

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MAY 23, 2019; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair McNabb at 6:02 p.m. on May 23, 2019 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair McNabb

3. **Roll Call**

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

Absent: Commissioner Fahy

Staff Present: Yvette Aguilar, Acting Parks & Community Services Director; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Cynthia D'Agosta, Fairview Park Administrator; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 25, 2019 Meeting of the PACS Commission**

Commissioner Rutherford requested to amend last month's meeting minutes.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair McNabb moves to approve the minutes as amended/Seconded by Commissioner Erickson. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 4-0-1

5. **Public Comments**

None.

Chair McNabb closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair McNabb – Spoke about Love Costa Mesa Day and thanked Trellis, Rose Equities, volunteers and staff for participating; and spoke about the Spring Bark Bash event at the Costa Mesa Bark Park and the great partnership with Priceless Pet Rescue (PPR), held on May 11th.

Commissioner DeCicco – Spoke about the new Donald Dungan Library Ribbon Cutting event, and the renaming of a NMUSD field: Keith Frainie Field.

Commissioner Erickson – Spoke about the upcoming Kites and Bites event on June 7th, and the interactive paper plane making demonstration presented by the Harbor Soaring Society at the Imaginology event hosted by the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Rutherford – Thanked the public for their emails regarding item 10a; spoke about the Bridge Shelter success stories posted on social media, and Municipal Code No. 12-53 (a), regarding park permits.

7. Consent Calendar

No items

8. Presentation

a) Parks & Community Services Summer 2019 Programs & Services Preview

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

Chair McNabb thanked staff for the wide array of programming and events offered to the community.

Commissioner Erickson asked for clarification on the age requirements for the Happy Feet Running Club.

9. Old Business

No Items

10. New Business

a) Approval of the New Use Agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society for the Use of a Portion of Fairview Park

Ms. Cynthia D'Agosta presents report.

Public Comment:

1. John Anderson, General Director of the Harbor Soaring Society, spoke in favor of the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; and emphasized partnership and values between the City and HSS, education and recreation of model aircrafts, and acting as support and providing services to the City.
2. Henry Smith, Vice President of the Harbor Soaring Society, spoke in favor of the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; and emphasized the importance of teaching youth aviation, and looking for an agreement that is mutually beneficial for the City and HSS.
3. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa resident, spoke against the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; and spoke about not needing radio-controlled

aircrafts in Fairview Park, AMA safety codes, planes flying into vernal pools and flying too low.

4. Justin Tam, high school junior, spoke in favor of the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; spoke about model aircrafts as a hobby that leads to recreation outside and eases anxiety.
5. Norma Tam, parent of HSS member, spoke in favor of the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; and spoke about the importance of the hobby to her son, and the focus on safety in training before flying at the park.
6. Dave Meriwether, Assistant Vice President of District 10 of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, spoke in favor of the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; and emphasized that the AMA provides insurance to most permitted flyers, and that the planes coexist with the birds at FVP.
7. John Rittenhouse, Costa Mesa resident & President of the Harbor Soaring Society, spoke in favor of the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; and emphasized his desire to look for a mutually beneficial solution for the City and HSS.
8. P. Eastman, member of Sea and Sage Audubon Society, spoke in favor of the staff recommended, one-year use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society; and emphasized the need to study and understand the impacts of model aircrafts on the wildlife at FVP.

Chair McNabb closed Public Comment.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification on the 250 ft. fly-over area from the public.

Commissioner Rutherford asked about the dates and impact of the studies provided by Mr. Meriwether.

Commissioner Erickson commented that previous studies provided by the public and the Audubon Society are helpful, but studies specific to Fairview Park are preferred.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification on the recommendation process to City Council.

Chair McNabb asked staff if the City is responsible to find a new site for HSS, if the study period determines that Fairview Park is not a compatible use; and spoke about wanting to encourage all non-permitted users to join the Harbor Soaring Society to increase their interest in becoming good stewards of the park.

Commissioner Rutherford asked how the City will measure compliance with Measure AA during this process, and if there will be a CEQA review; asked why permitted use is declining;

commented on the importance of youth engagement; and declared his support for the staff recommendation.

Commissioner DeCicco asked if there will be grating of the site in the one-year study period, and how the City will address non-permitted use in a new agreement.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Erickson moves to approve the staff recommended one-year new use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society for the use of a portion of Fairview Park/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Rutherford
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Fahy
Motion Carried: 4-0-1

11. Maintenance Project Updates

Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

12. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

Chair McNabb thanked staff for the many offerings presented to the community.

Commissioner Erickson asked for information regarding citations related to not having a bicycle license, and if bicycle licenses could be available at community events.

Commissioner Rutherford asked about the municipal code as it relates to bicycles not being locked to designated bicycle racks.

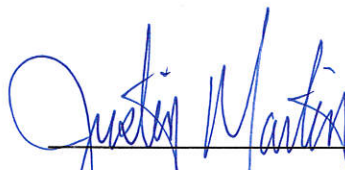
13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair McNabb at 7:30 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission
is on Thursday, June 27, 2019**



Prepared by Allison Burch
PRC Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Parks and Community Services Director