

**CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. **Members Present:** Chair Anna Vrska; Members Cindy Black, Larry Courter, Kim Hendricks, Alex Reich, Steve Smith, Alternate Cynthia McDonald, Alternate Bill McCarty
- b. **Members Absent:** Vice Chair Andy Campbell
- c. **Liaisons Present:** Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Liz McNabb, Vice Chair Arlis Reynolds, Council Liaison Mayor Sandra Genis

- 2. APPROVAL July 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Cynthia D’Agosta explains the appropriate standards for producing Steering Committee minutes; states if a member would like their comments to be verbatim they must submit them to staff; members must let the committee know if they are recording the meeting. Alex Reich motions to approve minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Smith; passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Graham expresses his concern for bluff erosion. He asks the City to take immediate action.

Wendy Leece comments on the Council decision made for the Pacific Ave. turnaround Capital Improvement Project at the July 3, 2018 Council meeting. She states that this should not be considered a maintenance project for the park.

Dick Mehran opposes, on behalf of the Fairview Park Preservation Alliance, the Council decision made for the Pacific Ave. turnaround Capital Improvement Project at the July 3, 2018 Council meeting. He expresses his support for DG paths instead of asphalt trails throughout the park.

Debby Koken comments on the Fairview Park section of the Costa Mesa Recreation Guide, stating that the word “temporary” should never be used to describe vernal pools.

Chair Anna Vrska and member Alex Reich ensue comment on the Capital Improvement Projects acted on by City Council at July 3, 2018 meeting and the need to establish a common definition of public safety when discussing Measure AA.

Kim Hendricks comments on text within Measure AA being specific to “as built conditions”.

Mayor Sandra Genis comments on the importance of defining public safety as we move forward.

Chair Anna Vrska asks if a list can be compiled to explain the definitions used within Measure AA and the Fairview Park Master Plan.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Master Plan Workshop**

Cynthia D’Agosta and staff presented interactive presentations for the group to express positions on and discuss restoration, public use, and park improvements in Fairview Park.

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Cynthia D'Agosta explains how the information from the meeting will be used as the group moves forward, and what is expected to be discussed in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**b. Committee schedule through December 2018**

Chair Anna Vrska discusses cancelling the September committee meeting and reconvening in October. Cynthia D'Agosta explains the need for upcoming year-end reports to the Council, by both the committee and staff regarding Fairview Park. Alex Reich motions to form a subcommittee for the year-end report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Black; passed unanimously. Sub-committee members Anna Vrska, Cindy Black, and Kim Hendricks volunteered to be on the Year-End Report Subcommittee. Kim Hendricks motions to not have a meeting in September and to resume on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Smith; unanimously approved.

**5. STAFF COMMENTS**

Cynthia D'Agosta discusses the upcoming renewal of OCME's contract; the standard time for posting the steering committee agenda and minutes; the role of alternates and absences of committee members; and public requests/phone calls made to regulatory and granting agencies by committee members.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Cindy Black comments on the need for public requests to regulatory and granting agencies to hold the City accountable; and questioned the City going after grants they do not qualify for.

Kim Hendricks comments on the need for an overall restoration plan in Fairview Park; the need for public requests; asked who requested the reclassification of vernal pool 7; and asked where the funding for Pacific Ave. turnaround, Capital Improvement Project was coming from.

Larry Courter presents the idea of changing the name of Fairview Park to include the term "preserve" so as to change the public perception of the Park.

Alex Reich comments on Concerts in the Park; expanding the educational programs in the Park; increased consistent signage; and creating a restoration plan.

Chair Anna Vrska speaks to the need of staying patient in the process with Fairview Park.

Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chair Arlis Reynolds discusses the importance of public involvement in creation of a restoration plan; having a communications subcommittee; and the Tribal Consultation Policy being passed by the California Coastal Commission.

Cynthia McDonald speaks to the importance of placing bike racks in Fairview Park and public safety at the current Canary Drive entrance.

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Bill McCarty asks the group for their reasoning for placing dots on specific historic photographs in the restoration exercise, specifically why there were so many dots placed on the 1966 photo.

Mayor Sandra Genis discusses doing no harm in Fairview Park; issues regarding public use; and signage in the Park.

Steve Smith states that communications from committee members to any outside source should not be interfering with the City and Steering Committee's work.

**7. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Chair Anna Vrska.**

**Next Regular Meeting: October 10, 2018 at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.**