

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

**June 26, 2014
6:00 pm**

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format with a concise summary of the meeting. A video of the meeting may be viewed on the City’s website at www.costamesaca.gov or purchased on DVD upon request.

1. Call to Order: Chair de Arakal

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Harper

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Byron de Arakal
Vice Chair Kim Pederson
Commissioner Dean Abernathy
Commissioner Robert Graham
Commissioner Donald Harper

Officials Present: Ms. Tamara Letourneau, Asst. Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Penny Loomer, Interim Recreation Manager
Ms. Brenda Green, City Clerk
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 22, 2014 Meeting

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2014 Meeting

5. Oral Communications:

1. Al Melone, Costa Mesa Resident
Spoke regarding the Bark Park
Mr. Hartley provided update on budget regarding the Bark Park
2. Anne Verska, Costa Mesa Resident
Requested an update of the February Field Allocation and Facility outline

6. Consent Calendar – None

8. Public Hearing - None

9. Old Business

a) Tree Removal Request - 1164 Bismark Way

Mr. Hartley presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

1. Kitty O'Neill – Applicant

Spoke regarding her tree removal request. Major concern about safety hazard. Tree has lifted sidewalk and sister-in-law recently fell near the tree. Next door neighbor has 12 children licensed day care and children play in the area. Also has created extensive and costly sewer problems.

2. Rebecca Hutchins – 1165 Bismark Way

Spoke in support of tree removal.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Harper, carried five to zero, to deny request.

10. New Business

a) Volcom Skate Park Review

Ms. McPherson presented the staff report.

Attorney Baron Bettenhausen and Park Ranger Anne Harkey contributed to, and spoke as part of the staff report

Public Comments:

1. Jim Gray – Costa Mesa Resident

Spoke in support of video cameras at the facility and to have separate areas for kids and adults. Would like to see money spent on these two things, rather than to enforce 'silly rules'.

2. Katrina Foley – Representing National Scholastic Skateboarding Association

Spoke in support of cameras as a deterrent, the need to enforce crime around Skatepark, and to partner with groups and skate teams to hold events and improve image.

3. Rene Prospero – Costa Mesa Resident –

Spoke in support of cameras and 'self-policing' of park by users. Props to Park Ranger Harkey for her work.

4. Anne Verska - Costa Mesa Resident

Spoke in support of cameras and is opposed to Option one saying it was a waste of money.

Motion made by Chair de Arakal to adopt Option 2 and Option 3. Motion dies due to lack of a second.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Graham, request made by Commissioner Harper that he would like a status report in 6 months, Vice Chair Pederson agreed to include in motion, carried four to one, with Chair de Arakal voting no, to adopt Option 3 of the Volcom Skate Park Action Plan, with the following requirements:

1) Encourage city staff to work with outside groups to create more programs,

2) In addition to Instructors being approved by the city, they should carry insurance and wear city-issued name badge,

3) Status report will be provided in 6 months, at the January 22, 2015 meeting.

b) Tree Removal Request – 3124 Coolidge Avenue

Mr. Hartley presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

1. Tony Angotti – Applicant

Spoke regarding her tree removal request. Explained that the City did root pruning 11 years ago on this tree and has tried to 'patch' sidewalk. Both his neighbor and his driveways are lifting due to the tree roots.

2. Pete Hayward – Applicant's Neighbor

Spoke in support of tree removal. The cities asphalt patch restricts access to handicapped and people with strollers. Thinks it's silly that city is trying to save \$300+ removal fee to continue pruning.

MOTION made by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Chair de Arakal, failed three to two, with Chair de Arakal and Commissioner Harper voting yes, for the removal of one (1) City-owned tree from 3124 Coolidge Avenue, at city expense.

c) Tree Removal Request – Fairview Park O.C.M.E. Area

Mr. Hartley presented the staff report.

Public Comments: None

MOTION made by Commissioner Abernathy, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried five to zero, to deny request to remove tree from Fairview Park O.C.M.E. Area.

11. Parks and Community Services Manager's Report

Ms. Penny Loomer spoke about the Costa Mesa Senior Center, highlighting the improvements already made, those in the works, big increase in membership, and special upcoming events, specifically the *Celebrate America 3rd of July Party*.

12. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Graham thanked the staff for all the hard work that goes in to the staff reports

Commissioner Harper thanked the staff

Commissioner Abernathy invited everyone to attend Concerts in the Park

Vice Chair Pederson thanked staff and a special thanks to Chair de Arakal for all the extra work he did in regards to the skate park

Chair de Arakal is happy with the infrastructure and upgrades that have taken place, wished everyone a Safe 4th of July, and spoke in remembrance of Costa Mesa resident Kyle Johnson, who had passed away 2 weeks previous.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m., in memory of Kyle Johnson, to next agenda review on Thursday, Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 3A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting on 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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