



AGENDA

CITY OF SEASIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVE
Tuesday, July 7, 2026
5:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Ray Riordan	Chair
Tiffinie Meyer	Vice Chair
Ramona Olaeta-Reed	Commissioner
Joan Costello	Commissioner
Shanda LeBeouf	Commissioner
Dennis Alexander	Commissioner
Stephanie Spross	Commissioner

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Seaside, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three (3) minutes. Comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 2, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

6. BUSINESS

A. WELCOME COMMISSIONER MYERS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION: We are pleased to announce and warmly welcome Commissioner Davene Meyers to the Seaside Neighborhood Improvement Commission.

B. REVIEW AND SELECT THE HOUSE OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2026

RECOMMENDATION: Select the house of the month

C. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FISCAL YEAR 25/26 COMPLETED PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION: Receive status update on fiscal year 25/26 projects

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

This is a time specifically set aside for Commissioners to make brief comments of general interest to the community, make requests that items be added to future meeting agendas as necessary, and report on Committee Assignments.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

This is a time specifically set aside for the Staff Liaison to provide updates on non-agendized requests from the Commission, and to provide brief information on topics under the purview of the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
August 4, 2026
5:00 PM

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FINAL MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
Tuesday June 2, 2026
5:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Riordan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL - NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Chair Riordan, Costello, LeBoeuf, Meyer, Olaeta Reed, Spross

ABSENT: None

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roelof Wijbrandus requested an update on the pergola proposal and budget

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2026

On motion by Commissioner Costello and second by Vice Chair Meyer, and carried by the following vote, the Neighborhood Improvement Commission moved to approve May 5, 2026 Minutes

RESULTS: 6-0-0-0

AYES: Chair Riordan, Costello, LeBoeuf, Meyer, Olaeta Reed, Spross

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. **BUSINESS**

A. REVIEW OF PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27 AND MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL \$100,000.00 IDENTIFIED AT CITY COUNCIL BUDGET STUDY SESSION

RECOMMENDATION: Review identified projects and provide recommendation for City Council

Assistant City Manager Dan Meewis provided a brief presentation reviewing the proposed projects. He clarified that the FY 2025–26 allocation was not actual funding and noted that the Neighborhood Improvement Commission (NIC) has an additional \$100,000 available for project allocation. Mr. Meewis also reviewed projects that were not selected during the previous funding cycle.

The Commission engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding potential uses for the additional \$100,000. Commissioner Costello suggested placing a pergola at the lower portion of Mescal Neil Park, where ADA accessibility is available, while noting that the park's primary attraction is its scenic view. Vice Chair Meyer questioned whether a proposed pocket park on Skyview would receive sufficient use, observing that the area functions more as a place for walking dogs and enjoying the view from a bench, and that ongoing maintenance would be required.

Additional projects discussed included pickleball courts at Seaside High School and the possibility of installing a bench at the top of Mescal Neil Park in lieu of a pergola. The Commission also discussed public art projects. Mr. Meewis reported that the Caltrans mural project in Salinas cost approximately \$300,000 for both sides of the structure and exterior work, while the Seaside Fire Station mural cost approximately \$150,000. He noted that the proposed overpass mural would be a large-scale project and that Caltrans would need to review the design and cost estimates before entering into a contract.

Chair Riordan discussed the possibility of installing an electronic bulletin board in front of City Hall, estimating the cost at approximately \$100,000. He stated that such a sign could serve multiple purposes for the city and noted that the electronic sign ordinance would not affect the project.

Vice Chair Meyer asked whether grant funding opportunities could be pursued and suggested that, if the mural project is not funded this cycle, the Commission could begin developing a mural plan early enough for future consideration by the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roelof Wijbrandus, representing the Mescal Neil Association, stated that the discussion regarding Mescal Neil Park has shifted from the installation of a pergola to the need for a service road and improved access to the upper portion of the park. He noted that a water tank is located at the top of the park and requires service access. He also advocated for improvements to existing benches and emphasized the importance of safe access for residents and members of the Friends of Seaside Parks Association (FOSPA) who help maintain the park. He stated that the park has been in need of improvements for many years.

Jeanne Reese expressed support for repaving Havana Soliz Park, citing uneven pavement and sharing concerns about tripping hazards, including a personal experience with a fall.

City Manager Greg McDanel suggested an alternative approach for improvements at Mescal Neil Park by allocating approximately \$40,000 toward the construction of a service road using City staff and equipment rather than contracting the work. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining and cohesively designing entrances to the

community.

