

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
APRIL 25, 2019; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair McNabb at 6:05 p.m. on April 25, 2019 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner DeCicco

3. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair McNabb, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Justin Martin, Parks and Community Services Director; Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director; Baltazar Mejia, City Engineer; Arash Rahimian, Senior Engineer; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Cecily Renteria, Assistant Recreation Supervisor; Tracy Habiger, Recreation Coordinator; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the March 28, 2019 Meeting of the PRC**

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Rutherford moves to approve the minutes/Seconded by Commissioner Erickson. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

5. **Public Comments**

Chair McNabb closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair McNabb – Spoke about an upcoming event at the OCC recycling center, attending the Eggcitement event at Tanager Park, the opening of the new Donald Dungan Library on May 24<sup>th</sup>; and encouraged the public to wear sunscreen and to be safe around water.

Commissioner DeCicco – Spoke about the legal review of a resident concern over the Lion Club Fish Fry, and the potential of moving the Fish Fry back to Lions Park.

Commissioner Erickson – Spoke about the Tour de OC bike ride, Happy Feet Running Club, and the Kites and Bites event being held on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Fahy – Spoke about attending the State of the City event, the Wall that Heals' closing ceremony and a pop-up park idea that would include a public/private partnership to activate the space.

Commissioner Rutherford – Spoke about community engagement and encouraged the public to protect the environment and live sustainably.

**7. Consent Calendar**

a) Instructional Class Proposal

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair McNabb moves to approve the Consent Calendar/Seconded by Commissioner DeCicco. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

**8. Presentation**

a) Winter at a Glance

Ms. Cecily Renteria and Ms. Tracy Habiger present.

Chair McNabb asked staff if 'Childs-pace' will continue at the Downtown Recreation Center once the new Donald Dungan Library is open.

**9. Old Business**

No Items

**10. New Business**

a) Proposed Improvements for Lions Park Playground

Mr. Arash Rahimian and Mr. Gary Vasquez present report.

Public Comment:

1. Charlene Ashendorf spoke in favor of the proposed improvements and asked if the restrooms in the designs would be sufficient for the size of the park and if the bike racks would be themed.

Chair McNabb closed Public Comment.

Commissioner Erickson spoke about the outdoor restroom sinks and the proposed play equipment in the design plan; and asked staff to consider replacing the sycamore trees with a tree that doesn't create a safety concern due to the droppings.

Commissioner DeCicco applauded the City for actively seeking community input regarding design and function; spoke about the desire for shade in the public outreach surveys; and asked about the lack of a splash pad.

Commissioner Fahy spoke about how the City is addressing safety concerns, bike racks, Lions Park programming, a potential space for dogs; and asked about the requested removal of 25 trees.

Commissioner Rutherford spoke about the level of engagement in the Spanish survey; asked about tree evaluations and the maintenance costs associated with palm trees; and encouraged the City to meet a 3:1 tree replanting ratio.

Chair McNabb spoke about the suggested tree palette and made replacement recommendations: replacing island poppies with California poppies, adding Cleveland sage to increase native species, replacing non-native grasses for blue fescue, and replacing palm trees in favor of trees that offer a natural shade canopy.

Commissioner Rutherford encouraged the City Council to involve the community in the building of the new playground at Lions Park.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair McNabb moves to approve the proposed improvements for Lions Park playground with the recommendation that the design includes an increased tree count, as close to the City recommended 3:1 ratio as possible and that specific commissioner recommendations are taken into account/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

b) Review of Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 through 2024-2025

Mr. Raja Sethuraman and Mr. Baltazar Mejia present.

Commissioner Fahy asked how to submit a maintenance request.

Chair McNabb asked what the current timeline is for the improvements at Shalimar Park.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification regarding the intended ground material at Jordan Park.

Commissioner Erickson asked about remediation at Fairview Park and ADA accessibility at Victoria Park.

Chair McNabb asked how the Victoria Street Trail project will increase park acreage.

Commissioner Rutherford spoke about maintenance concerns regarding the Victoria Street Trail, asked staff if there was a possibility for community involvement in the building of improvements at Shalimar and Jordan parks, and if there was a possibility of expanding Shalimar Park.

Commissioner DeCicco asked about the fencing materials used at Fairview Park around the vernal pools.

Chair McNabb asked for clarification regarding new access points at Fairview Park.

Commissioner Fahy asked for clarification regarding the draining of TeWinkle Park lakes.

Commissioner Rutherford asked if more signage could be added at TeWinkle Park lakes.

Commissioner DeCicco asked how the Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan relates to the priority of the proposed CIP projects.

Commissioner Erickson spoke about the benefit of the newly opened homeless shelter on City parks and asked staff about the timeline of the Jack Hammett Sports Complex project.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Erickson moves to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), as recommended by staff, as it relates to parkway and median improvements, curbs and sidewalks, park maintenance and park development /Seconded by Commissioner Fahy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair McNabb moves to approve the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it pertains to the categories of parks, and parkway and median improvements with the recommendation that the City Council prioritize two plans that are inclusive of the top five goals of the Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

**11. Maintenance Manager's Report**

Removed from the agenda.

**12. Parks and Community Services Director's Report**

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Chair McNabb asked about the enrollment status of the LEAP program and requested a future update regarding the bridge shelter.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair McNabb at 8:29 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission  
is on Thursday, May 23, 2019**



Prepared by Allison Burch  
PRC Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin  
Parks and Community Services Director