

Manhattan Beach City Council

Councilmember Assignments/Committee Descriptions

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

City Council/Manhattan Beach Unified School District Ad Hoc Committee:

This committee is comprised of two City Councilmembers and two School Boardmembers. The committee meets on an as needed basis, usually if there is a specific issue to deal with.

Edison/Undergrounding Subcommittee:

This committee is comprised of two City Councilmembers and Southern California Edison representatives who meet on an informal basis about the reliability and maintenance of SCE's system in Manhattan Beach.

Finance Subcommittee:

This committee is comprised of two City Councilmembers and the City Treasurer. The committee meets on a quarterly basis to discuss issues such as the investment report, the annual audit, the annual budget, and other finance-related issues. The City Treasurer maintains regular contact with the Finance Department staff.

Senior Advisory Subcommittee (SAC):

The purpose of the SAC is to provide ongoing input to the City of Manhattan Beach on the provision and delivery of recreational, social, educational, health and community services (via The Older Adult Program) to Manhattan Beach residents aged 55 and over. One City Councilmember (usually the Mayor or City Councilmember appointed by the Mayor) acts as the liaison to the SAC to communicate Older Adult programs and events to the City Council and share City Council updates with the SAC.

Pier / Roundhouse Improvement Project Subcommittee:

This subcommittee is comprised of two City Councilmembers, city staff, representatives from the Oceanographic Teaching Station (OTS), and the Harrison Greenberg Foundation. The subcommittee currently meets on a monthly basis (or more) regarding the planning, design and construction of a new Roundhouse aquarium, as well as for planned pier and Roundhouse infrastructure improvements. The project is expected to commence construction in January, 2018 and be completed by May, 2018.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)*:

The SBCCOG is a Joint Powers Authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay region. The members are comprised of the Cities of: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance and the Harbor City/San Pedro communities of the City of Los Angeles along with the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4. Each member has one delegate. The Board of Directors meets once a month (4th Thursday) to discuss issues of relevance to the South Bay Cities such as legislation, transportation, and other such intergovernmental issues.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC)*:

The South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (also referred to as “RCC” for Regional Communications Center) is a Joint Powers Authority currently owned by the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach while also providing communications services under contract to the cities of El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, and Culver City. The Executive Committee meets once a month and is comprised of elected representatives from each city, and executive staff.

L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Independent Cities Association (ICA):

ICA is a non-profit corporation established in 1960 by the full service cities (cities that provide their own police and/or fire services) in Southern California to represent the interests of the member cities collectively. The organization focuses on education, legislative advocacy, intergovernmental relationships and other major issues that transcend the boundaries of its member cities. ICA is governed by a maximum of 24 Board of Directors elected by the member cities which meets once a month every 2nd Thursday.

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD)*:

The Sanitation Districts are a public agency created under state law to manage wastewater and solid waste on a regional scale and consist of 24 independent special districts serving about 5.6 million people in Los Angeles County. The service area covers approximately 850 square miles and encompasses 78 cities and unincorporated territory within the county. The Board of Directors consists of the mayor of each city within that District and meet once per month every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Los Angeles County City Selection Committee:

The ad hoc group is made up of elected officials from each city in Los Angeles County (the mayor is the automatic delegate) that appoint City representatives to such Boards, Commissions and Agencies required by law, to seats on regional boards such as: LAFCO, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles County Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Committee; and to nominate for appointment Members to the California Coastal Commission. The group meets on an as-needed basis approximately 3-4 times a year.

REGIONAL/STATE GOVERNMENT

League of California Cities:

The League of California Cities is an Association of California City Officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence policy decisions that affect cities. The City of Manhattan Beach is within the Los Angeles County division of the League and is made up of the 86 cities in LA County. The League of California Cities provides members with the opportunity to exchange ideas and information and share the advantages of cooperative advocacy. The division is guided by an executive committee under the leadership of a division president. Elected city officials and professional city staff attend division meetings throughout the year to share what they are doing and advocate for their interests in Sacramento.

