

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

June 22, 2005

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 22, 2005 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman de Arakal, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Graham.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Byron de Arakal, Chair
Wendy Leece, Vice Chair
Robert Graham, Commissioner
Mark Harris, Commissioner
David Stiller, Commissioner

Also Present:

William J. Morris, Public Services Director
Stephen N. Mandoki, Administrative Services Director
Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Division Manager

MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Stiller, and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of May 25, 2005.

PRESENTATIONS

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
TEENS (ACT) OVERVIEW 2004 –
2005**

Ms. Jana Ransom introduced Mr. Jeff Ruth, Mr. Robby Waite and Ms. Jeanne Douglass. Mr. Ruth and Mr. Waite worked with the members of the committee as a staff liaison during the year. Ms. Douglass is the new staff liaison to the committee.

Phil Houghton, Allison Wyman, Carolina Barnes, Chad Kunert and Dakota, who are ACT members, conducted a slide presentation. The presentation consisted of the committee's history, accomplished goals and objectives and community services over the year, and the committee's commitment to expand on future activities as well as more community services.

Chairman de Arakal strongly encouraged ACT members to contact staff and work with Ms. Aviva Goldman at the Costa Mesa Senior Community Center, and he thanked the members for serving and being a part of the community.

Vice Chair Leece commended and thanked the members for giving back to the community, and she appreciated what ACT has done for young people in the community.

Commissioner Harris mentioned for the members to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Graham stated that the members were an impressive group.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Martin Millard
2973 Harbor Boulevard #264, Costa Mesa 96926
Item #10c

In regards to Section 8.01, Mr. Millard is concerned with the street located on Baker Street from Babb to the Mason North Shopping Center on the north side of the street. The wall was listed on the report as aesthetically deficient. He suggested that the wording be changed on Section 8.06 to include a one inch thick rock or stone veneer, and proposed a fiction to repair the wall and that the City should pay for all expenses.

Discussion between Chairman de Arakal and Mr. William Morris ensued on whether or not the City is able to repair, replace or upgrade arterial walls and if it is funded under capital improvement.

Discussion between Vice Chair Leece and Mr. Morris took place on whether or not the City would take action if an arterial wall posed a safety hazard to the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No Items.

PUBLIC HEARING

No Items.

OLD BUSINESS

No Items.

NEW BUSINESS

GROUP ONE FIELD USER AGREEMENT

Ms. Jana Ransom presented the report.

Discussion between Commission Graham and Ms. Ransom ensued on the types of issues caused by the users.

Discussion between Vice Chair Leece and Ms. Ransom took place regarding non-compliance of group users.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Ms. Ransom occurred on whether or not the Group 1 users were notified about this item on the agenda and given a copy of the report.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not Group 3 users would be affected.

Discussion between Chairman de Arakal and Ms. Ransom took place on clarification needed regarding 90% residency on Attachment A, additional fees, violations and to include a right of appeal clause in the agreement.

Chairman de Arakal suggested implementing an incremental finan-

cial penalty for continually violating the agreement rather than the three-strike policy.

Commissioner Graham recommended banning the coach who caused a violation.

MOTION

Motion made by Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Stiller, and carried three to two, with Vice Chair Leece and Commissioner Graham voting “No,” to continue this item and direct staff to return with the following:

1. Clarify the definition of the Group One Field User under ‘Recitals’ to include those organizations that does not meet the 90% residency but have been grandfathered in by the City Council.
2. Provide language for a right of appeal clause to develop options for an incremental strike policy including fee waiver.
3. Receive clarification from the City Attorney on whether or not the City would be willing to incorporate a reciprocal indemnification into the clause on Attachment A of the proposed agreement.
4. Clarify the California Safe Place Statute clause.
5. Section 9A on Attachment A of the proposed agreement, to have the City Attorney further define damage as it relates “to what or whom.”

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Graham recommended that staff speak with group users to resolve trash issues without having to go through all these measures.
- Commission Harris stated that the three strikes rule worked and is still working, and he is disappointed to lose it.
- Chairman de Arakal disagreed with Commissioner Harris.
- Commissioner Graham stated that the City is the owner of the fields.
- Commissioner Stiller stated he would support the motion.

JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Ms. Jana Ransom presented the report.

Vice Chair Leece, seconded by Commissioner Graham, nominated Chairman de Arakal to attend the City Council meeting.

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Vice Chair Leece, and carried five to zero to declare July is Parks and Recreation Month and designate Chairman de Arakal to attend the City Council meeting of July 5, 2005 to receive a proclamation from the Mayor.

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE STREETScape AND MEDIAN DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS REGARDING REHABILITATION

Mr. William Morris presented the report with overhead pictures.

