

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MAY 25, 2017; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Pederson at 6:04 p.m. on May 25, 2017 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Reynolds
3. **Roll Call**

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Rick Francis, Assistant City Manager; Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director, Thom Coughran, Interim Maintenance Services Manager; Baltazar Mejia, City Engineer; Justin Martin, Recreation Manager; & Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary

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

Commissioner Reynolds requested changes to the minutes as follows: On page 5 change "...and PRC's lack of readiness for recommendation to City Council" to "and the PRC's finding that the report was not ready for recommendation to City Council", and on Page 5 change the word "inability" to "unwillingness".

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair McNabb moves to approve the minutes as amended/Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Commissioner Reynolds.

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Carried: 5-0

5. **Public Comments**

1. Bob Brooks, Long Beach, introduced the Orange County Model Engineers (OCME) to the PRC Commission and spoke on their events.
2. Jim Gray, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of expansion of the Skate Park.
3. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, thanked PRC Commission for their review of the Open Space Master Plan Draft Report, requested PRC Commissioners to follow-up on vernal pool damage at Fairview Park, spoke on scheduling conflict regarding PRC Meeting and Biodiversity of Fairview Park Lecture, and delineation of vernal pools at Fairview Park.

4. Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, spoke on budgeted money for Fairview Park, Commissioner and public input on the Fairview Park Administrator position, current grant opportunities for Fairview Park, and requested PRC Commissioner meetings with the public to discuss projects and updates.
5. Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke on scheduling conflict with “park-like meeting”, budgeted money for Fairview Park, park fee money derived from housing developments and usage of that money to increase park acreage.
6. Resident, Costa Mesa, read excerpt from ‘In Flanders Fields’ poem, spoke on poppies and the Memorial Day Holiday, drug infiltration via wars, articles in the OC Register, and the dangers of fentanyl.
7. Resident, Costa Mesa, requested city staff to listen to residents, spoke on lack of necessity for build outs, spoke on Wilson Park and lack of benches and bathroom access.

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Ersoylu declined comment.

Vice Chair McNabb thanked public for attendance, spoke on Costa Mesa Connect application, advised that the Diego Sepulveda Adobe is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month, and spoke on the write up on Angels Playground in Orange Coast Magazine.

Commissioner Bogner thanked public for attendance, spoke on improvements to Angel’s Park, addressed feedback requesting additional apparatus for special needs children at Angels Playground, spoke on homeless issues in Heller Park restrooms, spoke on issues at TeWinkle Park and Wilson Park including camping and drug use and asked staff to increase patrols in these areas and requested a moment of silence for fallen soldiers, in honor of Memorial Day, at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Reynolds thanked the public for attendance in meetings, spoke in agreeance of praise for Costa Mesa Connect application, spoke on the scheduling conflict [regarding the Fairview Park Biodiversity Class and PRC Meeting], spoke on city email glitch [some emails being rejected by the City’s server], and requested a presentation on Fairview Park updates.

Chair Pederson spoke on the email glitch, visiting Castaways Park to honor veterans for Memorial Day, local cemetery honoring veterans, requested to agendize a discussion for a study session at Fairview Park, requested a report on the Skate Park, and requested info on the Daylight Savings Time assembly bill.

Discussion ensued on previous Daylight Savings Time stance taken by PRC and City Council.

Chair Pederson requested the Daylight Savings Time issue to be brought to the next PRC Meeting and spoke on ramifications of [ending] Daylight Savings Time.

7. Consent Calendar

a) Instructional Class Proposal

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Reynolds moves to approve the consent calendar/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Commissioner Reynolds.

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Carried: 5-0

8. Old Business

a) Shiffer Park Cell Site Upgrades

Mr. Bart Mejia presents report.

Mr. Rick Francis provides additional information.

Chair Pederson thanked staff for answering concerns.

Public Comments

1. Resident, Costa Mesa, spoke against the cell site upgrades and spoke on fentanyl and heroin as an act of terrorism.
2. George Berg, Costa Mesa, spoke on resident usage at Shiffer Park and spoke against the cell site upgrade.
3. Olga Reynolds, Costa Mesa, spoke against the cell site upgrade.
4. Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, spoke against the cell site upgrade.
5. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke against the cell site upgrade and of sober living homes.