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):

SCAG functions as the metropolitan planning organization of 191 cities encompassing the six counties of Los

Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial. Generally, SCAG develops long-range regional transportation plans including sustainable communities' strategy and growth forecast components, regional transportation improvement programs, regional housing needs allocations, and a portion of the South Coast Air Quality management plans. General Assembly meets once a year and is attended by a representative from the City.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch:

Neighborhood Watch Area Coordinators meetings are held every other month (2nd Wednesday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair Association:

The annual Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair is organized by an all-volunteer, non-profit board of directors. The meeting schedule varies and is provided to the board members. It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Sister City Committee:

The Sister City Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting goodwill, friendship, cultural, education, economic and people-to-people exchanges among the citizens of two cities. Manhattan Beach's Sister City, Santa Rosalia in Baja California Sur, Mexico was selected in 1989. The committee empowers private citizens as well as municipal officials, local businesses and civic organizations to foster true relationships with the people of both countries through community outreach programs. The Committee meets quarterly via conference call and periodically in person.

Manhattan Beach Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC):

The Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) was established on March 15, 2016 by the Manhattan Beach City Council. The purpose of the EDAC is to provide support and guidance to staff and advise the Manhattan Beach City Council on strategies pertaining to economic development, retaining existing businesses and attracting key new tenants.

Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council (MBCC):

The mission of the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council is to establish a forum to promote networking, communication and information exchange among agencies, organizations and individuals and to provide recognition to local students. The MBCC organizes luncheons where city staff, local elected officials, school district personnel, non-profit agencies and members of the business and residential communities come together to discuss issues affecting our City. In addition, the MBCC recognizes students from American Martyrs School, Manhattan Beach Elementary Schools, Manhattan Beach Middle School and Mira Costa High School.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce:

Established in 1941, the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting business through a mix of opportunities for business expansion, personal growth and community connection. The Board of Directors meets once a month (3rd Wednesday). Traditionally, the City Delegate provides an update on City Hall

at the beginning of the meeting while the Economic Vitality Manager gives an update on matters of interest to the business community.

Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association (DBPA):

The DBPA is a non-profit corporation established in 1985 which serves all business license holders in the downtown area except commercial property owners. The DBPA works on parking, transportation and community programs, marketing and advertising of the downtown and holds a variety of promotions and special events. The DBPA meets once a month, usually the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. Traditionally, the City Delegate provides an update on City Hall at the beginning of the meeting while the Economic Vitality Manager gives an update on matters of interest to the business community.

North Manhattan Beach Business Improvement District (BID):

The North Manhattan Beach BID (the area generally surrounding the Rosecrans Avenue and Highland Avenue intersection) was originally formed in 1969, and then reformed in 2004 with a broadened scope to address physical improvements to the district, signage, and marketing. It includes all business license holders in the defined area and has a 7-member board comprised of business owners within the BID boundaries which meets once a month – usually the first Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Economic Vitality Manager is the staff liaison and administrator for the BID. City delegates attend meetings and may provide a brief report/City update when needed.

LAX

Coastal Corridor Mobility Task Force:

Formerly known as the LAX Ground Committee, the task force is made up of cities impacted by LAX, specifically related to ground transportation. This committee meets on an as-needed basis.

Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) LAX/Community Noise Roundtable:

The Roundtable was created in September 2000 and is intended to reduce and mitigate the adverse noise impacts that the users of LAX create on the surrounding communities and their environs. Membership of the Roundtable consists of local elected officials, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Office of Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA), and LAWA management. The roundtable meets on the second Wednesday of every odd numbered month and may schedule additional meetings as needed. All meetings start at 7 PM.

ADOPT A SCHOOL

Periodically, City Councilmembers may be invited to attend events at schools in Manhattan Beach. To ensure each Councilmember adequately addresses the needs of a respective school, City Councilmembers are appointed as a delegate to represent the City Council. One City Councilmember acts as the liaison to each respective school to communicate school events to the City Council, attend meetings, and share City Council updates with their assigned school.