



CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

**October 7, 2025, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ellman called the Open Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Elka Worner.

3. ROLL CALL

Office Assistant Amari Gilbert announced a quorum.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS—UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Special Events and Filming Coordinator Austin DeWeese and Senior Recreation Supervisor Brian Sousa gave the presentation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.a AAU HERMOSA BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS, AVP JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND JVA/BVCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ECONOMIC BENEFIT PRESENTATION

Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle gave the presentation.

5.b AAU HERMOSA BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS POST-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Denny Lennon, AAU Hermosa Beach Championships event representative

5.c AVP JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS POST-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT)

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Jeff Conover AVP Junior National Championship event representative

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

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Jeff Smith, JVA/BVCA National Championship event representative

5.e SKECHERS PIER TO PIER FRIENDSHIP WALK PRE-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT PRESENTATION)

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Amy Trell, Sketchers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk event representative

5.f SOCAL BEACH FOUNDATION POST-EVENT PRESENTATION (FEE-WAIVER GRANT REQUIREMENT)

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

David Brandin, SoCal Beach Foundation event representative

5.g TRIATHLON POST-EVENT PRESENTATION (LONG-TERM AGREEMENT PRESENTATION)

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Michael Epstein, Triathlon event representative

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Barbra Ellman opened Public Comment. The following public comment was provided.

In-Person Public Comment:

- Maria Haase

Virtual Public Comment:

- Anthony Higgins

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

Seconded by: Commissioner Elka Worner

To approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (4): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Abstained (1): Commissioner Thomas Moroney

Motion Carried

8.a AUGUST 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT

8.b SEPTEMBER 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT

8.c ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. MATTERS FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

10.a APPROVAL OF 2026 IMPACT LEVEL II RETURNING SPECIAL EVENTS - 25-CR-071

Special Events and Filming Coordinator Austin DeWeese gave the presentation.

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Donny Young, Beach Tennis Tournament event representative

Father Paul Gawlowski, Easter Sunrise Mass event representative

Gino Grajeda, IBVL Tournament Series event representative

David Brandin, SoCal Beach Foundation event representative

Matt Walls, South Bay Paddle event representative

Matt Walls, Tower 12 South Bay Surf Series event representative

Carolina Garbato, USAV World Championship Trials event representative

Kelsey Brandin, Volley4Sound event representative

Heather Friesen, Winter Challenge event representative

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney
Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To approve the Level II returning events as proposed in the Staff Report, with the exception of SoCal Beach Foundation and IBVL Tournament Series, to approve an exceptions to the Policy Guide to allow the number of events per day to exceed two events on May 9, 2026, allowing for three events, and to allow the number of event days outside of the Peak Season (Memorial Day to Labor Day) in the month of September to exceed the monthly limit of 15 event days.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney
Seconded by: Commissioner Todd Tullis

To approve the IBVL Tournament Series and SoCal Beach Foundation as proposed with the exception of the SoCal Beach Foundation's requested event date of March 14, and to hold such date until the first of the year so staff may assess any potential impacts to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

Motion Carried

10.b REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM AGREEMENT APPLICATION FROM THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION FOR ITS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE MATCHES AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC GRAND PRIX SERIES - 25-CR-072

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols gave the presentation.

Coming forward to address the Commission at this time:

Denny Lennon, AAU High School Boys Beach Volleyball League Matches and Southern Grand Prix Series event representative

Moved by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz
Seconded by: Commissioner Elka Worner

To approve the commencement of LTA negotiations with AAU for its High School Boys Beach Volleyball League Matches and Southern Pacific Grand Prix Series in 2026 and 2027, with an option, at staff's discretion, to extend the agreement for an additional one-year term.

Ayes (4): Chairperson Barbara Ellman, Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Noes (1): Commissioner Todd Tullis

Motion Carried

10.c SECOND REVIEW OF CITY PARK HOURS - 25-CR-073

Senior Recreation Supervisor Brian Sousa gave the presentation.

Moved by: Commissioner Todd Tullis

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

To receive and file staff's second review of the City park hours.

Ayes (4): Commissioner Thomas Moroney, Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz, Commissioner Todd Tullis, and Commissioner Elka Worner

Noes (1): Chairperson Barbara Ellman

Motion Carried

10.d PROPOSED TREE REPLANTING PLAN FOLLOWING TREE REMOVALS IN VALLEY PARK AND GREENBELT - 25-CR-074

Assistant Engineer Karla Vargas and Public Works Director Joe SanClemente gave the presentation.

Moved by: Commissioner Elka Worner

Seconded by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

To receive and file the recommended tree replanting plan as proposed in the Staff Report.

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

Motion Carried

10.e APPROVAL OF 2026 RETURNING IMPACT LEVEL III SPECIAL EVENT AND DESIGNATION OF A SECOND "NOTHING WEEKEND" - 25-CR-068

Lead Special Events and Filming Coordinator Kalyn Kaemerle gave the presentation.

Moved by: Vice Chairperson Traci Horowitz

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas Moroney

To approve Impact Level III returning special event, (CBVA), on the dates and locations proposed in the Staff Report; and Saturday, June 6 through Sunday, June 7 as a “Nothing Weekend.”

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

Motion Carried

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11.a CURRENT FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community Resources Director Lisa Nichols gave the presentation.

12. COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTOR REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.