

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**January 25, 2012**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

**1. Call to Order: Chairman Jeff R. Mathews**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Dan Vozenilek**

**3. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Jeff R. Mathews  
Vice Chairman Kim Pederson  
Commissioner Dean Abernathy  
Commissioner Ethan Temianka  
Commissioner Dan Vozenilek

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. Ernesto Munoz, Interim Public Services Director  
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager  
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
Mr. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager  
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor  
Mr. Robert Sharpnack, Police Lieutenant

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2011 Meeting and the Minutes of the December 7, 2011 Joint Special Meeting**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011 Joint Special Meeting of the City of Costa Mesa Parks & Recreation Commission and the City of Newport Beach Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission.**

As point of clarification, Chairman Jeff R. Mathews said that the minutes for the November 16, 2011 meeting will be presented at the March 28, 2012 meeting.

**5. Oral Communications**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

**6. Consent Calendar**

**6a. Donation of Tree and Memorial Plaque at Paularino Park**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to accept the donation of a tree and memorial plaque in memory of Mr. Gary Peacock at Paularino Park on behalf of Mr. Colin K. McCarthy.**

**6b. Donation of Tree and Memorial Plaque at TeWinkle Park**

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to accept the donation of a tree and memorial plaque at TeWinkle Park in memory of Easley Mae Winter.

**6c. Contract Youth Instructional Class Fee Increase**

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to approve the fee increase to one (1) existing contract youth instructional class as proposed in Attachment 1.

**7. Public Hearing**

No items.

**8. Old Business**

**8a. Park Tours**

Commissioner Ethan Temianka made a brief presentation on the last park tour that was held on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

Lt. Sharpnack addressed the Commission on the Police Department's proactive approach to enforce violations at Tanager Park for dogs off leash.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Lt. Sharpnack took place on the Park Rangers hours to patrol Tanager Park.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka requested that Lt. Sharpnack extend the Park Rangers patrol hours to 7:00 p.m. He also recommended that the Park Rangers start issuing citations to violators and no longer provide a verbal warning.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews requested that Lt. Sharpnack provide the Commission with an update on the Park Ranger program.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews requested for input from the Commission on whether or not to continue touring the parks.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek said that he would like to start the tours from the beginning.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson agreed with Commissioner Dan Vozenilek; however, he suggested to shorten the visit to 20 minutes instead of 30 minutes for each park.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy also agreed with Vice Chairman Kim Pederson's suggestion. He believes that the time spent at each park should be adjusted accordingly, such as the cluster of parks and facilities at TeWinkle Park.

**Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Commissioner Dean Abernathy volunteered for the next park tour scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2012 for Section 1 (eastside).**

**8b. Landscape/Beautification Award Program**

A brief presentation was made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek said that the award program is a great idea; however, he is unclear on how often or on the frequency to acknowledge a recipient. Commissioner Dan Vozenilek recommended that the program presents an award on a quarterly basis. He continued to suggest using the City's website as an avenue to nominate candidates.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson asked the Commission to consider both homeowners and businesses for the award program.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy suggested to broaden the definition to streetscape rather than limiting it to only landscape.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson agreed with Commissioner Dan Vozenilek's suggestion on presenting the award on a quarterly basis.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek recommended that, when a recipient is presented with an award, a picture be taken and posted on the City's website similar to what is being done for the Chairperson Award Program.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson ensued on the next step for this process.

At 6:26 p.m., Chairman Jeff R. Mathews said that he would like to retract his prior direction given to staff, at the November 16, 2011 meeting, in regards to reinstating the Fairview Park Friends Committee. He stated that because there are no plans for improvements for the committee to review, there is no need for the committee to be reinstated.

**9. New Business**

**9a. Tree Removal Request at 209, 235, and 237 Broadway**

Mr. Hartley made a power point presentation. Mr. Sethuraman was also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Sethuraman occurred on the planning process for improvements for this project.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. There were no public comments received.