Discussion ensued on potential for removal of current cell tower, sympathy for the public commenter that lives near the park but advised not the "single voice", thanked public for comments, deficit of current open space, difficulty to reconcile approving reduction of existing open space, activity level at the handball court, and availability of alternative courts at local high schools.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Pederson moves to approve the proposed location and improvements of the installation of additional equipment of the cell tower at Shiffer Park/Seconded by Vice Chair McNabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu

Nays: Commissioner Reynolds

Absent:

Motion Carried: 4-1

b) Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Bart Mejia presents report.

Public Comments

1. Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, spoke as a representative for Mesa Verde Community Inc., thanked Commissioners for their consideration and responsiveness regarding Tanager Park, thanked staff, spoke against Tanager Park recommendations, read email from another resident, and spoke against lighted tennis courts.
2. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke on lack of public comments in RJM report and supported Commissioners Ersoylu, Reynolds, and Vice Chair McNabb's comments regarding methodology, age of Costa Mesa population, AYSO 120 field allocation, suggested Costa Mesa United funds be given to Fairview Park Preservation Alliance, requested Land IQ staff member Travis Brooks to be present if PRC Commissioners have a meeting at Fairview Park.
3. Resident, Costa Mesa, spoke on [perceived] blockage of documents and mail, requested a sign that says Costa Mesa is not for sale, and spoke on previous PRC Meeting's tree removal request.
4. Resident, Costa Mesa, spoke on high school handball courts, security at City Hall, society turning their back on God, and spoke on time frame regarding the Open Space Master Plan.
5. Brett Woods, Costa Mesa, spoke as a representative of AYSO 97 and spoke on lighting feasibility studies at Kaiser, Parsons, and Davis schools and advised his group would be willing to pay half of the cost for lighting two fields at Kaiser.
6. Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the PRC Commissioners getting the [Open Space Master Plan] right, additional comments not being included in the report, spoke on email glitch, and the functionality of Costa Mesa Connect.

Commissioner Reynolds spoke on her previously submitted comments, availability of submitted documents by the public, deficit of open space, inaccurate data, and her recommendations as follows:

Recommendation # 1: recommended using accurate data;

Recommendation # 2: make more recommendations and make the recommendations clearer on how we address one of the high priorities – to increase open space in the city;

Recommendation # 3: recalculate current acreage per 1,000 residents based on accurate data including only space that is accessible to the public;
Recommendation # 4: organization of the 'Executive Summary' including language and potential review/update to the assumption of <1% growth through 2035;
Recommendation # 5: consolidation of all relevant reports and listing in one place;
Recommendation # 6: inaccuracies in park inventory on page 37, request for timeframe on which data is based to be included, request for further analysis by consultant.

Commissioner Reynolds displayed a map from page 59 and discussed misleading portrayal of park rich and park poor areas and discussed inability to make proper decisions with inaccurate information, and recommended exercise on park equity.

Commissioner Ersolyu spoke on park acreage reports, report inaccuracies, data clarity, typo on page 95, clear methodology, inconsistencies on pages 73 and 74 and request for the first column to be removed on page 74.

Commissioner Bogner requested a point of clarification and advised that the table on page 74 is for facility needs and the table on page 95 is for program needs, spoke on the tools used to weight the phone survey results versus the community workshop results, spoke in support of the Brentwood Park project, and recommended dog waste receptacles at all parks.

Chair Pederson spoke on the availability of submitted documents by the public and inclusion in report for City Council.

Discussion ensued on the public opinion survey's analysis, confirmation that some items from the public opinion survey are weighted once while other items from the same public opinion survey are weighted twice, process to correct inaccuracies in the General Plan in order to correct inaccuracies in the Open Space Master Plan, frequency of General Plan updates, consultant evaluation to determine accuracy, definition of open space per the General Plan, request for a park/green space inventory, possibility of request for a park/green space inventory being a new study, clarification of open space in the Open Space Master Plan including buildings within the footprint of the park space, clarification that the 3.6 acres of open space per 1,000 residents includes space that has buildings, definition of open space on page 23 of the Open Space Master Plan as: 'For the purposes of this report, "Open Space" shall be defined as any open piece of land that is undeveloped, has no buildings or other built structures, partly or completely covered with trees, grass, shrubs, or other vegetation and is generally accessible by the public'.

Commissioner Reynolds made recommendation to recalculate the acreage per 1,000 residents according to the definition of open space in the Open Space Master Plan, clarification of findings between recommendations and proposed investments, and asked for clarification as to why the summary table on page 119 only has four priorities and why the pool is still listed as a top priority.

