

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

January 27, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kurt M. Galitski

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Kurt M. Galitski
Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh
Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews
Commissioner Kim Pederson
Commissioner Terry Shaw

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services
Mr. Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services
Mr. Robert Staples, Fairview Park Plan Administrator
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Meeting

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Presentation

5a. Chairperson's Award - Pat Hill

6. Oral Communications

7. Consent Calendar

No items.

8. Public Hearing

No items.

9. Old Business

No items.

10. New Business

10a. Review of Conceptual Design for a Grant Application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for Improvements at Lions Park

Mr. Robert Staples and Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia took place on the proposed size of the picnic shelters, exercise equipments, and on the types of lighting for this project.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia ensued on whether or not this improvement project would impact the annual Fish Fry event.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Mejia occurred on the reasons for the removal of the current structures at the park.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Mejia took place on whether or not the Lions Club members were involved by providing input or financial support for the conceptual design portion of the project.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski requested that staff communicate with the Lions Club members to be part of the process for this project.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Mejia ensued on whether or not the community will have the opportunity to provide input for this project.

Discussion among Commissioner Kim Pederson, Mr. Mejia, and Mr. Staples occurred on the existing restroom structure.

Discussion among Commissioner Kim Pederson, Mr. Mejia, and Mr. Naghavi took place on whether or not the conceptual design will include barbeque grills throughout the park.

Discussion among Commissioner Terry Shaw, Mr. Mejia, and Mr. Staples ensued on the open space area of the park.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh requested that a member of the Commission take an active part in the project, once the grant has been approved.

Public Comment:

1. Deborah Koken
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Koken addressed the Commission and believes that the plan is great. She recommended that the Commission considers planting more California native trees at Lions Park.

Discussion between Mr. Mejia and Ms. Koken occurred on the type of surface proposed for the running track and on the number of trees to be planted at the park.

2. Ross Ramirez
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Ramirez voiced his concerns to the Commission on the current flooding issues. He also provided pictures for the Commission. Mr. Ramirez suggested that the Commission address the flooding issue as a priority over the improvements at Lions Park.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to continue on with the plan for the application of the grant. Upon receipt of the grant, to reach out to the community and hold a community study session for public input.

10b. Fairview Road (Baker Street to McCormack Lane) Parkway Improvements, Private Block Wall, and Tree Removal/Replacements

Mr. Peter Naghavi presented the report.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi took place on the replacement trees as an option for noise abatement on Fairview Road, and on the potential for increased noise due to the tree removals and the installation of smaller trees.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Naghavi ensued on the shared cost, to construct a wall along Fairview Road, with homeowners for this project and on future projects.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Naghavi occurred on the mature size of the proposed replacement trees, and on the amount of pedestrian traffic on Fairview Road.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski requested that pictures of the proposed replacement trees be posted on the City's website for this project.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Naghavi took place on the conditions for the tree removals and replacements for this project, and on the alternatives listed in the agenda report.

Public Comments:

1. Julius Vasquez
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Vasquez voiced his concerns to the Commission on the root system. He is happy that this project is going forward.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi ensued on the root system of a tree when it is removed, and on whether or not the City will be correcting any damages to the wall caused by the tree roots.

2. Gary Parkin
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Parkin addressed the Commission. He is dissatisfied with the work the City has done on Fairview Road. Mr. Parkin suggested that the Commission replant the trees on the island or on the other side of Fairview Road, or to install ground cover instead of replanting trees on the street.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to one, with Commissioner Kim Pederson voting "No", to approve the removal of seventeen (17) City trees located on the west side of Fairview Road from Baker Street to McCormack Lane and replace with the Callery Pear and/or Lavender Trumpet trees per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards; remove and reconstruct sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and rebuild two portions of damaged private walls; and, arrange a meeting with the concerned neighbors.

10c. Joint Use Agreement Review

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report.

