



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Council Chambers - 100 Civic Center Drive

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - 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 Pirdy, 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, March 2, 2026, 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. **PRESENTATION**

A. Presentation to Community Service Award Recipient Karen Yelsey

Recognizing Karen Yelsey for her leadership, service and contributions to the community through the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD), and Newport Beach Police Foundation (NBPF) over the last four decades.

IV. 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

V. 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-D). 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.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Meeting of February 3, 2026

Waive reading of subject minutes, approved and order filed.

[02-03-2026 DRAFT PBR Minutes](#)

B. MOD Activity Report

Receive/File Report on past and upcoming projects and events.

[MOD Activity Report](#)

C. RSS Activity Report

Receive/File Report on past and upcoming projects and events.

[RSS Activity Report](#)

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

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission approve the request from the Slammers Futbol Club to use lights on Sunday, March 22 & March 29 at Arroyo Park from Dusk to 8 p.m.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-D](#)

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Bonita Creek Park Synthetic Turf Replacement and LED Lighting Retrofit Project

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and provide feedback for the proposed synthetic turf replacement, LED lighting retrofit and park upgrades at Bonita Creek Park.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Presentation](#)

B. General Plan Update: Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review the Final GPUSC/GPAC Draft Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element, which have been revised to incorporate the Commission's input from October 2025. The Commission may provide additional input and should conduct a vote to consider recommending the City Council adopt them as part of the comprehensive General Plan Update anticipated in May or June 2026.

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C. Continuation of Reforestation Request - 1441 Sandcastle Drive - Front 4(a), 4(b), and 5

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider approving the reforestation request of two Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia citriodora*) located at 1441 Sandcastle Drive due to a lack of structural roots present in a review of documentation. Also, Staff recommends PB&R Commission consider the reforestation request of a third Eucalyptus (with ID 8656649) due to various private property damage issues.

The applicant, Mr. Ammer Alselham (residing at 1441 Sandcastle Dr.), has provided the required association board meeting minutes along with the association board signature of approval to remove and replace the trees. If approved by the Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree for each tree removed with Magnolia "Little Gem" (*Magnolia grandiflora* "Little Gem") 36-inch box trees installed at the applicant's cost.

[Staff Report](#)

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[Presentation](#)

D. America 250 Plaque Donation - John Wayne Park

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and approve The Newport Beach Foundation's request to donate a plaque at John Wayne Park commemorating the United States of America's 250th Anniversary and forward to City Council for consideration.

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VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

IX. 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT