

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

**March 28, 2012**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 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: Vice Chairman Kim Pederson**

**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. Raja Sethuraman, Acting Public Services Director  
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager  
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

**4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

The report was presented by Mr. Sethuraman.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews called for public input on nominations for a new Chairman. There were no public inputs received.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews declared the Chairman position vacant and called for nominations from the Commission.

**Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to approve the nomination of Kim Pederson for the position of Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

Chairman Kim Pederson declared the Vice Chairman position vacant and called for public input. There were no public inputs received.

Chairman Kim Pederson called for nominations for the Vice Chairman position from the Commission.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and carried five to zero, to approve the nomination of Dean Abernathy for the position of Vice Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2011 and January 25, 2012 Meetings**

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek**

and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

6. **Oral Communications**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

7. **Consent Calendar**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

7a. **Donation of Tree Placement in Fairview Park**

**Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to accept the donation of a tree for placement in Fairview Park.**

8. **Public Hearing**

No items.

9. **Old Business**

9a. **Park Tours**

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews made a brief presentation on the park tour that took place on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

**Chairman Kim Pederson and Commissioner Dan Vozenilek volunteered for the next park tour of the Westside to be scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012.**

9b. **Landscape/Streetscape Beautification Award Program**

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews briefly discussed the draft brochure that was provided by staff.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek suggested that the Commission first consider the frequency to nominate a recipient or to set a guideline on the number of nominations submitted before a recipient is selected for the award.

Chairman Kim Pederson recommended that the Commission reviews nominations on an as needed basis.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson ensued on the decision process when there were multiple nominations received in past years for the Chairperson's Award.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and carried five to zero, for staff to provide the Commission with more information on a policy and program criteria for review at the next meeting.**

10. **New Business**

10a. **Tree Removal Request – 1805 Placentia Avenue**

Mr. Hartley presented the report.

Sarah Boyd

Applicant

Ms. Boyd addressed the Commission on her tree removal request.

Discussion among Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, Mr. Hartley, and Ms. Boyd occurred on the removal and replacement of the sidewalk panel and on the encroachment permit.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Ms. Boyd ensued on whether or not the landscape plans were approved by the Planning Department.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka carried five to zero, to authorize the removal and replacement of the tree at 1805 Placentia Avenue, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 - Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted in parkways in residential neighborhoods. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.**

**The tree must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.**

**10b. Tree Removal Request – 2046 Anaheim Avenue**

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Shirlee McDaniels  
Applicant

Ms. McDaniels addressed the Commission on her tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley took place on when the tree was first planted at this location and on the type of tree species.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley occurred on the number of this type of tree species in the city.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and carried five to zero, to deny the request for the removal and replacement of one City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 2046 Anaheim Avenue.**

Substitute motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, failed for a lack of second, to authorize the removal and replacement of the palm tree located in the public right-of-way at 2046 Anaheim Avenue, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 - Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the palm tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

**10c. Tree Removal Request – 729 16th Street**

Mr. Hartley presented the report.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley ensued on the location of the lateral and sewer main lines.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley took place on root trimming to resolve the root intrusion in the main lines.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley occurred on requesting for a cost estimate from the applicant.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to continue this item to the May meeting.**

**10d. Donation of Memorial Trees and Plaques for Public Parks**

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to receive and file the report.**

**10e. Review of Committee Appointments**

Mr. Sethuraman presented the report.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka requested that the Commission appoint a representative for the TeWinkle Task Force Committee because both he and Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting.

**Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to nominate Dean Abernathy to the City/School District Liaison Committee as the appointee.**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to nominate Dan Vozenilek to the City/School District Liaison Committee as the alternate.**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to nominate Kim Pederson to the Skate Park Committee as the appointee.**

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to nominate Jeff R. Mathews to the Skate Park Committee as the alternate.**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to keep the current appointments for the Joint Field Use Master Plan Task Force.**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and carried five to zero, to nominate Kim Pederson to serve as a one-time ad hoc alternate on the TeWinkle Park Task Force Committee.**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

**11. Parks Project Manager's Report**

Mr. Mejja presented the report on the following projects:

- Fairview Park Projects
  - Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project, Phase II
  - Fairview Channel Bike Trail
- Luke Davis Field Lighting System
- Smallwood Park

Chairman Kim Pederson thanked staff. He also said that the Luke Davis Field is in great condition.

**12. Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek reiterated and agreed with comments made by Chairman Kim Pederson on the field condition and on all the on-going projects. He also thanked staff.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy encouraged his fellow Commissioners, as they drive around the City, to submit nominations for the Landscape/Streetscape Beautification Award in which he believes will be a great start for the program.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy thanked Jeff R. Mathews for his solid leadership, during the past year, as Chairman for the Commission.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy said that he hopes for future tree removal requests to integrate trees that were removed in the landscape plans.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka congratulated Chairman Kim Pederson and Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy, and thanked Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews for his leadership.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews expressed his personal appreciation to his fellow Commissioners for their support during his term as Chairman. He also congratulated Chairman Kim Pederson and Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy on their positions.

Chairman Kim Pederson thanked his fellow Commissioners for their vote of support. He also thanked staff.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **7:30 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, May 23, 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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**ERNESTO MUNOZ**  
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