



CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2025, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Members Present: Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney,
Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner,
Commissioner Todd Tullis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols called the Open Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg.

3. ROLL CALL

Office Assistant Kalyn Kaemerle announced a quorum.

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To recommend Commissioner Ellman to serve as interim Chairperson to conduct the meeting until item 11a.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Community Resources Director gave the presentation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.a INTERNATIONAL SURF FESTIVAL PRE-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

Maria Bird, International Surf Festival event representative

5.b JVA/BVCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PRE-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

Jeff Smith, JVA/BVCA event representative

5.c AAU HERMOSA BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS PRE-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

Denny Lennon, AAU Hermosa Beach Championship event representative

5.d AVP JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PRE-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

5.e BARK FOR A PARK PRESENTATION

Carla Buck, Bark for a Park event representative

6. COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTOR REPORT

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols gave the presentation.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

In-Person Public Comment

Adam Malovani, Hermosa Beach resident

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

9.a ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2025

9.b MAY 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. MATTERS FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

11.a ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 25-CR-052

Moved by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

To elect Commissioner Ellman to serve as Chairperson to serve for a term expiring June 2026.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Seconded by: Chairperson Barbara Ellman

To elect Commissioner Horowitz to serve as Vice Chairperson to serve for a term expiring June 2026.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

11.b APPROVAL OF 2025 IMPACT LEVEL II RETURNING SPECIAL EVENT - 25-CR-053

Coming forward to address the Commission on this item:

Virtual Public Comment:

Anthony Higgins, Hermosa Beach resident

Moved by: Commissioner Todd Tullis

Seconded by: Commissioner Elka Worner

To approve the inclusion of Impact Level II returning special event, the Frosty Olympics on Saturday, October 4, 2025, south of the Pier on the 2025 Special Event Calendar.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

11.c CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF LONG-TERM AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE AAU HERMOSA BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS, AVP JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND JVA/BVCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 25-CR-050

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Denny Lennon, AAU Hermosa Beach Championship event representative

Jeff Smith, JVA/BVCA National Championships event representative

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To approve as amended:

1. To recommend to City Council to approve the commencement of long-term agreement negotiations with the following organizations for the following special events in 2026 through 2027 for the following dates, with an option, at staff's discretion, to extend each LTA for one additional one-year term:
 - a. Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) for the AAU Hermosa Beach Championships on July 12 through July 29 in 2026 and 2027;
 - b. Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) for the AVP Junior National Championships on July 19 through July 27 in 2026 and 2027; and
 - c. Junior Volleyball Association (JVA)/Beach Volleyball Clubs of America (BVCA) for the JVA/BVCA National Championships on July 6 through July 12 in 2026 and 2027.

2.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

11.d CREATION OF A YOUTH PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE - 25-CR-051

To create a Youth Programs Subcommittee.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

Moved by: Chairperson Barbara Ellman

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To nominate Commissioner Moroney to serve on the Youth Programs Subcommittee.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Seconded by: Chairperson Barbara Ellman

To nominate Commissioner Worner to serve on the Youth Programs Subcommittee.

Ayes (5): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Elka Worner, and Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Horowitz requested staff bring an item to the Commission to consider the creation of a Dog Park Subcommittee, to work with the community group, Bark for a Park, on the consideration of a dog park. Commissioners Moroney and Worner supported the request.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Horowitz at 9:43 p.m. in honor of former Chair Jani Lange and Vice Chair Lauren Pizer Mains for their dedication to serving the Commission.