Discussion ensued on the public workshops held in 2016, multiple streams of data,

layout on page 118 vs. table summary on page 119, and perceived lack of organization in RJM report.

Commissioner Reynolds made recommendation to include all top facility and program priorities identified in the study with recommendations to address those priorities regarding the summary table on page 119.

Commissioner Bogner offered her interpretation of summary table on page 119.

Commissioner Reynolds spoke on public and Commissioner input regarding the RJM report and previous requests for data and clarity.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Reynolds moves to the Open Space Master Plan report with all community input and Commissioner recommendations to City Council for review/Seconded by Vice Chair McNabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Commissioner Reynolds

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carried: 5-0

9. New Business

- a) Review of Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 through 2023-2024

Mr. Bart Mejia presents report.

Discussion ensued on bike rack funding, budget priorities as related to acquisition of open space, budget recommendation for skate park expansion, CIP opportunities that could result in additional open space, lack of security lighting in the CIP, CIP items as related to safety, funding for lighting from previously approved budgeting, explanation of Fairview Park – On Call Environmental Services and what it encompasses, and Fairview Park – On Call Environmental Services to include tribal consultation.

Public Comments

1. Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, spoke on goals of improving safety and connectivity for cyclists, spoke on bike friendly city status, walkable city status, and heel status, and spoke on lighting at the tennis center.
2. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke against lighting and artificial turf at Parson Field, in favor of lighting at Kaiser, requested Fairview Park Riparian Habitat project to be looked at in detail, and spoke on the ORA-58 Fill Removal project.
3. Rick Huffman, Costa Mesa, requested LED lighting and expansion at the tennis center, suggested a pay-to-play system for the skate park and suggested a skate park in another area of the city.
4. Resident, Costa Mesa, spoke on previous lawsuit against the city, curbs, blocks,

weeds, overhead wires – and requested to know if these issues were the responsibility of the city or business owners, and spoke on basketball courts at Pinkley Park.

5. Jim Gray, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of skate park expansion, discussed unattended skate parks as related to city liability, and spoke on art inclusion throughout the city.
6. Eddie Prosser, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of skate park expansion.

Commissioner Reynolds asked for clarification that the presented budget [Review of Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 through 2023-2024] will go to City Council to review with all comments and minutes up to this point and that future input would be considered until the public hearing on the budget at City Council. Commissioner Reynolds recommended to maintain acquisition of open space as a priority in the budget.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Pederson moves to recommend to City Council to keep Item #18 bicycle racks for \$25,000/Seconded by Vice Chair McNabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Commissioner Reynolds

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carried: 5-0

MOTION made by Commissioner Bogner to move up the priority of the security lighting Item # 38 to the current fiscal year. MOTION fails for lack of second.

MOTION made by Vice Chair McNabb to move Costa Mesa Tennis Center – Master Plan Improvements for \$30,000; Costa Mesa Tennis Center – Replace Tennis Lighting for \$300,000; Costa Mesa Tennis Center – Plumbing Fixtures for \$10,000 to the current fiscal year. MOTION fails for lack of second.

Commissioner Ersoylu requested consideration to move lighted basketball courts from FY 20/21 to an earlier fiscal year with location dependent on community need.

Commissioner Bogner responded to public commenter regarding ‘inviting trouble’ comment and advised it is interesting to approve projects but there is a lack of safety and security measures to protect the projects and recommended City Council to look at this issue.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair McNabb moves to remove two new tennis courts at Tanager Park from FY 21/22/Seconded by Chair Pederson. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu

Nays: Commissioner Reynolds

Absent:

Motion Carried: 4-1

Commissioner Reynolds discussed the importance of separating Item # 6 into two distinct items to separate an environmental consultant to deal with the protected habitat area and an appropriate tribe representative(s) for cultural and sacred areas.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Reynolds moves to separate Item #6 into two distinct items labeled 6a – On Call Environmental Services for environmental issues and 6b – Tribal Consultation for cultural resources and archeological discoveries/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Commissioner Reynolds

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carried: 5-0

10. Recreation Manager's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Chair Pederson thanked Justin for email updates and the invitation to the field allocation meetings.

Discussion ensued on interest and logistics regarding a study session at Fairview Park.

Chair Pederson requested a moment of silence for fallen soldiers.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pederson at 9:23 p.m.

The Next Regular Meeting of The Parks And Recreation Commission

is on Thursday, June 22, 2017

For 
Prepared by Samantha Hall
PRC Secretary


Submitted by Justin Martin
Recreation Manager