



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Council Chambers- 100 Civic Center Drive

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Members:

**Anne Yelsey, Chair
Amy Waunch, Vice Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
Diane Daruty, Commissioner
Keira Kirby, Commissioner
Kate Malouf, Commissioner
Travis Piridy, Commissioner**

Staff Members:

**Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Justin Schmillen, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director
John Salazar, Acting Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist**

The Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission. The Chair may limit public Comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

It is the intention of the City of Newport Beach to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the Recreation & Senior Services Department at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 644-3158 or recreation@newportbeachca.gov.

As a member of the public, if you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. You can submit your comments and questions in writing for Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consideration by sending them to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission at PBRcommission@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Monday, September 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

2. In person in the Council Chambers; 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Please know that it is important to allow public participation at this meeting. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the information will be posted to the City's website.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Recreation Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City provides a yellow sign-in card to assist in the preparation of the minutes. The completion of the card is not required in order to address the PB&R Commission. If the optional sign-in card has been completed, it should be placed in the box provided at the podium. The PB&R Commission of Newport Beach welcomes and encourages community participation.

Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Written comments are encouraged as well. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the time limit on agenda or non-agenda items. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

This is the time in which PB&R Commissioners may pull items from the CONSENT CALENDAR for discussion (Items VI-A thru VI-E). Public comments are also invited on Consent Calendar items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, please state your name for the record. If any item is removed from the Consent Calendar by a PB&R Commissioner, members of the public are invited to speak on each item for up to three (3) minutes per item.

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Commissioners have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending an action. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the PB&R Commission votes on the motion unless a Commissioner requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting of August 5, 2025

Waive reading of subject minutes, approved and order filed.

[08-05-2025 DRAFT PBR Minutes](#)

B. PW Activity Report

Receive/File Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[PW Activity Report](#)

C. RSS Activity Report

Receive/File Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[RSS Activity Report](#)

D. Request by Slammers Futbol Club for Weekend Light Usage at Arroyo Park

Staff recommends the PB&R Commission approve the request from the Slammers Futbol Club to use lights on Saturday, October 4, 18 & 25 and November 1 & 8 and Sunday, November 9 at Arroyo Park from dusk to 8 p.m.

[Staff Report](#)

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Reforestation Request - 1716 Santiago Drive

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of a City American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive due to a blocked yard drain, roots encapsulating the water meter and the applicant's desire to re-grade and renovate the parkway as part of a larger landscape renovation project.

The applicant, Robert Kone, resident at 1716 Santiago Drive, has met the procedural requirements established in City Council Policy G-1 - *Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees* (City Council Policy G-1) to apply for reforestation. If approved by the PB&R Commission, staff recommends requiring the replanting of a one-for-one, 36-inch box holly oak (*Quercus ilex*) replacement tree. The applicant would pay for both removal and replacement, but the work would be performed by a City contractor coordinated by the Public Works Department.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-E](#)

[Presentation](#)

B. City Park Signage Ad Hoc Subcommittee Pilot Program Update

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review the park sign pilot program survey results, and either 1.) Conclude the pilot program, maintain the existing sign style and sunset the Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Subcommittee), or 2.) Extend the pilot program and reaffirm the Subcommittee.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-C](#)

[Presentation](#)

C. General Plan Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element-Ad Hoc Committee Appointment

Staff recommends the PB&R Commission appoint three commissioners to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to provide initial feedback on the draft Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element and bring comments back to full commission at the October 7, 2025, PB&R meeting.

[Staff Report](#)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PB&R Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record.

IX. ADJOURNMENT