

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair Andy Campbell called meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**a. Members Present:** Vice Chair Andy Campbell, Larry Courter, Kim Hendricks, Alex Reich, Alternate Cynthia McDonald

**b. Members Absent:** Chair Anna Vrska, Cindy Black, Steve Smith, Alternate Bill McCarty

**c. Liaisons Present:** Council Liaison Arlis Reynolds

**d. Liaisons Absent:** Parks & Recreation Commissioner Chair Liz McNabb

**3. APPROVAL December 12, 2018 Regular Minutes** – Alex Reich motions to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Courter; passed unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**5. FAIRVIEW PARK ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES**

**a. Park Management and Maintenance**

Cynthia D'Agosta presents a powerpoint on bluff erosion; regulatory approval, status, and design for emergency and future bluff restoration; current vernal pool status; cattail removal in wetlands; homeless encampments; off-road vehicle damage in OCME parking lot; replacement of fence posts; private usage of the Park; examples of fencing and educational signage from local nature parks; educational events at the Park. Discussion over bluff restoration, Measure AA's impact on immediate maintenance issues, and signage in the Park was ensued by the committee.

**b. Master Plan Amendment Process**

Cynthia D'Agosta states that she looked over the overall mission vision and rewrote the executive summary for the master plan. She requests that committee members look over the revised executive summary and provide feedback for the next meeting. She states that once an agreement for the executive summary can be made, then the committee can go back to reviewing their assigned master plan sections.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Vote to approve Sub-Committee Draft Fish Fry letter, and**

Kim Hendricks presents a powerpoint on the importance of the Park's nature resources. The committee discusses the sub-committee's draft Fish Fry letter. The committee decides to shorten the length of the letter using the same verbiage as the first draft. Alex Reich motions to approve the sub-committee draft Fish Fry letter and submit to City Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Courter. Motion passes 3-1; Kim Hendricks voting no.

**b. Vote to submit to City Council**

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Item 6b. voted on in 6a.

**c. Recommended City Council acceptance of State Grant and required deed restriction for vernal pool 5,6,7 restorations**

Cynthia D'Agosta explains the committee needs to make a recommendation to City Council on the acceptance of the state grant received for restoration of vernal pool 5,6,7 and the connection to 4. The committee discusses how the funds will be used with previous damage done and the approval of acceptance for the state grant. Alex Reich motions to approve the acceptance of the state grant for restoration of vernal pool 5,6,7 and the connection to 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Campbell; unanimously approved.

**d. Request Committee Special Meeting on March 13, 2019**

Cynthia D'Agosta asks for committee to consider having a special meeting to discuss the project list, grants, and concurrence on the direction taken for Fairview Park. She would also like to go over how the City's change from Public Services to Parks & Community Services is on a budget level. The committee discusses having a special meeting in March and creating a sub-committee about the Park's finances. The committee decides to not have a motion to hold a special meeting in March. Cynthia D'Agosta states she will distribute the information to the steering committee in regards to not having a special meeting and an item on April's meeting will be forming a finances sub-committee.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS and LIAISONS COMMENTS**

Councilmember Arlis Reynolds discusses agenizing the process of staff review in documentation and communication of maintenance projects. She suggests forming a sub-committee to review strategies for enforcement of Park regulations. She recommends staff to establish a work plan for the committee.

Alex Reich asks that the term passive use be utilized in the revisions of the Master Plan. He recommends placing detour signs and maps around temporary fenced areas. He asks for the trails sub-committee to be agenized for the April meeting.

Kim Hendricks requests the USFW email be distrusted to the steering committee. She asks to agenize changing Fairview Park's name to Fairview Nature Park.

Larry Courter thanks the committee for their work to protect the Park. He states he would like to have an environmental center at the Park in the future. He discusses having an interaction with a non-profit organization that supports the Park and City. He states the City needs to obtain grants to fund educational opportunities for teachers at Fairview Park.

Vice Chair Andy Campbell encourages members whose terms are up in April to reapply for the committee. He thanks the committee and staff for their dedication to the Park.

**8. STAFF COMMENTS**

Bart Mejia thanks staff for their work on the emergency bluff restoration project.

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Cynthia D'Agosta thanks Steve Smith and Krissie Bogner for setting up a meeting at NMUSD regarding environmental education at the Park. She discusses the committee seats up for new terms. She states she has provided quarterly updates on the schedule for the committee. She announces that the trails subcommittee will reconvene in the April meeting. She states the City will be holding an event on June 1<sup>st</sup> for National Trails Day. She recognizes ICRE for their continued restoration and education projects at the Park.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.**

**Next Regular Meeting: April, 10 2019 at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.**