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to approve the removal of three (3) City-owned trees growing in the public right-of-way at 209, 235, and 237 Broadway Avenue in conjunction with the "Safe Route to School Project," with the condition that the palm tree located at 235 Broadway Avenue be relocated to other public property.**

**9b. Proposed Vacation of Alleyway No. 54A Between Ogle Street and E. 17th Street Adjacent to Pinkley Park**

A power point presentation was made by Mr. Mejia.

Peter Desforges  
Applicant/Business Manager  
Mr. Desforges addressed the Commission on his request.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Desforges occurred on the verbage for public parking signs to be installed.

Discussion among Commissioner Dean Abernathy, Mr. Mejia, and Mr. Desforges took place on the estimated property value and on the improvement costs for the park and parking lot.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Mejia ensued on the responsibility for maintenance of the park.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Desforges occurred on lighting for the parking lot.

Public Comment:

Allison Carrier  
Business Owner, Cardio Barre  
Ms. Carrier addressed the Commission. She supports this request for additional parking spaces.

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried five to zero to recommend City Council adopt a resolution for the vacation of the alleyway adjacent to Pinkley Park and proposed improvements. And, for the City Council to add the following items for consideration:**

- **increased lighting**
- **creation of a ADA handicap parking space**
- **latch gates at both entrances**
- **install a walking sidewalk space in front of the parking**
- **language in the deed requiring permanent access to the park by the public**

**9c. Restructuring Aquatic Punch Pass Fees and Discontinue the Three Months Punch Pass**

Ms. McPherson presented the report.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson took place on the three months punch pass trend.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson ensued on the status of the pool operations and complaints since the pool closure took effective.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka said that he would like to keep the aquatic fees in line with the surrounding cities by lowering the adult fee to \$4 and the senior/junior fee to \$2.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Ms. McPherson occurred on the aquatic fees that were passed by the City Council.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews agreed with Commissioner Ethan Temianka's recommendation.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy said that he supports lower the aquatic fees in order to make facilities more accessible for the citizens in this economy.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews agreed with Commissioner Dean Aberthany's statement.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson took place on providing feedback to the Commission on the status of the aquatics punch pass program by the November meeting.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to accept staff recommendation to discontinue the three (3) months punch pass, and to approve restructuring the aquatic punch pass fees for the Adult/Senior Lap Swim and the Youth Open Swim programs, per the fee breakdown.**

	<b>One (1) Visit Punch Pass</b>	<b>Ten (10) Visit Punch Pass</b>	<b>Twenty (20) Visit Punch Pass</b>	<b>Thirty (30) Visit Punch Pass</b>
<b>Adult</b>	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Senior/Junior</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$34</b>	<b>\$42</b>

**10. Recreation Division Report**

A power point presentation was made by Ms. McPherson on the following:

- ROCKS Afterschool Program
- Winter Camp
- Presidents' Camp
- Teens Center
- Early Childhood Program
- Adult Basketball League
- Adult Softball League
- Community Gardens
- Athletic Fields

She also announced the following upcoming City events:

- Jack Hammett Sports Complex Sign Unveiling Ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2012, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Davis Field Lions Park Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The City of Costa Mesa's Community Run is scheduled for April 20, 2012

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson ensued on whether or not there have been any interest by other schools to offer the ROCKS Program at their school site.

#### 11. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek had no comments.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson stated that, aside from logistics, he found the Joint Special Meeting of the City of Costa Mesa Parks & Recreation Commission and the City of Newport Beach Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission to be very enlightening and informative.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy thanked staff for coordinating the TeWinkle Improvements meeting with the field user groups.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy requested that staff look at the current guidelines for memorial donations.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka thanked staff. He also invited the community to the next TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex Task Force meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews announced the following upcoming events in Costa Mesa:

- The Jack R. Hammett Sports Complex Sign Unveiling Ceremony (2750 Fairview Road) to be held on Thursday, January 26, 2012, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- The Davis Field Lighting Ceremony (570 West 18th Street) scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

#### 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:



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**RAJA SETHURAMAN**  
Acting Public Services Director