

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 2019; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 6:02 p.m. on August 22, 2019 in the Costa Mesa Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

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

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Erickson, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Frager

Staff Present: Yvette Aguilar, Acting Parks & Community Services Director; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Clint Dieball, Police Sergeant; William Lund, Assistant Recreation Supervisor; Paul Nguyen, Recreation Coordinator; Enyelber Franco, Recreation Coordinator; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Frager

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

5. **Public Comments**

1. Flo Martin, spoke about Wilson Park lacking picnic tables and benches.

2. Hank Castignetti, thanked City staff for their quick response to graffiti issues in Fairview Park.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair Erickson – Spoke about the upcoming ARTventure event taking place at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts on September 6th and 7th and the Mesa Water District open houses and listening tours.

Commissioner Ashendorf – Spoke about the last Art Walk, the Costa Mesa Senior Center's upcoming tour of the Museum of Women in Irvine and the Christ Cathedral's Sistine Chapel exhibit in Garden Grove, Active Aging Week at the Senior Center starting September 23rd, Cookbook Fest on September 12th, and ARTventure on September 6th-7th.

Commissioner DeCicco – Spoke about wanting to find more artistic ways to promote the City's motto and support local art.

Commissioner Fahy – Thanked City staff for repainting crosswalks before school started and encouraged the City to consider adding more art into local crosswalks; spoke about Walk to School Day on October 2nd; requested to hear more information on upcoming Skate Park improvements, Lions Park design and remodel.

Commissioner Rutherford – Congratulated staff on recent promotions; agreed with Commissioner Fahy about wanting to hear more about Lions Park and Commissioner DeCicco about wanting to see more art throughout the City.

7. Consent Calendar

a) Instructional Class Proposals

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Frager

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

8. Presentations

a) Park Ranger Update

Sergeant Dieball presents.

Commissioner Fahy inquired about the best way to educate the community.

Commissioner Ashendorf requested clarification between incidents and citations, and inquired about the frequency of issues at Lions Park.

Commissioner Rutherford inquired about the process of enforcement related to large groups in parks, and absence of bicycle licenses.

Commissioner DeCicco spoke about appreciating using education as a tool, instead of immediately writing citations; inquired about opportunities to offer more education related to bike licenses, bike racks at parks, and the importance of municipal code 12:53a (referring to groups of 10+ in parks).

Commissioner Rutherford spoke about a public records request he submitted.

b) Spring at a Glance

Mr. William Lund and Mr. Paul Nguyen present.

Commissioner Fahy requested an update on the Arts & Culture Master Plan.

Commissioner DeCicco requested information on how classes and programs are assessed for continued scheduling; inquired about low/no cost programs and if there is a donation option.

c) Biannual Transportation Update

Mr. Enyelber Franco presents.

Chair Erickson inquired about the minimum age for the transportation program.

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired about interest levels in Uber and Lyft transportation options for seniors.

Commissioner DeCicco inquired about the criteria necessary for riders to utilize the program, the grant received to fund the program, the cancellation policy, and ADA accessible vans.

Commissioner Rutherford congratulated staff on their hard work to ensure the success of the program; spoke about the trend of alternative transportation; and inquired if there was the possibility of integrating program scheduling with the MyCostaMesa App.

Commissioner Fahy spoke about the program being a critical service for the City; encouraged staff to be proactive to integrate technology with the senior population; and thanked staff for not including cancellation fees into the program.

9. Old Business

No items

10. New Business

a) Tree Removal Request – 980 Presidio Drive

Mr. Bruce Lindemann and Mr. Jim Ortiz present.

Commissioner Rutherford inquired if the tree presents a “health and safety” risk.

Public Comment:

1: DeAnn Bertella, tree removal request applicant, spoke in favor of the tree removal.

Commissioner Fahy inquired about the source of the property damage, other options to resolve the damage while still saving the tree, and if the tree can be removed and replanted.

Commissioner DeCicco spoke about being conflicted; asked the applicant if there was an intent to repair the property damage; asked staff if there was a solution to stop the roots from growing toward the applicant's property, and if there would still be root activity after the tree were removed.

Discussion regarding barrier panels and root growth ensued.

Commissioner Rutherford spoke about being conflicted; and asked staff who would pay for the barrier panels and retaining wall, if the Commission decided to vote toward that action.

Commissioner DeCicco asked the applicant if there are concerns with the aforementioned barrier panels; and asked staff how long the root barrier would be.

Commissioner Fahy asked staff how quickly roots grow; and asked the applicant if any outside experts were consulted to verify that the damage occurred due to the tree growth.

Chair Erickson asked staff how many more years of growth the tree still has.

Commissioner DeCicco asked staff if they would inspect the roots as specific increments to check on root growth past any barrier panels.

Commissioner Ashendof asked staff what the estimated cost for a root barrier would be.

Commissioner Rutherford asked staff if there would be new planting if the root barrier was installed, and which of the discussed options would be cheaper.

Commissioner Fahy asked staff if a new tree would be replanted in the same location, if the existing tree were removed.

Commissioner DeCiccio asked staff about the watering responsibilities of the tree and about the distance between the tree and the fence.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner DeCicco inquired about the actual property line compared to the position of the fence.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Rutherford moves to direct the applicant to work with City staff to confirm the property line of the City and the applicant, bringing the tree removal request back to Commission if needed/Seconded by Commissioner DeCicco. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Frager

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

11. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

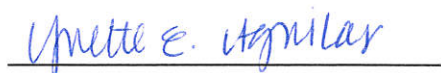
12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 8:10 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission
is on Thursday, September 26, 2019**



Prepared by Allison Burch
PACS Commission Secretary



Submitted by Yvette E. Aguilar
Acting Parks and Community Services Director