

THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
AMENDED
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
November 21, 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 November 21, 2019 in the Costa Mesa Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

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

3. **Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Yvette Aguilar, Acting Parks & Community Services Director; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Marianna Pena, Assistant Recreation Supervisor; Kevin Stoddart, Recreation Coordinator; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the October 24, 2019 Meeting of the PACS Commission**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

5. **Public Comments**

1. Amy Senger, Costa Mesa resident, spoke about wanting to see new projects for Brentwood Park added to the CIP plans.

2. Rebecca Sole, Costa Mesa resident, spoke about Brentwood park, and her concern regarding seating.

3. Speaker, spoke about Brentwood park and asked for equipment improvements.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair Erickson – Spoke about recent complaints in Newport Beach regarding off-leash dogs, and promoted the cyclo-cross event taking place in Balearic Park on Sunday, November 24th.

Vice Chair McNabb – Attended the art show at the Women's Club, reflected on the past year and thanked staff for creating community especially, around the new library and Lions Park Event Lawn.

Commissioner Ashendorf – Attended the annual trick or treat multi-generational event, the Monster Mash senior event, and the Mary Poppins performance by the Arts and Learning Conservatory all at the Senior Center; promoted the artist reception for local artist Kevin Moran on November 25th and Hanukkah festivities on December 23rd at the Senior Center.

Commissioner DeCicco – Thanked City staff for an upcoming city-wide streetscape review; requested a comparison study on statistics regarding disturbances at Brentwood park before and after the installation of the park bench; and inquired on the process of adding more swings and seating to Brentwood Park.

Commissioner Fahy – Thanked the public commenters and encouraged them to pay attention to the budget planning process, and highlighted volunteer opportunities at the City's Bridge Shelter.

Commissioner Frager – spoke about inviting local vocalist to future City Council meetings in order to highlight local talent during the National Anthem; invited the public to the Pacific Choral's academy concert on December 5th, 10th & 16th; and visited new local business, Moon Goat Coffee.

Commissioner Rutherford – Congratulated the City for winning the Leadership in Public Service Award at the OC Business Council Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Gala; spoke about working with the EQ office to activate the SoBeca area and include public art; encouraged the City to activate Brentwood and Wilson parks to create a safer community; and thanked Cottie Petrie-Norris for presenting the City with a check for the Lions Park playground.

7. Consent Calendar

No items

8. Presentation

Summer at a Glance

Ms. Marianna Pena and Mr. Kevin Stoddart present.

Chair Erickson asked staff if any community interest in outdoor pickleball courts has been recorded.

Commissioner DeCicco asked staff if there was a way for the community to donate to recreational programming/field and facility upgrades.

9. Old Business

No items

10. New Business

a) Tree Removal Request – 468 Ogle Street
Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

Public Comment:

1. Ryan Rowe, applicant, spoke in favor of the tree removal.

Chair Ericson closed Public Comment.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification regarding the applicant's major concerns.

Commissioner Rutherford stated that the condition of the sidewalk is better than the neighborhood in which he grew up.

Commissioner DeCicco asked staff if there are options, beyond removing the tree, that would address the applicant's concerns.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Erickson asked the applicant if he was aware of the potential costs of removing the tree.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked for clarification regarding the applicant's neighbor's trees.

Commissioner Rutherford spoke about preventative measures to preserve the tree.

Commissioner DeCicco made a motion to continue the item if a root trim, fruit suppression and sidewalk panel replacement did not correct the applicant's concerns.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rutherford asked for clarification regarding the motion and staff recommendation.

Commissioner Fahy asked for clarification regarding the timeline of the application being brought back to Commission.

Commissioner Rutherford asked if Commissioner DeCicco would amend his motion to reflect the staff recommendation – Commissioner DeCicco agreed.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner DeCicco moves to deny the tree removal request and direct staff to work with the tree removal applicant/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Chair Erickson, Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 5-2

11. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 7:33 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission
is on Thursday, January 23, 2020**



Prepared by Allison Burch
PACS Commission Secretary



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