

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**March 23, 2011**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

**1. Call to Order: Commissioner Kim Pederson**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews**

**3. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:            Commissioner Dean Abernathy  
   Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews  
   Commissioner Kim Pederson  
   Commissioner Ethan Temianka  
   Commissioner Dan Vozenilek

Commissioners Absent:            None.

Officials Present:                    Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services  
   Mr. Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services  
   Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager  
   Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
   Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

**4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Mr. Naghavi presented the report.

Public comment was requested by Commissioner Kim Pederson. No public comments were received.

Commissioner Kim Pederson requested for nominations by the Commission for the Chairman position.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to approve the nomination of Jeff R. Mathews for the position of Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews declared the position of Vice Chairman vacant.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews requested for nominations by the Commission for the Vice Chairman position.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to approve the nomination of Kim Pederson for the position of Vice Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2011 Meeting**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

6. **Oral Communications**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

7. **Consent Calendar**

No items.

8. **Public Hearing**

No items.

9. **Old Business**

9a. **Tree Removal Request – 354 Flower Street**

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and carried five to zero, to continue this item to the May Commission meeting.**

10. **New Business**

10a. **Condition of City Parks**

Mr. Hartley presented the report.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson thanked staff for the report. He also encouraged the new members of the Commission to tour the City parks.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka said that Mr. Hartley did a great job on the report. Commissioner Ethan Temianka also stated that he would like to take part in future park tours.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson requested that staff agendaize a park tour item for the next Commission meeting.

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to receive and file the report.**

10b. **New Guard Start Aqua Camp Class and Fee Proposals**

The report was presented by Ms. McPherson.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Ms. McPherson occurred on the materials used and on whether or not there are scheduled field trips for the program.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson ensued on the attendance for the Aquatics Camp.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and carried five to zero, to approve the proposed Guard Start Aqua Camp program and fee of \$40 per session, per participant.**

**10c. Field Group 1 User Fees**

Ms. McPherson presented the report.

Public Comment:

Martin H. Millard  
Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Millard voiced his concerns to the Commission. He believes that Group 1 organizations should be charged a fair fee.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Ms. McPherson took place on the process to verify residency for each participant.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson occurred on whether or not surrounding cities charge a fee, to offset the cost of field maintenance, for Group 1 users or for all user groups.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson requested that staff schedule a study session and invite representatives from each user groups to discuss implementing a fee to offset the field maintenance cost.

Discussion between Commissioner Dean Abernathy and Ms. McPherson ensued on a dollar amount to suggest at the study session.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Naghavi took place on whether or not to invite all user groups to the study session.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Ms. McPherson occurred on the youth organizations in attendance at the regular meeting of the Youth Sports Council.

Discussion among Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, and Commissioner Ethan Temianka ensued on Commission representation at the Youth Sports Council meeting.

**Chairman Jeff R. Mathews requested for a study session for the third Wednesday in April (April 20, 2011) to meet with all the Field User Groups to discuss the following items:**

- 1. Group 1 User Fees**
- 2. To establish a field maintenance fee for all user groups**

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews also suggested that one or two Commissioners also invite members of the Youth Sports Council to attend the study session.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson said that he would like to invite all the user groups and representatives from Costa Mesa United to the study session.

Discussion between Commissioner Dean Abernathy and Mr. Naghavi took place on a recommended dollar amount for discussion at the study session.

**10d. Review of Committee Assignments**

The report was presented by Mr. Naghavi.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to appoint Commissioner Dan Vozenilek to the City/School District Liaison Committee.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to appoint Commissioner Dean Abernathy as the alternate to the City/School District Liaison Committee.**

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to appoint Commissioner Ethan Temianka to the Skate Park Committee.**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Dean Abernathy and carried five to zero, to appoint Chairman Jeff R. Mathews as the alternate to the Skate Park Committee.**

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to appoint Commissioner Dean Abernathy to the Joint Field Use Master Plan Task Force.**

**Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to appoint Commissioner Ethan Temianka as the alternate for the Joint Field Use Master Plan Task Force.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to appoint both Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Commissioner Dan Vozenilek to the Homeless Task Force.**

**10e. Commission Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Naghavi made a brief statement on prior Commission meeting schedules.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews said that he personally favors to hold monthly meetings. He continued to state that he hopes that the Commission will take on additional tasks.

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to receive and file this item.**

**11. Parks Project Manager's Report**

Mr. Mejia made a power point presentation on the following:

- Fairview Park Projects
- Brentwood Park
- Joann Street Bike Trail
- Lions Park (Davis Field) - Replace Ball Field Lighting System

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Mejia occurred on the feasibility of installing additional netting at Davis Field.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Mejia ensued on whether or not personalized golf balls may be retrieved from the Joann Street Bike Trail.

**12. Commissioner's Comments**

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews welcomed Commissioners Dan Vozenilek, Dean Abernathy, and Ethan Temianka, and said that he looks forward to working with them in the months and years to come, as well as to continue working with Vice Chairman Kim Pederson.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews stated his support for City Council as they continue to tackle a very difficult budget situation.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek had no comments.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson congratulated the new members of the Commission, and said that he looks forward to working with them.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson sent a heartfelt condolence to the Pham family and for staff on the recent tragedy.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy said that he appreciates the reports from staff. He continued to state that current projects can be integrated in the reports, and he hopes that staff is also considering a long term view for projects. Commissioner Dean Abernathy said that he believes a long range vision will help parks connect with each other for the residents to have a better place to recreate in Costa Mesa.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka acknowledged everyone's welcoming remarks to the Commission. He also thanked staff.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka said a few of his goals while on the Commission is to focus on planting and/or replacing trees in the City, and to increase communication with the Youth Sports Council and other user groups.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **7:05 p.m.** to the scheduled study session on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and then to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall.

Submitted by:

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**PETER NAGHAVI**  
Director of Public Services