

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
JULY 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 6:01 p.m. on July 25, 2019 in the Costa Mesa Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

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

3. **Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Justin Martin, Parks & Community Services Director; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Brenda Green, City Clerk, Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 27, 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 Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstained:** Commissioner Erickson

**Motion Carried:** 6-0-1

5. **Public Comments**

None.

Chair McNabb closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair McNabb – Welcomed new City Manager, Lori Ann Farrell Harrison to the City and the LA Chargers back to Jack Hammett Sports Complex; thanked Commissioner Ashendorf for representing the Commission at the SMART Camp presentation; encouraged the public to attend the last Concert in the Park event and thanked the Costa Mesa Foundation for a wonderful 2019 Concert in the Park series.

Commissioner Ashendorf – Spoke about attending the SMART Camp presentation and Senior Center events, including the inter-generational spelling bee and the annual luau; asked the

public to save the date (August 31, 2019 – 9am – First Methodist Church) for the ‘United to End Homelessness’ event that will be unveiling a new mural.

Commissioner DeCicco – Encouraged the public to use and enjoy City parks and outdoor community events such as the Concerts in the Park series, Chargers Training Camp and the Orange County Fair.

Commissioner Erickson – Spoke about playing disc golf on the Lions Park Event Lawn, bike rides with Council Member Reynolds, and dogs off leash in parks.

Commissioner Fahy – Spoke about the Orange County Fair and the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day Celebration and encouraged the public to walk to events, when possible.

Commissioner Frager – Spoke about the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Independence Day event, Costa Mesa Day at the Orange County Fair, the performance at the Pacific Symphony by NMUSD students, Concerts in the Park and the free concert series hosted by the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

Commissioner Rutherford – Spoke about volunteering at the Orange County Fair, thanked Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris for securing funding for Lions Park, and thanked staff for the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Independence Day Celebration.

**7. Consent Calendar**

- a) Donation of Bench, Tree and Plaque at TeWinkle Park
- b) Donation of Bench and Plaque at Smallwood Park

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

**8. Old Business**

No Items

**9. New Business**

- a) Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission Election of a Chair and Vice Chair, Assignment of Park District Representatives and Liaison Appointments

Mr. Justin Martin presents on the history and necessity of a Chair and Vice Chair and that any changes will become effective after all items in the recommendations are addressed.

City Clerk, Brenda Green, opened the nominations for Chair.

Chair McNabb nominated Commissioner Erickson for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Fahy.

Ms. Green asked for any other nominations, seeing none, closed nominations for Chair.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair McNabb moves to nominate Commissioner Erickson as Chair of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission/Seconded by Commissioner Fahy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

City Clerk, Brenda Green, opened the nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner DeCicco nominated himself for Vice Chair, without a second, the motion failed.

Commissioner Erickson nominated Chair McNabb for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Fahy.

Ms. Green asked for any other nominations, seeing none, closed nominations for Vice Chair.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Erickson moves to nominate Chair McNabb as Vice Chair of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission/Seconded by Commissioner Fahy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: Commissioner DeCicco

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 6-1

Mr. Justin Martin presents on the City Council appointed liaisons to the Senior Center and to arts and culture related items.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair McNabb moves to confirm the appointment of liaisons to the Senior Center (Commissioner Ashendorf) and arts and culture related items (Commissioner Frager)/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

Mr. Justin Martin presents on the history and necessity of Park District Representatives.

Commissioner DeCicco expressed interest in Park District 1.

Commissioner Erickson expressed interest in Park District 2.

Commissioner Fahy expressed interest in Park District 3.

Chair McNabb expressed interest in Park District 4.

Commissioner Rutherford expressed interest in Park District 5.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner DeCicco moves to assign Commissioner DeCicco as representative to Park District 1, Commissioner Erickson as representative to Park District 2, Commissioner Fahy as representative to Park District 3, Chair McNabb as representative to Park District 4, and Commissioner Rutherford as representative to Park District 5/Seconded by Commissioner Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

Mr. Justin Martin presents on the history and necessity of specialized liaisons.

Commissioner Ashendorf expressed interest in the liaison role to the Newport Mesa Unified School District.

Commissioner DeCicco expressed interest in the liaison alternate role to the Newport Mesa Unified School District.

Commissioner Erickson expressed interest in the liaison role to the Fairview Park Steering Committee.

Commissioner DeCicco expressed interest in the liaison alternate role to the Fairview Park Steering Committee.

Commissioner Fahy expressed interest in the liaison role to the Costa Mesa Skate Park.

Commissioner Rutherford expressed interest in the liaison alternate role to the Costa Mesa Skate Park.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Ashendorf moves to appoint Commissioner Ashendorf as the liaison to the NMUSD, Commissioner DeCicco as the liaison alternate to the NMUSD, Commissioner Erickson as the liaison to the Fairview Park Steering Committee, Commissioner DeCicco as the liaison alternate to the Fairview Park Steering Committee, Commissioner Fahy as the liaison to the Costa Mesa Skate Park, and Commissioner Rutherford as the liaison alternate to the Costa Mesa Skate Park/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

b) Draft Cooperative Agreement Between the County of Orange and the City of Costa Mesa for Funding, Design, Construction and Maintenance of the Santa Ana Avenue and University Drive Drainage and Pavement Improvements, Resulting in a New Multi-Benefit Park Space

Mr. Justin Martin & Ms. Melissa Pasa present.

Commissioner Frager recused herself.

Commission DeCicco spoke about the community outreach effort, the accessibility of the proposed park space; and asked for clarification regarding the new no parking zone.

Commissioner Fahy spoke about the community outreach effort, the accessibility of the proposed park space, the great example the proposed park is setting by adding additional recreational space in small areas; asked for clarification regarding the closest neighbors to the proposed project, park hours, animals on leash; and requested the project use as much greenery as possible.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked if the project could include painted crosswalks that incorporate art.

Commissioner Rutherford seconded Commissioner Ashendorf's request, and asked for clarification regarding the shade structure location.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification regarding the cost of maintenance and the benefit to Costa Mesa to maintain the park.

Chair Erickson opened Public Comment.

1. Speaker, Newport Beach, spoke about a safety concern regarding the metal fencing.
2. Lee Wence, spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comment.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner DeCicco moves to recommend the approval of a new multi-benefit park space to City Council /Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Recused: Commissioner Frager  
Motion Carried: 6-0-1

**10. Maintenance Manager's Report**

Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification regarding the capabilities and functions of the new recycle bins and if there is a protective coating that could be applied to ground to decrease the need for pressure washing.

Commissioner Fahy thanked staff for posting signage related to the Orange County Fair; and reminded the public that parking availability has changed in nearby residential neighborhoods – police will be ticketing if parked illegally.

Vice Chair McNabb asked if there would be an opening ceremony for the musical instruments that will be installed outside of the Mesa Verde Library.

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

Mr. Justin Martin presents.

Commissioner Ashendorf spoke about SMART Camp and Senior Center programming; and thanked Senior Center staff.

Commissioner Rutherford asked for more information regarding citations issued at City parks.

Commissioner DeCicco thanked staff for the activation of the Lions Park Event Lawn.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 7:35 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission  
is on Thursday, August 22, 2019**



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Prepared by Allison Burch  
PACS Commission Secretary



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Submitted by Yvette Aguilar  
Acting Parks and Community Services Director