Diane Nielson, representing FOSPA, spoke in support of additional shade amenities in City parks. While supporting the planting of trees, she noted that newly planted trees would take several years to provide adequate shade. She recommended the installation of shade structures, such as sail shades, at Durant Park and Lincoln Cunningham Park. She stated that a 12-foot by 12-foot sail shade could cost between \$12,000 and \$25,000 and requested consideration of approximately \$15,000 for a shade structure at Durant Park.

Linda Cunningham commented on the condition of Soper Field, citing concerns including nonfunctioning lights, cracked sidewalks, broken water fountain, peeling exterior paint and stucco, cleanliness issues, damaged blinds, poor acoustics in the conference room, encampments in surrounding landscaping areas, and the overall need for facility improvements and maintenance.

On motion by Vice Chair Meyer, and second by Commissioner Costello, and carried by the following vote, the Neighborhood Improvement Commission moved to approve the allocation of the additional \$100,000 as follows: \$40,000 for pickleball court striping at Seaside High School, \$40,000 for the Mescal Neil Park service road utilizing in-house City staff and equipment, and \$20,000 for improvements at Encanto Park. The Commission also approved funding for the following individual projects that were included on the project list but had not previously received funding: \$15,000 for LED lighting on Broadway Avenue, \$10,000 for holiday lighting on Broadway Avenue, \$15,000 for a shade structure at Durant Park, and \$10,000 to supplement improvements to the Seaside Gateway sign area.

RESULTS: 6-0-0-0

AYES: Chair Riordan, Costello, LeBoeuf, Meyer, Olaeta Reed, Spross

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B. DISCUSSION ON HAVING COMMISSIONERS ATTEND OTHER COMMISSION MEETINGS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING PROJECT IDEAS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR

The Commissioners discussed outreach efforts to other City commissions to encourage the submission of project ideas for consideration during the FY 2027–28 Neighborhood Improvement Commission (NIC) funding cycle. Vice Chair Meyer expressed interest in obtaining commitments from Commissioners to attend other commission meetings and personally solicit project recommendations. The Commission discussed developing an organized outreach plan, including assigning Commissioners to attend specific commission meetings.

Assistant City Manager Dan Meewis suggested holding an additional meeting in July to discuss the NIC project submission timeline, the types of projects the Commission is seeking, and the anticipated schedule for project solicitation and review.

Commissioners expressed support for attending other commission meetings and participating in outreach efforts to gather project ideas for future funding

consideration. The June and July HOM Presentation will be on July 2, 2026 City Council meeting. The August and September HOM nominees will be selected at the July NIC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

This item was presented and discussed; no motion was made, and no vote was taken.

C. DISCUSSION ON HAVING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT THE HOUSE OF THE MONTH AWARDS AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE HOMES THAT WERE PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT MONTH

The Commission discussed the presentation of House of the Month awards at City Council meetings for homes selected by the Neighborhood Improvement Commission. Chair Riordan acknowledged a misunderstanding regarding Commissioners' interest in participating in the presentations and apologized for not realizing that all Commissioners wished to be involved.

Following discussion, Chair Riordan suggested that the Commissioner responsible for nominating the House of the Month recipients for a given two-month period also serve as the presenter at the corresponding City Council meeting. If the assigned Commissioner is unavailable, Chair Riordan and Assistant City Manager Dan Meewis would present the award as needed. The Commission expressed support for this approach.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

This item was presented and discussed; no motion was made, and no vote was taken.

D. DISCUSSION ON UPCOMING CITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, AND DECIDE WHAT PROGRAMS OR EVENTS THE COMMISSION SHOULD ATTEND

Chair Riordan reported that he attended the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on June 1. Commissioner Costello inquired about the possibility of the Neighborhood Improvement Commission (NIC) hosting an informational table and displaying a banner at community events.

Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager, informed the Commission of several upcoming community events that may provide outreach opportunities for the NIC, including the Fourth of July celebration, Blues in the Park, National Night Out, Exotics on Broadway, Oaxaca by the Sea, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. He noted that a Jimi Hendrix tribute band is scheduled to perform at the Fourth of July event and that City staff could assist in securing a table for the NIC at Exotics on Broadway.

The Commission discussed the value of participating in community events to increase public awareness of the NIC and its programs. Commissioners also discussed using outreach events as an opportunity to gather project ideas from residents and other

commissions, including the possibility of providing an easel or similar display where attendees could submit suggestions for future neighborhood improvement projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

This item was presented and discussed; no motion was made, and no vote was taken.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Costello, Commissioner Spross, and Chair Riordan reported attending the annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall.

