



CITY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM Aug. 17, 2026
Huntington Beach City Hall

Call to Order at 5:32 PM

Roll Call

- Committee Members: *(Present) Patricia (Patti) Pappas, Julian Douglas, Michael Latham, Valentina Bankhead, Ellen Kuhnert, Yolanda Campos*
- Council: *None*
- Staff Liaison: *Julie Toledo*
- Other Staff: *None*
- Public: *Amory Hanson*
- Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)
 - *Amory Hanson stated he would like to see the 2027 calendar include a space-themed month. The third man to walk on the moon was from HB – Pete Conrad. Also include features on Boeing and McDonald-Douglas*

Approve minutes from July 13, 2026 meeting (1st by Ellen Kuhnert; 2nd by Yolanda Campos)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. 2026 Celebration Calendar Themes

- August – “Honor & Valor – Honoring the Purple Hearts & Coast Guard”
- September – “Echoes of Bravery – Civil War Valor & 9/11 Resolve”
- October – “Wings of Freedom”
- November – “Honoring the Brave – Saluting Our Veterans”
- December – “Season of Remembrance & Reflection”

2. Review Draft 2026 City Celebration Events/250 Semiquincentennial Calendar

a. August – Honoring the Purple Heart & Coast Guard

- Recapped National Night Out and having a booth at the event was a great way to engage with the community.

b. September – “Echoes of Bravery – Civil War Valor & 9/11 Resolve”

- Ellen to write Dog Week story for September
- National Constitution Day: Sept. 17 Reading of the preamble by Greyson Latham
 - Patti is reading about the Preamble and work on the reading.
- Patti said she would write articles on the founding fathers and constitution in September and would contact Kathie Schey to work on stories.

c. October – “Wings of Freedom”

- Airshow 10th Anniversary
- HBFD Open House Oct. 10: Julie checked in with Fire to see if there are any opportunities and there are none available.

d. November – “Honoring the Brave – Saluting Our Veterans”



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- Veterans Day Ceremony: Serve lemonade at the event. Julie to check with Kellee Fritzal at the BID about potential partnership.
- Tree planting idea by Patti. Patti to check with Chris Epting on plaque. Patti said it would be a Camphor tree

e. **December -“Seasons of Remembrance & Reflection”**

- Time Capsule –Come up with ideas for how the community can become involved with it. We will discuss at the next meeting as to what will go inside the capsule. Where will it go? Suggested to have this done on Mayor McKeon’s last day as Mayor on Nov. 30 or Dec. 1.
- Julian suggested small items be put in the capsule:
 - 250 Banner
 - All articles for this year
 - Way to have all videos/events on thumb drive
 - Honoring council – photo of all them
 - Photo of the committee
 - Copy of boy scout speech
 - All events
 - Little cannon – what is the model
 - Airshow 250 coin to a plane.
 - Pier lighting photo
 - Programs of events
 - US Open banner or photo of winners
- Other ideas:
 - Sample Library cards – Ellen
 - Photo of all electeds – Valentina
 - Sugar the Surf dog, wetlands – Yolanda
 - Photos of Hall of Fame/Walk of Fame – Patti
 - Coloring contest winners

3. Began Drafting 2027 Calendar

- Bolsa Chica Tour – Yolanda
- Shipley Tour – Yolanda
- HB Symphony – but have more patriotic music
- Dog Beach – Julian
- Main Street – Patti
- Central Park – Julian
- Senior Center – Ellen
- Urban Forest – Michael
- Julie to send list of all large HB events to all members

Adjournment – 6:58 PM *The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM*