

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 p.m. by Chair Anna Vrska

Members Present: Chair Anna Vrska, Vice Chair Andy Campbell, Cindy Black, Kim Hendricks, Alex Reich, Steve Smith

Members Absent: Larry Courter

Alternate Members Present: Cynthia McDonald and Bill McCarty

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaisons Present: Vice Chair Liz McNabb

Absent: Commissioner Arlis Reynolds

Council Liaison Present: Mayor Sandra Genis

Cynthia D'Agosta introduced new staff support, Stacy Bennett as Committee Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes

Cynthia D'Agosta announced one modification had been presented to her via email from Alex Reich. Motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Kim Hendricks; unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS on items not on the agenda.

Speaker 1. Raised concern about the length of agendas, requesting the committee take more time on items and not rush discussions or decisions.

Speaker 2. Gave a presentation on a proposal for restoration of vernal pool #4 in partnership with the City.

Alex Reich motioned that Agenda **Item 6.f.** be discussed as the next item.

Anna Vrska asked that before moving to vote on Alex's motion, the Committee would consider her recommendation on tonight's agenda sequence. Anna then suggested that the group consider hearing **Items 6.a. and 6.g. after Item 4. (presentations) and that Item 6.f. be heard after 6.g.** And she asked that **Items 5.c., 6.c. and 6.e.** be continued to future meetings. Committee agreed with these changes.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Master Planning for Park signage

Cynthia D'Agosta presented Committee criteria for development of park signage and introduced the Orange Coast College (OCC) class of Architecture and Professor Dean Abernathy.

b. OCC Architecture Class-FVP sign project

Teams of students presented two different signage project designs for FVP to the Committee. Final design booklets will be distributed to Committee members when completed.

5. OLD BUSINESS (Items on the agenda were considered out of order)

a. Vernal Pool Fencing Update - Bart Mejia. No Action Needed.

b. Tree Removal at Pacific Ave. Update – Bart Mejia. No Action Needed.

6. NEW BUSINESS (Items on the agenda were considered out of order)

a. Organizing Master Plan Implementation and development of future agendas – Overview

Cynthia D'Agosta discussed three primary tasks the Committee needs to organize and prioritize for discussion:

1. How to move forward on providing advice to the City Council on implementation of items within the Master Plan,
2. Prioritizing the project list from September meeting, and
3. Completing discussions on capital improvement projects.

She then proposed having a workshop format for the January 2018 meeting to explore creating a calendar to address these important items. No action needed.

b. Recommendation to hold December 13, 2017 Special Meeting.

Anna Vrska introduced the item. Kim Hendricks motioned to meet December 13, 2017; seconded by Alex Reich; unanimously approved.

d. Parking Lot Improvements – ADA walkway Bart Mejia

Bart Mejia provided overview, asking for Committee recommendation regarding impact of Measure AA on moving the project forward.

After Committee discussion, the item was opened to public comment.

Speaker 1. Picnic structure is higher than restrooms, plan for incline of path. If moving soil, don't dump it in other areas of park.

Public speaker 2. The more changes in the park you make, the more ADA requirements are required. There are trails in forests that do not and never could meet ADA because of different circumstances. ADA tells you how to do things, but unless you have a requirement and official ruling to make something meet ADA you are opening yourself up for more requirements.

Alex Reich motioned that the project is not a significant change and does not trigger Measure AA.

Andy Campbell suggested recognizing that the project is required, but that it can be redesigned to better coalesce with Measure AA.

Alex Reich rescinded his original motion and proposed a new motion to direct City staff to redesign the project so that is compliant with ADA but does not trigger Measure AA.

Andy Campbell offered an amendment to Alex's motion, directing City staff to review its current design and offer alternate design for path from restroom to the picnic area to avoid Measure AA vote, due to committees' determination that the project as designed does trigger Measure AA. Motion seconded by Andy Reich; unanimously approved.

g. Bench Replacement / Dedication - Overview. No action needed.

f. FVP Master Planning of Trails – Form Sub-Committee

Alex Reich motioned that a Trails Subcommittee of three be formed to work on trails; seconded by Kim Hendricks; unanimously approved. Committee members Alex Reich, Kim Hendricks, and Cindy Black volunteered to be on the Trails Subcommittee. Staff member Cynthia D’Agosta will be working with the Subcommittee.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Cynthia D’Agosta reported that the mosquito trap pilot project along Swan Drive had been successfully completed; gave an update on the FVP vehicle intrusion case from spring 2017; discovery of a protected plant near train parking lot; that she had joined the City’s internal homeless discussions; has begun working on increasing FVP educational programs; and that several new bird species have been spotted in the park.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Alex Reich suggest that the Committee needs to find agreement on certain terms such as restoration; acknowledging council reorganization, he asked if the Committees are staying the same; and he asked that much like horses are no longer a user of the park, please consider when designing, that parking spaces may also not be required in the future given changes in transportation.

Kim Hendricks raised concern for a neighbor at end of Pacific Ave on bluffs, of drainage and erosion, and that the Master Plan addresses this on page 66 and that this will be addressed Also, the FVP MP does not contain a statement from original Citizens Advisory Committee members; she distributed statement to members. Cynthia let members know that the online version does include it.

Vice Chair Andy Campbell stated that he was intrigued by the trail signage presentations, specifically the statement that signs would help those ‘lost in FVP’. He suggested ‘lost in FVP’ or ‘find yourself in FVP’ might be a good park event theme or advertisement.

9. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned by Chair at 8:04 p.m.

Next Special Meeting: December 13, 2017, 6:00pm at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A