Commissioner Spross encouraged community support of the local women's soccer team and invited residents to attend upcoming games.

Commissioner Costello reminded the Commission of the upcoming Blankets in the Park event at Laguna Grande Park. She also inquired about the use of a group text or group chat for Neighborhood Improvement Commission communications. Assistant City Manager Dan Meewis advised that, due to Brown Act requirements, Commissioners should avoid group communications involving a quorum of the Commission outside of a public meeting. He suggested that Commissioners direct logistical communications through staff, who can distribute information to all Commissioners as appropriate.

Vice Chair Meyer reminded Commissioners of the importance of conducting themselves in a positive and professional manner, encouraging collaboration, respectful discussion, and actions that promote public confidence in the work of the Neighborhood Improvement Commission. She also announced that she would be unable to attend the July 2 Neighborhood Improvement Commission meeting.

Commissioner Oaleta-Reed announced an upcoming Friends of Seaside Parks Association (FOSPA) community event at Highland Otis Park on June 20 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will include food, arts and crafts, and other family-friendly activities for community members.

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Dan Meewis, Neighborhood Improvement Commission Liaison and Assistant City Manager, provided updates on upcoming City events and indicated that he would continue to keep the Commission informed of future community activities. He congratulated the Commissioners on their work in developing the FY 2026–27 Neighborhood Improvement Commission project recommendations and noted that he would present the Commission's recommendations to the City Council on June 18. Mr. Meewis also expressed appreciation to those Commissioners who attended the City's budget meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

No Motion or vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hancock, Committee Clerk

Ray Riordan, Chair



CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 6.A.

TO: Neighborhood Improvement Program

BY: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2026

**SUBJECT: WELCOME COMMISSIONER MYERS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION

We are pleased to announce and warmly welcome Commissioner Davene Meyers to the Seaside Neighborhood Improvement Commission.

BACKGROUND

Commissioner Davane Myers was officially appointed to the Commission on June 4, 2026. She has been a Seaside resident for the past 3 years. Commissioner Myers has excellent communication skills and customer service skills. She is very active in the Seaside community and would like to see the community thrive. She is looking forward to being part of the team in helping the community thrive. Her fresh perspective will be an asset as we continue to grow and improve Seaside's neighborhoods.

Please join us in welcoming Commissioner Myers to the team. We look forward to their contributions as we continue to serve the Seaside community with excellence and enthusiasm.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact on this item.

ATTACHMENTS

None

Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:



Greg McDanel, City Manager



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.B.

TO: Neighborhood Improvement Program

BY: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2026

**SUBJECT: REVIEW AND SELECT THE HOUSE OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST
AND SEPTEMBER 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

Select the house of the month

BACKGROUND

One of the ongoing projects the Neighborhood Improvement Commission is tasked with is selecting a "House of the Month". This was created from one of the main duties of the commission: encourage citizens to beautify and upgrade their property and landscaping, and to remove items that adversely influence property values. The house of the month program is the commission's way to encourage residents to upgrade their property.

Winners of the award are recognized at a City Council meeting and are awarded with a gift card of their choosing from a local Seaside business and a sign is placed in their yard stating that they are a house of the month recipient. At the beginning of the year, the commissioners select sections of town that each one will canvas to find the next house of the month.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact for this item.

ATTACHMENTS

None



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 6.C.

TO: Neighborhood Improvement Program

BY: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 7, 2026

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FISCAL YEAR 25/26 COMPLETED PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

Receive status update on fiscal year 25/26 projects

BACKGROUND

In Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Neighborhood Improvement Commission recommended the following project to the City Council for approval.

Tree Give-a-way Program

4-6 ADA benches on Eucalyptus & 8 in neighborhoods and parks around existing playground equipment—Highland Otis, Lincoln Cunningham, Pacchetti, Capra & General Jim Moore

Add Wheel chair accessibility to the benches on General Jim Moore

Utility Box Wraps x 5

Bikes Racks at Lincoln Cunningham Park Basketball court and Havana Soliz Park BBQ area

Laguna Grande Park Benches Replacement and Additions

Install Grandstand/Gazebos at Laguna Grande Park Lakeside BBQ area

Library Mural

Canyon Del Rey Median Landscaping (intersection of Del Monte to CDR)

During the NIC recommendation process, the following projects were included by the City Council:

Laguna Grande Astro Turf

This project was deemed not feasible for the cost allocation and the timeframe to have it installed, so the City Council voted to move the funds to the Lincoln Cunningham Park playground project for the 2-5 year-old playground.

Each of these projects were estimated to be completed by the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2026. However, some are still being completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

ATTACHMENTS

None
