

CITY OF COSTA MESA
FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Final approved as amended MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Anna Vrska called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
 - a. **Members Present:** Chair Anna Vrska, Vice Chair Andy Campbell, Cindy Black, Larry Courter, Kim Hendricks, Alex Reich, Alternate Cynthia McDonald
 - b. **Members Absent:** Steve Smith, Alternate Bill McCarty
 - c. **Liaisons Present:** Parks & Recreation Commissioner Chair Liz McNabb, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Vice Chair Arlis Reynolds
 - d. **Liaisons Absent:** Council Liaison Mayor Sandra Genis

2. **APPROVAL August 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Andy Campbell motions to approve minutes, 2nd by Alex Reich; passed unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
No public comments.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
Before Item 4.a. began, Chair Anna Vrska informed the committee that Items 5.b., 5.a., and 4.b. would be presented first due to time limitations.
 - a. **Master Plan Discussion**
 - **Park Maintenance and Management**

Cynthia D’Agosta presents current conditions for ongoing management and maintenance within the Park. Committee members discussed the role of how they will be involved in the Master Plan editing process.
 - **Public Use Survey Updates**

Maddy Letterman provides data about public use within the Park from the month of September.

 - b. **Annual Report by Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and Annual Report by Staff, to City Council**

Chair Anna Vrska informs the committee that the annual report will be administrated through the chair and vice chair, not through a subcommittee. She apologizes to the subcommittee for the lack of communication. The subcommittee prepared a presentation, so two annual report presentations were presented to the committee. Andy Campbell presents an annual report slideshow to the committee. Committee members provided feedback and discussion for presentation edits. Discussion of communications from committee members and staff were ensued. Talks of evaluating maintenance contracts and finances were discussed by the committee. Alex Reich motions that Chair Anna Vrska and Vice Chair Andy Campbell switch roles. Parks and Community Services Director Justin Martin stated a motion cannot be made because it was not an agenda item. Cynthia D’Agosta informed the committee that she will be presenting a staff annual report. Kim Hendricks presents an annual report slideshow to

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the committee. Committee members provided feedback and discussion for presentation edits.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Update Committee Member Terms

Cynthia D'Agosta reminds committee members that some members' terms will expire in April 2019 and the application process will be completed in February 2019.

b. Confirm Steering Committee Meeting dates for 2018 – 2019

In January 2018, the committee voted to have meetings every month until September 2018 and a reconfirmation would need to extend the amendment. The committee would meet every other month and use months in between for special meetings. Alex Reich motions to approve the regular meeting schedule, 2nd by Larry Courter; passed unanimously.

c. Wetlands Update

Cynthia D'Agosta updates the committee on the wetlands project from spring and summer. Matt Dimson presents information on the mosquito trapping project occurring in houses on Swan Dr. Discussion

d. Steering Committee Volunteer Day at FVP in December

Cynthia D'Agosta asks the committee if they would like to sponsor a volunteer work day in December. Alex Reich motions to approve a work day sponsored by the steering committee, 2nd by Chair Anna Vrska; unanimously approved. Cynthia D'Agosta will send out a matrix of dates and ideas for the committee members to approve.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Bart Mejia introduces Naz Mokarram to the committee.

Cynthia D'Agosta states that all restoration for vernal pools 5, 6, and 7; there will be a City booth at the Scarecrow Festival; and internal follow-ups of the Fish Fry are being done.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Cindy Black requests multiple documents from staff; mentions that the Banning Ranch Conservancy has expressed interest in the restoration of vernal pool 4; states there is stagnate water at the end of the Placentia Drain and asks if there is a pump that could circulate the it; and requests ADA parking at wetlands behind Swan Dr.

Alex Reich withdraws his previous motion to have Anna Vrska and Andy Campbell switch committee roles; and states he saw runners with and without flashlights going into the Park after dusk.

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Arlis Reynolds talks about her support for high school student involvement at the Park; states the City should stay in close communications with cultural resource contacts when dealing with restoration within the nationally registered cultural historic sites; asks about events for the remainder of the year and to make a grant calendar; and mentions the Scarecrow Festival on October 20th and 21st.

Kim Hendricks states the model planes and drones do not follow regulations and the park rangers do not enforce; states the gates are not closed at dusk; and asks that City staff recommend to the City Council that the Fish Fry be moved.

Larry Courter says a change of committee roles may help with communication; and states he is going to become more active in the steering committee about the issues from Swan Dr. residents.

Andy Campbell asks that the committee let the roles of chair and vice chair term out before selecting a new chair; thanks the park rangers at the Park; and provides feedback on the 2nd Saturday events.

Alex Reich motions to move the meeting beyond 8 p.m., 2nd by Anna Vrska; unanimously approved.

Anna Vrska thanks the steering committee for their work.

Liz McNabb thanks the committee and staff for their dedication to the Park; and states she has been in contact with Michael Jenkins from the law enforcement office of the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife in regards to the dg trail in vernal pools 5, 6, and 7.

Cindy Black states she had received the documentation and interviews from law enforcement, but the names were redacted from all the documents; she requested an appeal.

Cynthia McDonald states communication is very important; and encourages staff in looking into banning drones at all City parks

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Chair Anna Vrska.

Next Regular Meeting: December 12, 2018 at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.