

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

September 26, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kim Pederson

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Ethan Temianka

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Kim Pederson
Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy
Commissioner Ethan Temianka
Commissioner Dan Vozenilek

Officials Present: Mr. Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Robert E. Knapp, Recreation Manager
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor
Ms. Donna Theriault, Management Analyst

4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 25, 2012 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried four to zero, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission.

5. Presentations

5a. Chairperson's Award – Steve Mensinger

5b. Landscape/Streetscape Beautification Award – Dan Taylor

6. Oral Communications

1. Warren Beacon (Beacum?)
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Beacon addressed the Commission on using existing parkland to play disk golf.

Mr. Munoz stated that Fairview Park has a Master Plan which does not allow active use on it. Fairview Park is a passive use park.

Mr. Beacon was given the Recreation Manager's business card.

7. Consent Calendar

7a. Donation of a Memorial Plaque at Brentwood Park

MOTION made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, to accept the donation of a tree and memorial plaque at Brentwood Park in memory of Lucia Martin Peabody Waters.

7b. Donation of a Memorial Plaque at Jordan Park

MOTION made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, to accept the donation of a tree and memorial plaque at Jordan Park in memory of resident Myles Donovan Thames.

7c. New Youth and Adult Contract Instructional Class Proposals

MOTION made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, to approve fees for ten (10) new youth instructional classes and nine (9) new adult instructional classes.

8. Public Hearing

No items.

9. Old Business

9a. Park Tours – Will Resume in 2013

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley took place on optimizing Moon Park and Suburbia Park with amenities for bike users and fixing the concrete damage at Gisler Park.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy complimented Maintenance staff on the parks and suggested that the Park Tours start up again next year. Chairman Kim Pederson agreed.

9b. Tree Removal Request – 845 Baker Street

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

The applicant had nothing further to add to the report.

Public Comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

MOTION made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried four to zero, to approve the removal and replacement of three (3) City-owned trees located in the public right-of-way at 845 Baker Street, as per the following conditions:

1. a) **The Applicant shall provide nine (9) twenty-four inch box-size trees to the City to be planted elsewhere on City Property. The Applicant shall pay all costs associated with the removal and for the purchase and delivery to the City of the nine trees.**
- b) **The trees must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.**
- c) **No trees shall be removed until all City approvals are obtained and building permits are issued.**

10. New Business

10a. Tree Removal Request – 1596 Santa Ana Avenue

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

The applicant had nothing further to add to the report.

Public Comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley ensued on the removal and relocation of the tree, and the solicitation of the tree by someone else.

MOTION made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried four to zero, to approve the removal of one (1) City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 1596 Santa Ana Avenue, with the following condition recommended by staff:

- 1. The Applicant shall plant three (3) 24" box-size Crape Myrtle trees within the public right-of-way at the same address on the 16th Street frontage, per the City Planning Division approved landscape plan; with two (2) trees to be planted at 1596 Santa Ana Avenue (corner lot) and one (1) tree to be planted at 306 East 16th Street.**

10b. Tree Removal Request – 284 Bucknell Road

The Applicant requested that this item be continued to the next meeting.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

MOTION made by Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried four to zero, to continue this agenda item to the next Commission meeting.

10c. Tree Removal Request – 2810 San Juan Lane

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Discussion among Chairman Kim Pederson, Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy, and Mr. Hartley took place regarding how soon the sidewalk could be repaired and the roots pruned.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Hartley ensued regarding pricing for removal of tree and pricing for root pruning and fixing the sidewalk.

Jere Vandewalle
Applicant

Mr. Vandewalle voiced his concerns to the Commission. He encouraged the Commission to approve the request and noted his willingness to participate in paying for the removal and replacement costs.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Hartley occurred regarding root pruning on the sidewalk side.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the tree is on the approved parkway list.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka noted his concerns on this tree for the long-term.

Discussion among Chairman Kim Pederson, Vice Chair Abernathy, and Mr. Hartley occurred regarding parkway widths and the preference of tree species.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek commented that root pruning and using a root barrier should be sufficient.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not transporting the tree would be feasible and the costs involved.

During discussion on the motion, Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Hartley discussed tree roots and the sewer line; and Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley discussed throw-away costs.

MOTION made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried three to one, with Chairman Kim Pederson voting "No", to deny the request for the removal of one (1) City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 2810 San Juan Lane; direct staff to replace the existing sidewalk, prune the tree roots, and add a root barrier.

10d. Consideration of Change to Commission Meeting Date for November 2012

The report was presented by Mr. Knapp. Additional information was provided by Mr. Munoz.

Public Comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

MOTION made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried four to zero, to reschedule the Wednesday, November 21, 2012 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, November 28, 2012, contingent upon agendized items.

11. Parks Project Manager's Report

Mr. Mejia made a power point presentation on the following:

- Fairview Park – Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project
- Fairview Park – Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail
- Brentwood Park
- Harbor Boulevard Beautification
- Harbor Boulevard Bike Trail Improvements
- Lions Park Improvements
- Costa Mesa Historical Society Building – Installation of Perimeter Fencing
- Fairview Development Center (FDC) Parking Lot Reconstruction

12. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Ethan Temianka thanked former Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews for his service on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy commented on the beautiful condition of the parks.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek thanked staff and the community, and noted Steve Mensinger's much deserved award.

Chairman Kim Pederson congratulated Mr. Mensinger on his award; and congratulated Commissioner Dan Vozenilek on his newborn son and thanked him relating to Mr. Taylor's award.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **7:21 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

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