

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
October 26, 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 October 26, 2017 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Pederson

3. **Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Justin Martin, Parks & Community Services Director; Christian Hernandez, Assistant Recreation Supervisor; Muriel Ullman, Housing Consultant; Stacy Bowler Community Outreach Worker; Joyce LaPointe, Police Lieutenant; Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager; Marian Traylor, Deputy City Clerk; Allison Burch, Administrative Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2017 Meeting of the PRC**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2017 Study Session of the PRC**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

6. **Public Comments**

1. Speaker, encouraged the public and Commissioners to attend the listening tour hosted by Mayor Foley and Mayor Pro Tem Genis.

2. Tim Lewis, Costa Mesa, encouraged the Commission to look into how near-by cities keep their public restrooms open, asked the Commission to purchase land for a new neighborhood park.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comments.

7. Commissioner Comments

Chair Pederson – Reminded the public of the Halloween holiday and encouraged everyone to be safe and aware for the sake of the children enjoying the day.

Vice Chair McNabb – Congratulated Commissioner Reynolds on the success of the Scarecrow Contest, spoke about her visit to the Artistic License Fair at Estanica Park and the Fall in Love with the Westside event, informed the public of upcoming events: The Argyros Plaza grand opening on October 28th, backyard bee keeping class on October 28th and free flu shots on November 4th.

Commissioner Bogner – No Comments.

Commissioner Reynolds – Spoke about the OC Fair and Events Center taking input for their five-year site plan and the Costa Mesa Scarecrow Contest, invited everyone to the Freedom Homes' Halloween Parade.

Commissioner Ersoylu – No Comments.

8. Presentation – Network for Homeless Solutions Update

Ms. Muriel Ullman and Ms. Stacy Bowler present.

Discussion ensued on percentage of Costa Mesa residents being helped, momentum for housing within the City, availability of homeless shelters, substance abuse programs, recommendations on how to make Costa Mesa parks more useable, volunteer and donation recommendations.

Commissioner Bogner shared how rewarding it has been for her to become part of the Fresh Beginnings Ministry's mentor program and encouraged the public to get involved.

9. Consent Calendar

No Items

10. Old Business

a) Portable Light Units at Rea Elementary School

Mr. Christian Hernandez presents report.

Public Comment

1. Tim Lewis, spoke in favor of the temporary lighting and hopes that temporary lighting will lead to permanent lighting.
2. Mark Arblaster, President of Newport Mesa Soccer Club, spoke in favor of the temporary lighting, enjoyed the lighting demonstration and requested artificial turf at the site in the future.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

Commissioner Comment

Chair Pederson asked staff to explain, in depth, how the lighting demonstration went.

Commissioner Reynolds clarified that there was no opposition during the lighting demonstration, asked what the extra playing time, due to the lights, amounts to, asked what percentage of participants are Costa Mesa residents, and requested a community feedback update in January.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Reynolds moves to approve temporary lights at Rea Elementary School Fields with staff providing a community feedback update in January /Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried: 5-0

11. New Business

b) Harbor Boulevard Median Improvement Project

Ms. Jennifer Rosales presents report.

Public Comment

1. Tim Lewis, thanked Commissioner Bogner for safety concerns, explained that trees should never be placed near cars, stated that Harbor Blvd. becomes narrower when moving farther south, expressed concern over ADA accessibility and theme cohesion up to his business property.
2. Dave Robins, asked for clarification on what was being voted on at the meeting.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

Commissioner Comment

Discussion ensued on specific tree species, safety and visibility concerns, growth patterns, the upcoming community meeting, walkability of the area, amount of trees being planted and landscape materials.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Pederson moves to approve the concept design of the Harbor Boulevard Median Improvement Project /Seconded by Vice Chair McNabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried: 5-0

12. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Chair Pederson complimented Parks & Community Services staff.

Commissioner Ersoylu complimented the NRPA video and ROCKS staff, asked how to continue momentum on healthy curriculum.

Commissioner Bogner stated that Red Ribbon Week has become more of a time for entertainment and less about drug prevention, but seeing the ROCKs program teach healthy habits is a great way to refocus our youth.

13. Adjournment

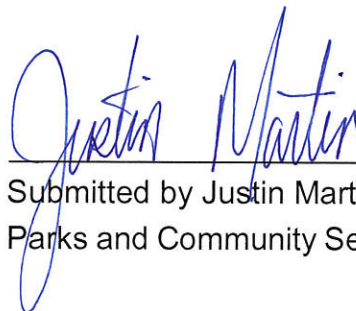
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pederson at 8:12 p.m.

The Next Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission

is on Thursday, November 16, 2017



Prepared by Allison Burch
PRC Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Parks and Community Services Director