

THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
August 24, 2017; 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Pederson at 6:00 p.m. on August 24, 2017 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Bogner
3. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Dr., Chair Pederson

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds

Staff Present: Tom Hatch, City Manager; Thom Coughran, Interim Maintenance Services Manager; Justin Martin, Parks and Community Services Director; Marian Traylor, Deputy City Clerk; Ashley Ocasio, Recreation Supervisor; Tracy Habiger, Acting Assistant Recreation Supervisor; Allison Burch, Administrative Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Meeting of the PRC**

Commissioner Ersoylu recommends approval of the minutes by adding reference to her previous input on the consideration of a parent survey related to before-school-care potentially being added to the ROCKs program.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Bogner moves to approve the minutes as amended/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Dr.

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds

Motion Carried: 3-0-2

5. **Public Comments**

1. Tom Hatch, City Manager, spoke about re-closing the restrooms at Lions Park, posting a police officer during park hours and moving the construction fence.
2. Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke about his ongoing concerns regarding the lack of prosecution against the individual who vandalized a vernal pool at Fairview Park in March 2017, discrepancy regarding fairy shrimp in the report documenting the damage, Measure AA not being written into City ordinances and Municipal Code, and waiting for the Fairview Park Steering Committee to take action.
3. Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, represented Orange County Earth Stewards, invited the commissioners and public to assist the Army Corps of Engineers to clean up the Santa Ana River Marshes on September 16, 2017, asked the commission to help arrange a shuttle to the clean-up location, and expressed concern about Facebook attacks from Costa Mesa Public Square.

4. Flo Martin, Costa Mesa, spoke about Wilson Park needing picnic tables.
5. Rocky Evans, Costa Mesa, spoke about wanting to extend the hours at the Costa Mesa Skate Park.
6. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, thanked Commissioner Ersoylu for responding to pictures showing left-over debris in Fairview Park from the February restoration, requested a meeting with the Commission to discuss discrepancies within the reports on Fairview Park damage, spoke about the relationship between US Fish and Wildlife and the City, and voiced concern about trash at vernal pools 5, 6 & 7.
7. Speaker, spoke about a non-ADA compliant sidewalk, a potential safety risk regarding a long drop on the same sidewalk, a tree blocking a stop sign on 19th Street and a small lot ordinances petition.

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Ersoylu – Spoke about the recent events in Charlottesville beginning in a park, asked the public to condemn hate and use public spaces as places for communities and families to congregate and recreate positively.

Commissioner Bogner – Apologized for recent absences and presented a report on her appointed parks. Brentwood Park: the slide is in the process of being repaired, shared contact information for the “Friends of Brentwood Park” wall, thanked staff for providing waste bag receptacles in all assigned parks. Harper Park: the water fountain will be cleaned by staff. Heller Park: dirty restroom and transient population using them, playground is in good condition. Jordan Park: playground is in good condition. Lindbergh Park: equipment is in good condition, standing water has been reported. Pinkley Park: graffiti has been reported. All parks had dogs off leash. She encouraged the community to use Costa Mesa Connect, spoke about the increase in the transient population in and around Wilson Park, spoke about attending the Hi-Time Chili Cook-off and the Palm Harvest/Estancia High School Football Spaghetti Dinner.

Chair Pederson – Thanked City Manager, Tom Hatch, for his work and support, empathized with Commissioner Ersoylu regarding recent personal attacks, applauded his fellow Commissioners for a job well-done, encouraged the community to use Costa Mesa Connect and thanked staff for quick response time.

Chair Pederson shared an email statement written and submitted by Commissioner Reynolds apologizing for her absence. She was traveling to Wyoming, to view the total eclipse and four national parks. She would like to remind the community of upcoming clean up events.

7. Presentation – Spring 2017 at a Glance

Ms. Ashley Ocasio and Ms. Tracy Habiger present presentation.