Public Comment:

Larry Haynes and Donna Lynn-Haynes
2051 Calvert Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626

OF ARTERIAL WALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes were present to answer questions by the Commission in regards to their request for the City to fund 50% of the cost for an expanded arterial wall on their property.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Morris ensued on whether or not the homeowner's were aware that they are not allowed to have an extension to the top of the wall after it has been built.

MOTION

Motion made by Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and carried four to zero, with Commission Graham being recused, to recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution to amend the City's Streetscape and Median Development Standards to add Adams Avenue, from Placentia Avenue to the Santa Ana River, to the list of aesthetically deficient arterial wall locations (Section 8.01).

RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Report was presented by Ms. Jana Ransom.

- Summer Camps are filling up quickly. Regular day Camp Costa Mesa has openings in weeks one, two, three and eight. There are 17 youth volunteers in the "Recreation Leaders in Training" volunteer program.
- Teen Camps are filling up quickly, with only a few openings, for a full eight weeks of camp.
- The Playground Program is winding down with schools end and heading out to Lions Park, Wakeham Park and the Balearic Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Mobile Recreation Program Summer operating hours are from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Shalimar on Tuesday's; Valencia Street on Wednesday's; JoAnne Street on Thursday's; and Rutgers Street on Friday's.
- The Mobile Skate Park's last day of operation will be on Friday, June 24.
- The Volcom Skate Park is scheduled to have the gates open July 1. Grand opening is tentatively scheduled for August 4. Kudos to Mr. Bart Mejia and staff for the great work done at the park.
- The Circle of Service Induction Ceremony for former mayor Robert M. Wilson will take place on Friday, July 29, at the Neighborhood Community Center.
- The Summer Concert Series will begin July 12.

Discussion between Chairman de Arakal and Ms. Ransom took place on the enrollment for the Spring instructional classes.

MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report given.

PARKS PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation.

- Fairview Park – Placentia Drain Riparian Area
 - Six proposals for the design were received from qualified consultants. Proposals are being evaluated to establish a short list for interview within a week, and an update will be provided at the next

meeting.

- Fairview Park – Placentia Bridge
 - Bids were opened June 2.
 - After careful review, staff will recommend to City Council to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder.
 - This project presented a number of challenges, including over excavation of the subgrade to ensure the bridge is supported properly and excavation costs due to recent price increases of materials.
- TeWinkle Park Athletic Field
 - Project has been advertised.
 - Construction operations are scheduled to begin after the Summer programs.
 - Goal to open in Fall 2006.
- TeWinkle Skate Park
 - Contractor donated some sawed material.

Discussion between Commissioner Graham and Mr. Mejia ensued on whether or not professional skaters evaluated the facility.

Discussion between Vice Chair Leece and Mr. Mejia took place regarding additional funding for the Fairview Park-Placentia Bridge and scheduled timeline for the construction. Mr. Morris clarified that the Placentia Bridge is tentatively scheduled for July 19 to City Council.

Commissioner Graham stated that he endorses and supports the Fairview Park-Placentia Bridge project.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Stiller thanked Ms. Jana Ransom for her memorandum regarding the Circle of Service and that he would be contacting her later for more information.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Ms. Ransom ensued regarding an event held at TeWinkle Park over the past weekend.

Discussion between Commissioner Graham and Mr. Morris occurred on whether or not there is adequate right-of-way to allow for the bike trail on Harbor Boulevard, and on the scheduled City Council meeting to request for funding of the Fairview Channel Bike Trail study.

Commissioner Graham is concerned about the Fairview Park Master Plan, and he would like to revisit the master plan to consider issues at the park. Commissioner Graham also recommended that the Commission consider looking into applying for a bond to pay for long-term projects.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Ms. Ransom took place on the process for a special events permit.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Morris ensued regarding with whom the City has a maintenance contract with for center medians and parkways in the area of 16th and 17th Streets.

Vice Chair Leece thanked Ms. Ransom for the information regarding Canyon Park on the weekends. Vice Chair Leece also requested that Marina View Park be observed for permitted use, on Saturdays and Sundays during the late afternoon or early evening hours, because she had seen a large group of 20-30 people in the area.

Discussion between Vice Chair Leece and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not violators at Rae School could be cited for violating the field use policy, and she would also like to take a fresh look at the Fairview Park Master Plan for possible fields.

Chairman de Arakal wished everyone a happy 4th of July. He urged residents to discharge legal fireworks between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and to report all illegal fireworks discharged.

Additional Comments:

Commissioner Stiller stated that to find playing fields or establish a bond in regards to altering the Fairview Park Master Plan could only be done at the City Council level.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **8:40 p.m.** to the Study Session on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the regular Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

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