



# *PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: JULY 25, 2012

ITEM NUMBER: 10d

**SUBJECT: BICYCLE RACKS IN CITY PARKS**

**DATE: JULY 16, 2012**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT / MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the proposed style of bicycle racks to be placed at City parks and recreational facilities.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City Council formed the Homeless Task Force (Task Force) in January, 2011, to examine the problems caused in the City by vagrancy. As an outcome of that effort, the Task Force developed several recommendations for Council consideration. One of those recommendations was aimed at responding to numerous citizen complaints regarding bicycles being attached to poles, trees, fire hydrants, utility boxes, and irrigation systems throughout the City. In several areas, these locked bicycles have blocked the right-of-way on sidewalks and other areas in the City including parks. These stored bicycles were often times abandoned and became an eye sore or were the target of thefts.

At the City Council meeting of August 7, 2012, the second reading of a new ordinance prohibiting bicycles from being locked to public infrastructure other than bicycle racks on public and private property will be heard. The ordinance will then take effect in 30 days, resulting in the impounding of any bicycle locked in a location not designed specifically for bicycle parking. Owners who have had their bicycles impounded will be able to retrieve their bicycle from the City after paying the storage costs incurred by the City.

## **ANALYSIS**

One of the obstacles to enforcing the new ordinance in public parks is the lack of adequate bicycle racks and appropriate prohibitive signage. There are currently 29 parks and only 38 bicycle parking spaces in those parks in the City of Costa Mesa. In the near future, the Maintenance Services Division will begin to install bicycle racks in City parks in support of the cycling patrons and to provide adequate legal parking for bicycles as required for law enforcement to issue citations.

The Maintenance Services Division is recommending two models of bike racks to become the 'standard' bike rack models installed at parks and recreational facilities. See Attachment 1. The "Newport Bike Rack", manufactured by Patterson-Williams Athletic Manufacturing Company, can accommodate up to eight (8) bicycles and is recommended for larger parks and recreational facilities. Multiple racks could be placed in strategic locations at larger sites or grouped together to address greater needs. The "Roller Coaster Bike Rack" is variable in size, with bike parking capacities from two (2) to thirteen (13) depending on the need. These more free-form bike racks could be installed in the small to medium size parks or at lower use City facilities. This style of rack is more resistant to skateboarding or other damaging activities.

Other styles of bike racks are provided for consideration in Attachment 2.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

1. The Commission could select other models of bike racks than those proposed by staff.
2. The Commission could choose not to designate a standard bike rack for City parks and recreational facilities and direct staff to make selections based on the individual needs or unique site furnishing theme of each park.

### **FISCAL REVIEW**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with the selection of a standard bike rack for City parks.

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

No legal review is required for this item.

### **CONCLUSION**

After several park tours, the Parks and Recreation Commission voiced a concern regarding the lack of adequate bicycle racks at City parks and recreational facilities. Due to the establishment of a new City ordinance regulating how and where bicycles may be stored in City parks, an opportunity to move forward with the installation of bicycle racks has been realized. Staff is recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission be involved in the selection of the style of bicycle racks to be installed. Staff has selected appropriate styles for consideration and is recommending those styles be approved.

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- ATTACHMENTS:
1. [Recommended Bicycle Rack Models](#)
  2. [Alternative Bicycle Rack Models](#)

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