8. Consent Calendar

a) Donation of Memorial Tree and Plaque at TeWinkle Park

Item pulled by resident Bryan Estrada for Discussion.

Public Comment

1. Bryan Estrada, Costa Mesa, thanked the commission for the opportunity to dedicate a tree in memory of a family member.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Bogner moves to approve the Consent Calendar/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Dr.

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds

Motion Carried: 3-0-2

8. Old Business

No Items

9. New Business

a. Tree Removal Request - 129 W. Wilson Street

Mr. Thom Coughran presents report.

Chair Pederson requests clarification on applicant's landscaping plan.

Commissioner Ersoylu asks if new trees will provide shade to pedestrians and traffic.

Public Comment

1. Mark Shattinger, MJS Design Group, spoke on the tree removal.
2. "Speaker" asks if there are any stop signs being blocked by the trees in question.
3. Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, asks if the resident will be following Category 2 guidelines.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Pederson moves to approve the tree removal request as a Category 2 removal/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Dr.

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds

Motion carried: 3-0-2

b. Tree Removal Request – 1781 Newport Boulevard, Unit C

Mr. Thom Coughran presents report.

Chair Pederson asks for clarification on the planting procedure of City trees.

Commissioner Bogner asks what type of business is housed at this location.

Chair Pederson states that he can read the sign that has been stated as being “blocked” by the tree in question and that the only place that the tree could be moved is to the left, in between the two store fronts.

Public Comment

1. John Martino (Tree Removal Applicant) spoke on the tree removal request.
2. Edgar (Tenant) explained the issue that the tree causes in reference to the building’s signage.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Ersoylu moves to deny tree removal request/Seconded by Chair Pederson. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Dr.

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds

Motion Carried: 3-0-2

c. Tree Removal Request – 2214 Wallace Avenue

Mr. Thom Coughran presents report.

Public Comment

1. “Speaker” spoke on Wallace Ave. having old sewers and being over developed.
2. Flo Martin voiced support for the staff recommendation to deny the tree removal request.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

Commissioner Bogner states that she believes the tree removal was requested due to lifting of the sidewalk and would like to ensure that staff occasionally check in on any potential damage.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Pederson moves to deny the tree removal request/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Dr.

Nayes: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds

Motion carried: 3-0-2

d. Portable Light Units at Rea Elementary School Fields

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Chair Pederson asks for clarification on the staff recommendation for the report and if there has been community support for the proposal.

Public Comment

1. Jose Duarte, Costa Mesa resident and Costa Mesa Youth Soccer League Commissioner, voiced support for the staff recommended actions.
2. Mark Arblaster, Costa Mesa resident and Newport Mesa Soccer Club President, voiced support for the staff recommended actions.

Chair Pederson closes Public Comment.

Commissioner Ersoylu thanks Mr. Duarte and Mr. Arblaster for speaking on this issue, expresses excitement over the portable lights extension of field use for community groups, encourages public speakers to attend light demonstration.

Chair Pederson thanks staff and residents for support on lighting issues.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Pederson moves to approve the use of portable light units at Rea Elementary School/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Dr.

Nayes: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds

Motion carried: 3-0-2

10. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Chair Pederson confirms that the Mobile Recreation program was aided by the Los Angeles Chargers and invites the new Fairview Park Administrator to attend the next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Bogner encourages the public to call the police if any criminal or nuisance activity is witnessed in parks or public areas, to use Costa Mesa Connect, to email Commissioners with concerns, and invites Lieutenant LaPointe and Lieutenant Scott to attend the PRC meeting regularly.

Commissioner Ersoylu encourages the public to use Costa Mesa Connect and asks if the Costa Mesa Connect interface is available in Spanish.

Chair Pederson encourages the public to include contact information when connecting with the Commission.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pederson at 7:52 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of The Parks And Recreation Commission
is on Thursday, September 28, 2017**



Prepared by Allison Burch
PRC Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Parks and Community Services Director