

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 2019; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair McNabb at 6:04 p.m. on June 27, 2019 in the Costa Mesa Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Rutherford
3. **Administration of Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Parks, Arts & Community Services Commissioners**
4. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Absent: Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy

Staff Present: Justin Martin, Parks & Community Services Director; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Stacy Lumley, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Ashley Thomas, Recreation Supervisor; Jim Ortiz, Maintenance Superintendent; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 23, 2019 Meeting of the PACS Commission**

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

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

6. **Public Comments**

None.

Chair McNabb closed Public Comments.

7. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair McNabb – Spoke about new events being held on the recently developed event lawn at Lions Park and encouraged the public to attend the Pack Walk at TeWinkle Park on June 29, the City's Independence Day event on July 3rd and the Orange County Fair in July and August.

Commissioner Ashendorf – Introduced herself, spoke about her background and new activities at Lions Park and the Senior Center, and congratulated the CMTV team for recent awards.

Commissioner DeCicco – Encouraged the public to use and enjoy the new Donald Dungan Library and City parks during the summer season, and spoke about the Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park series.

Commissioner Frager – Introduced herself, spoke about her background and expressed her desire to serve.

Commissioner Rutherford – Spoke about his excitement regarding the new Commissioners, the Network for Homeless Solutions (NHS) team, and the new Donald Dungan Library.

8. Consent Calendar

a) Instructional Class Proposals

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Rutherford moves to approve the Consent Calendar/Seconded by Commissioner Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

9. Presentation

a) Bridge Shelter Update

Ms. Stacy Lumley presents.

Chair McNabb thanked staff.

Commissioner Ashendorf thanked staff for the update and informed staff that the recent NHS staff presence, information and services have greatly impacted the Senior Center in a positive manner; and asked for clarification regarding donations.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification regarding the average stay of shelter clients, barriers to finding housing, and vocational training opportunities and job training.

Commissioner Rutherford asked if there is a wait list for the shelter, and for clarification on the Cal Optima vs Point In Time Count numbers (homeless residents in the County) and the total of people that are currently housed at the shelter.

Chair McNabb asked for clarification regarding the donation list high priority items and asked if laundry services are on site.

10. Old Business

No Items

11. New Business

a) Tree Removal Request – 1275 Bristol Street

Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

Public Comment:

1. Donn Lamb, Fletcher Jones Motor Cars representative, spoke in favor of the tree removal.

Chair McNabb closed public comment.

Commissioner Rutherford asked for clarification regarding the letter of support from Diamond Star Associates, the health of the existing trees and the proposed location of the new trees.

Commissioner Rutherford asked for clarification on the reasoning behind wanting to renovate/relocate the existing sidewalk.

Commissioner DeCicco thanked the tree removal applicant; counted over 100 trees being added in the property plans, but spoke to his concern of removing a public resource in place of a private resource; asked if the dealership will be taking into account the walkability and bikeability in regards to the maintenance of the trees, and asked about the intended tenure of the dealership at this specific location.

Commissioner Rutherford asked if there would be a financial burden associated with keeping the sidewalk 'as-is' and stated that he believes the trees should be trimmed, not removed.

Chair McNabb asked for clarification regarding the health of the trees proposed to be removed.

Commissioner Rutherford asked for clarification regarding the summary of the trees' health.

Commissioner Rutherford motioned to deny the tree removal – motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair McNabb moves to approve the tree removal request as a Category 2 removal/Seconded by Commissioner DeCicco. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Frager

Nays: Commissioner Rutherford

Absent: Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 4-1-2

b) Arts & Culture Master Plan

Ms. Ashley Thomas and Mr. Richard Stein present.

Chair McNabb thanked staff and Mr. Stein and spoke about working to invest more in the community as it pertains to art.

Commissioner Ashendorf spoke about serving on the Cultural Arts Committee and the subcommittee for the Master Plan, the importance of stakeholders and their buy-in for the future of Costa Mesa as a hub of the arts, and the joys of the participation of the Hispanic and youth communities.

Commissioner Rutherford seconded Commissioner Ashendorf's previous statements and spoke about UCI's school of the arts and including them moving forward, and grant opportunities for the City.

Commissioner Frager spoke about the amount of grant opportunities and asked for clarification on the topic of art as a luxury vs basic human need, according to stakeholder meetings.

Commissioner DeCicco thanked Mr. Stein and agreed with the adoption of the Master Plan – as Costa Mesa is the "City of the Arts"; asked for clarification about Goal #1 – how it is realized throughout Fiscal Years, Goal #2 – funding for pieces that would come and go, how the number of concerts was formulated, and the hiring of a professional arts specialist.

Chair McNabb spoke about the new County Art museum being built in the City of Costa Mesa and The Segerstrom Center for the Arts Annual Meeting on July 11th.

Public Comment:

- 1) Linda Rust spoke about Segerstrom Center for the Arts as a resource, but that it may not be affordable for all, public art being accessible to all, and the Pacific Symphony Arts Express program.

Chair McNabb closed Public Comment.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Ashendorf moves to recommend that City Council approve and adopt the Arts & Culture Master Plan/Seconded by Commissioner Frager. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

12. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents.

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

Commissioner Ashendorf asked how often the Mobile Recreation van visits Lions Park, if the PACS Commission would be receiving an artist showcase presentation in the future, and if the Park Ranger report was compiled separately or together.

Commissioner DeCicco asked how program pricing was determined and recommended a donation opportunity at registration.

Commissioner Rutherford asked about bicycle licenses and would like to see comparison numbers from the Park Ranger report.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification regarding the municipal code amendment process.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair McNabb at 8:31 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission
is on Thursday, July 25, 2019**



Prepared by Allison Burch
PRC Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Parks and Community Services Director