Discussion among Commissioner Kim Pederson, Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, and Ms. Ransom took place on the number of meetings held by staff to walk and evaluate the fields, and on the process to address field issues or concerns.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom ensued on the representatives from various clubs and organizations involved in the Costa Mesa Youth Sports Council meetings.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom occurred on whether or not the adult sports user groups participate in the Youth Sports Council.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not a portion of the revenues received from the adult sports user group fees go into a field maintenance fund.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski. No public comments were received.

Motion made by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to receive and file the report. Also, for staff to present this report on February 2, 2010 at the Costa Mesa Youth Sports Council meeting.

11. Maintenance Services Manager's Report

Mr. Bruce A. Hartley made a power point presentation on the following:

- January 2010 City Council Employees of the Month – Graffiti Abatement Team: Gaetano Russo and Jorge Silva
- NCC - DRC Solar Project
- Fairview Road/I-405 - Landscape Project
- Annual Playground Safety Inspections
- Water Wise Demonstration Gardens
- Shalimar Park Safety Railing Project
- Bark Park Expansion
- Winter Storm Impacts: Storm Damage/Costs
- Fairview Park Soil Erosion

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not an analysis of contributing factors, from the recent storms, on the fallen trees will be conducted.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley took place on the status of the large tree at Heller Park.

12. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews commended staff and the City Council members for the efforts to save the Orange County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Kim Pederson stated that he, Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, and Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews attended a Commissioner training in San Clemente, and that he found the training to be very interesting and informational.

Commissioner Kim Pederson said that the Commission would like to be fully involved in public activities. He also requested that staff extend an invitation to the Commission for community meetings, events, and activities so that the Commission is able to represent City.

Commissioner Terry Shaw invited the community to the following events taking place in Costa Mesa:

- A free electronic recycling event on January 30-31, 2010 at the Orange County Fairgrounds; sponsored by the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Orange County Market Place and All Green Electronics Recycling
- A Mardi Gras fundraiser event, for the Costa Mesa High School, Middle School, College Park, Davis and Sonora Elementary Schools, on February 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Baha Blues (OC Fairgrounds), \$50 per person
- Costa Mesa Historical Society: Craig MacDonald will be speaking on Unsung Heroes on February 21 at 2:00 p.m. at 1870 Anaheim Avenue
- Camp Costa Mesa President's Week (February 16-19) registration will take place at the Balearic Community Center (1975 Balearic Drive); call 714-754-5158 for more information
- Artist Showcase XIII is scheduled for March 13, free admission, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Whittier Law School (3333 Harbor Boulevard), which is sponsored by Mesa Art & Framing, Kona Kai and the City of Costa Mesa

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Naghavi ensued on whether or not a review will be conducted on the Fairview Road project.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh requested to agendaize a Commission Park Tour as an item at the next Commission meeting on March 24, 2010.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh stated that he recently went on a police ride-along with Park Ranger Matt Pallo. Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh recognized and commended the Park Rangers for doing such a great job as the City's silent protectors.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh mentioned that he underwent a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course so that he is better prepared in the event of a disaster. He believes it is the duty of every resident to also take the course in order to protect oneself and family in a disaster.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh said that he attended a Commissioner Workshop, on January 16, 2010, which was sponsored by the California Parks and Recreation Society and the California Association of Park & Recreation Commission & Board Members. He stated that he gained valuable information and insight from the workshop.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh offered a challenge to members of the community to attend a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in order to let their voices and opinions on activities and programs be heard, as well as to offer suggestions to the Commission. He believes that people helping people is a key ingredient to a safe and more efficient community.

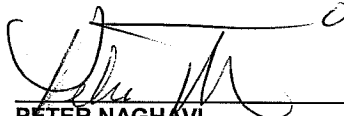
Chairman Kurt M. Galitski mentioned that this may be the last meeting for him as the Chairman for the Commission. He continued to say that it has been a valuable experience for him during the past two years as Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski agreed with Commissioner Kim Pederson's request for staff to extend an invitation to the Commission on activities, events, or projects pertaining to parks or fields. Chairman Kurt M. Galitski said that he would like to be more involved so that he is able to represent the Commission.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **8:14 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Naghavi', written over a horizontal line.

PÉTER NAGHAVI
Director of Public Services