

CITY OF COSTA MESA
FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER Vice Chair Andy Campbell called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL October 10, 2018 Regular Minutes – Alex Reich motions to approve the minutes as amended, 2nd by Larry Courter; passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Leece states the Fairview Park Alliance does not support providing the direct location of the burrowing owls and will be more cautious of what is posted on their facebook page.

Bob Graham discussed the various locations of the burrowing owls throughout the country.

Ralph Taboada asks the committee to coordinate new bike and walk ways placed in the updated version of the Fairview Park Master Plan with the Bike and Walkability Committee.

Rick Huffman urges members of the public and committee to document sightings of burrowing owls on Banning Ranch.

5. Fairview Park Administrator's Update

- a. **Planned and ongoing park restoration**
Cynthia D'Agosta discusses planned and ongoing park restoration projects occurring within the Park. She states restoration on vernal pools 5 and 6 will begin in January 2019; the wetlands study and evaluation project with Dudek is in process; a State Fish and Game Section 16-01 emergency maintenance permit is being filed for the clearing of the wetlands.
- b. **Ongoing maintenance and management**
Cynthia D'Agosta presents completed and ongoing maintenance and management projects at the Park. She states that temporary fencing around the vernal pools was placed in early December; actions taken to prevent further bluff erosion; Native American involvement on further bluff restoration; closing of the Park gate; continuation of signage with the police department; Harbor Soaring Society contract renewal; bee hive removal; and dogs off leash and poop campaign by the Parks and Community Services Department. Discussions of public safety, long term solutions to erosion, flyers, bee removal, and dogs off leash was ensued by committee members.
- c. **Education/Events/Workdays**

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Cynthia D'Agosta presents upcoming educational events and workdays for public involvement. The committee discusses the optimal time to have an Earth Day event at the Park.

d. Master Plan Amendment Process

Cynthia D'Agosta asks each committee member to take one topic of interest to review and articulate each amendment from the Fairview Park Master Plan.

Cindy Black – Biological and Cultural Resources

Andy Campbell – Management and Maintenance Practices

Larry Courter – 40-acre Wetland Preserve

Kim Hendricks – Long Term Preservation Measures

Alex Reich – Measure AA Implementation Guidelines

Steve Smith – Public Use, Engagement, and Education Programs

Anna Vrska – New Master Plan Environmental Document

Discussions of environmental documents and the processes of implementing amendments were ensued by the committee and members of the public.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Future agenda items

Andy Campbell states that future agenda items for the February meeting are grants and budget; and a future agenda item for the April meeting is the Dudek wetlands study results. Cynthia D'Agosta says that the future agenda will include an update on vernal pools 5, 6, and 7 restoration and events. Alex Reich requests to put a status report on the trails subcommittee on a future agenda.

Alex Reich motions to agenize discussion of the Fish Fry and other events for a future meeting, 2nd by Larry Courter; passed unanimously. Andy Campbell and Kim Hendricks agreed to write a draft recommendation letter for the February steering committee.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Larry Courter states he is pleased with the information presented during the meeting.

Alex Reich states he appreciates everyone's concern for the all the animals; thanks City staff for the increased visibility of information; and expresses his concerns for the erosion.

Kim Hendricks asks about the relocation of the Fish Fry;

Cynthia McDonald states the Bike and Walkability Committee has completed the Active Transportation Plan and asks City staff to coordinate trails at the Park.

Ralph Taboada comments on Kim Hendricks' comments and states that the Fish Fry should become an agenized item that can be discussed. Vice Chair Andy Campbell motions to reopen agenda item #6 to discuss adding the Fish Fry as a future agenda item, 2nd by Alex Reich; unanimously approved.

Cindy Black discusses the letter sent out by Anna Vrska and Andy Campbell prior to the meeting.

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Steve Smith states he would like to assist in the environmental educational programs at the Park. Krissie Bogner ensues conversation of forming relationships for educational purposes at the Park.

Anna Vrska discusses the letter written by herself and Andy Campbell.

Andy Campbell discusses the letter written by himself and Anna Vrska; comments on the drainage issue from the rain; and talks about a potential orienteering event at the Park. Kim Hendricks responds to the comments about the letter and social media.

Sandra Genis thanks City staff for their work.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

Cynthia D'Agosta informs the committee that there has been no progression on the Capital Improvement Projects; and states she is in conversations with OCTA for adjusting the grant provided for the Placentia Ave. connector trails.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Vice Chair Andy Campbell.

Next Regular Meeting: February 13, 2019 at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.