

CITY OF COSTA MESA
FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Andy Campbell
Members Present: Chair Anna Vrska, Vice Chair Andy Campbell, Members Cindy Black, Kim Hendricks, Alex Reich, Steve Smith, Larry Courter
Alternate Members Present: Bill McCarty; **Absent:** Cynthia McDonald
Parks and Recreation Commission Liaisons Present: Arlis Reynolds; **Absent:** Vice Chair Liz McNabb
Council Liaison Present: Mayor Sandra Genis

- 2. APPROVAL OF November 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Minutes unanimously approved.

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS on items not on the agenda.**
Speaker #1 addressed need for further refinement of Steering Committee (SC) agendas to include more issues concerning SC, and not just the City's project lists.
Speaker #2, City resident, reported on failure of bluffs under his home adjacent to park bluffs, encouraging restoration.
Speaker #3 presented a program encountered in Irvine for trail etiquette, 'Ring the Bell', suggesting similar program needed for Fairview Park trails.

- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Vernal Pool fencing project**
Mr. Bart Mejia presented that the fencing project has begun where indicated in schematic diagram previously presented and as approved by USFWS. Mr. Mejia addressed questions from the Committee regarding cultural resource monitoring with the work, criteria for determining 'dry periods' for trail openings, installation techniques for fencing poles, alignment of fence at bluffs along pool #1, and requested specific alignment diagrams.
A member of the public audience stated that the fencing around the pool on East side of the park at the Goat Hill Junction, already installed, had taken up too much of the available parking area.

 - b. Trails subcommittee (TSC)**
Ms. Cynthia D'Agosta reported out that the TSC had met on Dec. 2, 2017; members are Kim Hendricks, Cindy Black and Alex Reich. She then presented how members had reviewed sections of the Master Plan (MP) and summarized MP objectives for trails. She explained that the guide to MP references for trails created for the TSC, would be used for other topics within the MP for future SC discussions.
Alex explained that he was reaching out to trail groups to create a history of trail names within the park; Cindy Black is researching and gathering historical information related to trail implementation; and Kim Hendricks shared her review of objectives for trails within the MP, stating that she feels park restoration should be a priority over trail development.

 - c. Organizing Master Plan discussion for January meeting**
Ms. Cynthia D'Agosta presented goals and an outline for a 'workshop' (study session style) to occur at the January 2018 SC meeting. The SC members added several items to this outline including: checking MP for consistency to current needs and standards; adding public engagement and timing of grant applications to discussion of MP objectives; and keeping park restoration as a guiding principle for construction phasing of projects. Alex

Reich suggested that staff “time-box” each item for discussion.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pending grants

Mr. Mejia presented a list of pending and ongoing grants for park improvements.

b. Placentia Ave Connector Trails (PACT)

Mr. Mejia presented the project as it pertains to Measure AA, asking for Committee recommendation on next steps. The PACT grant has been granted one extension that runs through fall of 2018.

Vice Chair Andy Campbell presented work he’d done on trail alignment for the PACT.

Alex Reich motioned that the SC deem the City’s current design for PACT invalid and request from the City a less impactful or less damaging design for the trail alignment.

Andy Campbell offered a substitute motion that a subcommittee of three SC members be formed to review the PACT trail alignment and associated grant, and provide a written response with analysis for consideration by the SC at the January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion was seconded by Alex; motion passed 6 to 1 with a no vote from Cindy Black. SC members Hendricks, Courter and Campbell volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Cynthia D’Agosta handed out printed copies of project booklets created by the OCC students from their November 8, 2017 presentation on signage for FVP; reported out on actions underway to address mosquito issues at FVP wetlands; and acknowledged a letter received from the FVP Alliance asking that a “comprehensive scientific restoration plan” be developed for the park, and that no trees be planted in the new Placentia Ave. median as it runs through FVP.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Genis expressed hope that the work the committee is doing would be a spark in the community to get others engaged in FVP.

Alex Reich asked who had approved new surfacing of the parking lot at FVP as it seems to have prompted other demands for ADA construction.

Kim Hendricks asked that a presentation on park restoration be on the agenda for the February SC meeting; discussion ensued regarding this topic being addressed within the January agenda.

Andy Campbell expressed his desire to have fencing lines within the park not be drawn at right angles, but be more adapted to the natural contour lines of the land.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Campbell at 8:12 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: January 10, 2018 6:00pm at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.