

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
STUDY SESSION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MARCH 15, 2017; 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Study Session of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Pederson at 6:00 p.m. on March 15, 2017 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Bogner; Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD; Vice Chair McNabb; Chair Pederson; Commissioner Reynolds

Absent:

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director; Baltazar Mejia, City Engineer; Justin Martin, Recreation Manager; Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary, & Zachary Mueeting, RJM Design Group

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ed Guilmette, Costa Mesa, gave a health advisory on brain zombies, distributed an 'Orange Coast River Park' pamphlet, and spoke on Banning Ranch Task Force Meeting.
2. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke on sports fields in Fairview Park, reconsideration of some recommendations due to measure AA, the continued demand and fight against the City regarding their legal responsibility, sober living homes and high density housing.
3. Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, spoke on necessity of bike facilities in all parks, the tennis center, parking control during the [OC] Fair, necessity of a locker room and first aid station [at the tennis center].
4. Richard Huffman, Costa Mesa, spoke on necessity of outdoor fitness equipment in all parks, the need to emphasize Wakeham Park and bring all other parks to the same standard as Wakeham Park, recommended restriping parking lots around tennis center to gain parking spots, and angling parking spots on the street, rather than building another parking lot.
5. Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, inquired about making public comments.

REGULAR ITEMS - OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Bart Mejia presents report.

Mr. Zachary Mueeting provides presentation.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

Chair Pederson thanked Zachary for the information, spoke on community willingness for bonds to finance upgrades, advised residents to write down questions and bring to the next PRC meeting, discussed the higher priorities per RJM report, a second skate

park, continuation to develop open space, reviewing and incorporating art, JUA and maintenance, golf course and residents paying same rate as nonresidents for use, bootleg classes, lighted fields, upkeep and maintenance, dog park and recent improvements.

Discussion ensued on recent dog park improvements and the report evaluating the dog park at the beginning of 2015. Mr. Zachary Mueting advised the report could be updated to include the improvements.

Chair Pederson spoke on sideways, parkways, trip hazards within the city, ideas about a Youth Commission, have youth give a report or have Commissioners work with youth, getting Commissioners more involved with the community, and the need for bike racks.

Vice Chair McNabb thanked Mr. Zachary Mueting for the presentation, inquired about potential land acquisition and status of ADA compliance.

Discussion ensued on current status and state mandates.

Vice Chair McNabb spoke on volunteer programs and opportunities, development of maintenance manual and current maintenance status, PSHB status, update on City Hall structure, storm water retention recommendations, JUA and funding regarding new pool recommendation, and community bike sharing.

Commissioner Bogner thanked Zachary for the presentation, spoke on bike racks and current bike rack issues, park volunteers, forming partnerships with youth and seniors and assigning a Parks & Recreation Commissioner to each group/partnership, and safety in the parks.

Commissioner Reynolds asked each staff member what was most surprising to them regarding the recommendations, asked if there were any conflicts regarding the open space master plan vs. the general plan, inquired about the lack of a web survey, spoke on the 18 sports organizations and field allocations, asked about active grant opportunities, inquired about current acreage status from goal of 3.66 acres per 1,000 residents, the service area map and actual park space, requested an updated service area map with community gardens removed; with major roads truncated; with the size of the bubble to be reflective of density, and spoke on ratio of density that serves each park.

Discussion ensued on distinction between regional parks and community parks, park classification, analysis of park space ability to serve population in bubble on the Service Area Map, further analysis that could be applied but would be beyond the scope of the report, ASTM standards for head injuries, ADA updates, and parkways & median landscape and maintenance.

Commissioner Reynolds spoke against the recommendation to remove bathrooms and encouraged staff to keep the facilities.

Discussion ensued on bathroom facilities at park locations, bootleg classes, difference in organized field use vs. unorganized field use, and decorative bike racks.

Commissioner Reynolds spoke on youth involvement and feedback from Bikeway & Walkability Committee and the Senior Commission.

Commissioner Ersoylu thanked Zachary for the presentation, requested the 'Health' section [in § 5.3] be removed and made into its own section, spoke on Lions Park and bathrooms, 501c3 recommendation, purpose, and status, requested that the proposed food kiosk at Lions Park to have healthy food standards, park equity and scoring [relative to the Service Area Map], upcoming park equity conference in Los Angeles, weight of the survey to get feedback on sports, exclusion of consideration for all community groups including seniors and the aging population, soccer fields not being mentioned in community meetings but still ranking highly, and leading questions in telephone survey.

Discussion ensued on people involved in analysis at each park, next steps [regarding the Open Space Master Plan], inclusion of feedback in the City Council report, document revision status, public review and comment timeline, RJM presentation being made available to the public, presentation to be re-presented at April PRC meeting, communication via Commissioner email addresses, importance of respecting and validating residents who do want sports facilities, and a solid date for residents to submit feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pederson at 8:37 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of The Parks And Recreation Commission
is on Thursday, March 23, 2017**



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PRC Secretary



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