Council provided direction to reach out to Elected Officials and continue to express interest in the armory.

Explore Feasibility of Developing Aquatics Facility, Commissioner McCarthy

The City Council provided direction to include polling the community as a next step in the process of this Work Plan item.

Parks and Recreation Director Leyman responded to City Council questions.

Park Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman

Donation Policy and Programs, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman, Commissioner Turkmany, and Commissioner Karger

Commissioner Karger and Parks and Recreation Director Leyman responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to explore the tree donations, pavers, military wall, legacy donation process, and 501(c)(3) process and return to City Council.

Parks and Recreation Director Leyman confirmed that they will return with an art donor component as well.

Develop Options for Red House, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman

The City Council approved the addition of this item to the Work Plan.

Lighted Beach Volleyball Courts on the South Side of the Pier, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman

Parks and Recreation Director Leyman responded to City Council questions.

The City Council provided direction to defer this request for another year.

The City Council approved the Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan.

F. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 PM, Mayor Stern adjourned the meeting to the 6:00 PM Regular City Council Meeting on January 18, 2022.

Patricia Matson
Recording Secretary

Hildy Stern
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk