

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

May 25, 2011

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Jeff R. Mathews

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Kim Pederson

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Jeff R. Mathews
 Vice Chairman Kim Pederson
 Commissioner Ethan Temianka
 Commissioner Dan Vozenilek

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Dean Abernathy

Officials Present: Ms. Tamara S. Letourneau, Interim Administrative Services Director
 Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
 Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
 Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor
 Mr. Robby Waite, Assistant Recreation Supervisor

4. Approval of the Minutes of the March 23, 2011 Meeting

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Oral Communications

Public Comment:

Colin McCarthy
Chairman, Costa Mesa Planning Commission
Chairman Colin McCarthy addressed the Commission and welcomed the new members. He was hopeful to meet Commissioner Dean Abernathy; however, Commissioner Dean Abernathy was not present at this meeting. Chairman Colin McCarthy thanked the Commissioners for serving the Costa Mesa community, and he said that he looks forward to working with the Parks and Recreation Commission in the future.

6. Consent Calendar

Public Comment:

Hans Drew
President, American Contract Bridge League-Unit 515
Mr. Drew addressed the Commission on agenda item 6a for a tree and memorial plaque donation in honor of Kay Larsen.

6a. Donation of Tree and Memorial Plaque at Tanager Park

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve the request for the donation of a tree and memorial plaque to be installed at Tanager Park.

6b. Donation of Tree, Park Bench and Memorial Plaque at Estancia Park

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to accept the donation of a tree, park bench and memorial plaque to be installed at Estancia Park in Memory of Huy Pham.

7. Public Hearing

No items.

8. Old Business

8a. Tree Removal Request – 354 Flower Street

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a brief presentation of the report.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the City has used the services from this company to transplant trees.

Michael and Carole Stanley
Applicants

Mr. Stanley addressed his concerns to the Commission in regards to his request.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Stanley occurred on whether or not Mr. Stanley knew that the trees were located on City property during the time he purchased the home.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Stanley took place on whether or not removing a few of the trees instead of all eight trees would be agreeable.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Stanley ensued on whether or not paying for the removal and relocation fees for a certain number of trees would be agreed upon.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Stanley occurred on the most problematic trees.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley took place on the trees that are causing root damage to the yard.

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

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley ensued on how often the trees have been trimmed and on the City's tree trimming cycle.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley occurred on the root damage caused by the trees on the street.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley took place on clarifying the cost for a partial tree removal.

Discussion among Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, Commissioner Ethan Temianka, and Mr. Hartley ensued on point of clarification for a motion.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley occurred on the trees under consideration for removal and/or relocation.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to authorize the removal of tree #2, #4, and #7 located at 354 Flower Street, and for the replacement trees with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property for each tree removed. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

The trees must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.

8b. Field User Rental Fee for Group 1 Organizations

The report was presented by Ms. Lisa McPherson.

Public Comments:

1. Ron Anburgey
Resident, Costa Mesa
Board of Directors, Costa Mesa United
Mr. Anburgey voiced his concerns to the Commission. He said, "overall this is the wrong way to do it." Mr. Anburgey believes that there is already a good system in place.
2. John Rubright
Resident, Costa Mesa
Field Permit/Spokesman for AYSO Region 120
Mr. Rubright addressed the Commission. He mentioned that the organization gives back to the community in many different ways.
3. Lantz Bell
Resident, Newport Beach
President, Newport Harbor Baseball Association
Mr. Bell voiced his concerns to the Commission. He is not in support of this item.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to impose a \$15 per hour fee, per field use for Group 1 organizations utilizing lights.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka withdrew his motion.

Public Comments:

1. Sean Patterson
Costa Mesa Pop Warner
Mr. Patterson addressed the Commission on the motion for a \$15 per hour fee. He said that the organization will not be able to afford paying for the additional fees.
2. John Rubright
Resident, Costa Mesa
Field Permit/Spokesman for AYSO Region 120
Mr. Rubright voiced his concerns to the Commission in reference to the motion to impose a \$15 per hour fee for Group 1 organizations. He said that the cost will be passed on to the kids, and he believes that the parents will not be able to afford this additional fee.
3. Ryan Chambers
President, Costa Mesa American Little League
Mr. Chambers addressed the Commission on the motion for implementing a \$15 per hour light fee for Group 1 organizations.

Substitute motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, for staff to bring back the light fee for Group 1 organizations at the July meeting.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson withdrew his substitute motion.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson requested to agendaize the light fee for Group 1 organizations for the July Commission meeting.

Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to receive and file the report.

8c. Field Maintenance Fee for All Group Field Users

Ms. Lisa McPherson presented the report.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley took place on the City's budget for sports park maintenance.

Public Comments:

1. Lantz Bell
President, Newport Harbor Baseball Association
Mr. Bell voiced his concerns to the Commission.
2. Ryan Chambers
President, Costa Mesa American Little League
Mr. Chambers addressed the Commission.
3. John Rubright
Resident, Costa Mesa
Field Permit/Spokesman for AYSO Region 120
Mr. Rubright voiced his concerns to the Commission.
4. Ryan Chambers
President, Costa Mesa American Little League
Costa Mesa Youth Sports Council
Costa Mesa United
Mr. Chambers voiced his concerns to the Commission.
5. Scott Mahaffy
Director, Friday Night Lights
Mr. Mahaffy addressed the Commission.
6. Ron Anburgey
Board of Directors, Costa Mesa United
Mr. Anburgey voiced his concerns to the Commission.
7. Russ Barton
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Barton addressed the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Ms. McPherson ensued on the number of responses received from group organizations.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to receive and file the report.

9. New Business

9a. Request for Group 1 Field User Status - Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights Flag Football

The report was presented by Mr. Robby Waite.

Public Comment:

Scott Mahaffy
Director, Friday Night Lights
Mr. Mahaffy addressed the Commission on the organizations request.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Mahaffy occurred on the number of years the organization has been in operation.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve the request for Friday Night Lights Flag Football for Group 1 field user status and to recommend that City Council grant a waiver of all field rental fees per the Field Use and Allocation Policy.

9b. Newport Mesa Girls Softball Request for Grace Period

Ms. Lisa McPherson presented the report.

Public Comments:

1. Shelly Black

Director of Registration, Newport Mesa Girls Softball (NMGS)

Ms. Black introduced Richard Seapy, NMGS President, Craig Rodewald, NMGS Director of Fields, and Sean Patterson who were also present to answer questions by the Commission. Ms. Black addressed the Commission on the organization's request.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. Black took place on the organization's promotional efforts for membership.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson ensued on the organization's percentage of Costa Mesa residency.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Seapy occurred on the percent of Costa Mesa residents in the organization, on whether or not the organization also use fields at Newport Beach, and on whether or not the organization used fields in Costa Mesa while they were granted a fee waiver.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Rodewald ensued on the organization's current tier schedule with the City of Newport Beach.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Rodewald occurred on the percentage of fields the organization will request to use in Costa Mesa versus Newport Beach.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Seapy took place on whether or not the organization will lose their Group 1 status with Newport Beach should the organization increase their Costa Mesa residency.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Seapy ensued on the organization's philosophy.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Rodewald occurred on whether or not the organization will maintain the fields by giving back to the community.

2. John Rubright

Resident, Costa Mesa

Field Permit/Spokesman for AYSO Region 120

Mr. Rubright addressed the Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried three to one, with Vice Chairman Kim Pederson voting "No" and Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve the Newport Mesa Girls Softball's request and recommend that City Council extend the waiver for a period of two years, which will expire in June 2013, with the contingency that the organization provide the Commission with the appropriate requirements at that time.

Substitute motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, failed one to three with Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, and Commissioner Ethan Temianka voting "No", with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to recommend that City Council extend the waiver for Newport Mesa Girls Softball with a grace period from August 2011 to June 2012.

9c. Review of Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Through 2017-2018

The report was presented by Mr. Bart Mejia.

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

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Mejia took place on the location of the restroom facility at Canyon Park on the 7-Year CIP, as listed on handwritten page 28.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to recommend that the City Council approve:

- 1. The proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it relates to Parkway and Median Improvements, Curbs and Sidewalks, Park Maintenance, and Park Improvements; and,**
- 2. The proposed 7-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it pertains to the categories of Curbs and Sidewalks, Community Health and Environment, and Leisure and Community Services.**

9d. Smoking Prohibition at City Athletic Fields and Community Gardens

Ms. Lisa McPherson made a brief presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Ms. McPherson ensued on whether or not there have been many complaints on this issue, and whether or not the Park Rangers are able to enforce this.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson occurred on whether or not there are cities that have a smoking ban for athletic fields only as opposed to City fields, parks, and facilities.

Public Comments:

1. Al Malone
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Malone voiced his concerns to the Commission. He is in support of the smoking ban. Mr. Malone suggested that the Commission follow the surrounding cities smoking ban ordinance.
2. John Rubright
Resident, Costa Mesa
Field Permit/Spokesman for AYSO Region 120
Mr. Rubright addressed the Commission. He supports this item and believes that this will be a great asset.
3. Sean Patterson
Costa Mesa Pop Warner
Mr. Patterson asked the Commission for clarification on whether it is specifically for no smoking or no tobacco products.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson took place on staff that is able to enforce the ordinance.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Ms. McPherson ensued on extending the smoking ban to include City parks that have play equipment.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson occurred on whether or not parking lots are included in the request.

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve and recommend that City Council prohibit the use of tobacco and tobacco related products at City-owned athletic fields (Farm Sports Complex, TeWinkle Athletic Complex, Luke Davis Field at Lions Park) and the two Community Gardens. To also include a smoking ban within a 50 foot radius of all City parks that have playground equipment intended for children under the age of 9.

9e. Park Tours

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews made a brief presentation on past tours of City parks.

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

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Commissioner Dan Vozenilek took place on whether or not there was community participation during the prior park tours.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Commissioner Dan Vozenilek volunteered to hold a park tour on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. The notice and schedule of the parks will be made available to the public by June 16.

10. **Recreation Division Report**

Ms. Lisa McPherson made a power point presentation on the following programs and facilities:

- R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program
- Teen Program
- Summer Teen Camp
- Recreation Leader In Training (R.L.I.T.) Program
- Camp Costa Mesa Program
- Early Childhood Program
- Downtown Aquatics Center
- Adult Sports
- Neighborhood Community Center (NCC)
- Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)
- Balearic Community Center (BCC)
- Park Reservations
- Newport Mesa Unified School District and City Fields
- Community Gardens
- Summer Concerts in the Park 2011

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson ensued on whether or not outreach efforts are being made for the R.O.C.K.S program, on information for the Early Childhood Program graduation ceremony, and on extending an invitation to the Commission for any special event scheduled for youth organization meetings.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Mejia occurred on the grant application status for Brentwood Park.

11. **Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Ethan Temianka thanked staff.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek also thanked staff.

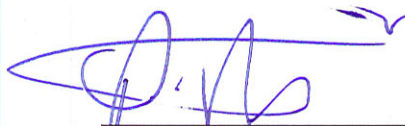
Vice Chairman Kim Pederson thanked staff as well. He also thanked the City Council. Vice Chairman Kim Pederson thanked the user groups for attending the meeting and for providing the Commission with their input. He went on to thank the Commissioners.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews thanked staff. He encouraged each of the Commissioners to get involved in activities, committees, and events in the community to support the City.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall.

Submitted by:



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Public Services Director