

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

**May 27, 2009**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 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: Commissioner Terry Shaw**

**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  
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager  
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager  
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
Mr. Robby Waite, Acting Recreation Supervisor

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 Meeting**

**MOTION made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

**5. Presentation**

**5a. Chairperson's Award**

Award recipients recognized:

- Patti Bass
- Dennis Crane

**6. Oral Communications**

Public Comments:

- A. Martin Millard  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Millard addressed the Commission on the policy and agreement to rent a City facility.
- B. Kristen Zechmeister  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Zechmeister voiced her concerns to the Commission on the potential pool closure at the Downtown Recreation Center. Ms. Zechmeister said that she conducted a survey on the possible pool closure, and she also offered suggestions to the Commission on keeping the pool opened.
- C. Mark West  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. West addressed the Commission on the potential pool closure at the Downtown Recreation Center. He asked that the Commission consider leaving the pool open.

7. **Consent Calendar**

No items.

8. **Public Hearing**

No items.

9. **Old Business**

9a. **Public Service Memorial**

Mr. Bruce A. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on the requirements for the program and on the results from the Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on the various types of memorial plaques.

Public Comment:

A. Martin Millard

Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Millard voiced his concerns to the Commission on the public service memorial program.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley occurred on the estimated costs for the memorial plaques.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on the costs associated with a memorial tree or bench donation and on the nomination process.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on suggestions for cost recovery and on initial funding for the program.

**MOTION made by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to approve and recommend the following criteria for a Public Service Memorial to the City Council:**

- **City employees (full and part time), Council Members, Commissioners, and members of City Council Ad Hoc Committees who pass away after leaving City service would be eligible for recognition only if they had provided a minimum of 10 years of cumulative service to the City.**
- **The City Council would consider any nominations once each year and would have the ability to approve or disapprove those nominations and waive any qualifying criteria by majority vote.**
- **Nominations may be required to include funding for any plaque or other related City expenses.**

**To also have staff provide a cost estimate for each of the following conceptual designs for the memorial:**

- **A wall-mounted memorial placed on the exterior of the City Council Chambers.**
- **A stand alone monument to be placed in or around the Japanese Garden or other landscaped area near the entrance to City Hall.**

10. **New Business**

10a. **Naming of the Hillock at TeWinkle Park**

Mr. Peter Naghavi presented the report.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Naghavi occurred on past requests to name an element or segment of a City facility.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Naghavi took place on how to identify an element or segment of a City facility.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi ensued on the differences between this type of request and a tree or bench donation.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Naghavi occurred on whether or not this type of request is a common practice with neighboring cities.

Public Comments:

- A. Martin Millard  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Millard voiced his concerns to the Commission. He believes that tax payers should not have to pay for this type of request.
- B. George Madsen  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Madsen addressed the Commission on his request to name an element of a City facility after him.

**MOTION made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and failed two to three with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, and Commissioner Kim Pederson voting "No", to approve the request to name the hillock at TeWinkle Park Mount Madsen.**

**10b. Request for Facility Use Permit for the Downtown Recreation Center Gymnasium**

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report. Mr. Robby Waite, Acting Recreation Supervisor, was also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. Ransom occurred on available indoor facilities, and on whether or not this type of request is common in neighboring cities.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom took place on the duration for the permit.

Discussion among Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Waite ensued on whether or not the number of participants for the drop-in program is consistent.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom occurred on the reason for the Aztec Basketball League being displaced.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not youth group programs will be affected by this request at the Downtown Recreation Center.

Public Comment:

- A. Martin Millard  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Millard addressed his concerns to the Commission.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom ensued on the payment requirements for drop-in volleyball and basketball at the Downtown Recreation Center.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom took place on the references for the Aztec Basketball League and on the number of members in the league that are Costa Mesa residents.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Ms. Ransom occurred on whether or not the applicant is present to address the Commission on the request.

There was no representative, from the Aztec Basketball League, in attendance at the meeting.

**MOTION made by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, failed for lack of second, to approve the request for issuance of a Facility Use Permit for the Downtown Recreation Center gymnasium to Rigoberto Bautista of Aztec Basketball Leagues for seven hours on Sundays for an initial six month term, beginning June 20, 2009. For future use/extension to bring the request back to the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

**No action taken.**

**10c. Master Planning of Certain Newport-Mesa Unified School District Sites**

Mr. Bart Mejia presented the report and introduced Mr. Jeff Justus, Senior Associate from Schmidt Design Group, Inc., who made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Justus occurred on the type of Musco lighting that is recommended for this project.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Naghavi ensued on the consultant fees for the master plans.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski read several messages out loud that he received on this agenda item.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi took place on the next scheduled Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board meeting.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Justus ensued on the number of meetings that were conducted with the task force and the community for the master plans.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Naghavi occurred on maintenance issues.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi took place on the maintenance of the athletic fields in the master plans.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Justus ensued on the types of athletic fields in the master plans and on the impact of usage on the athletic fields.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom occurred on the annual budget for the Joint Use Agreement for athletic fields.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Justus took place on the estimated annual maintenance cost.

Public Comments:

A. Frank  
Member, Task Force  
Frank addressed the Commission. He hopes that the Commission will approve the master plans.

B. Cynthia Blackwell  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Blackwell voiced her concerns to the Commission. She urged the Commission to approve the master plans.

C. William Smith  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Smith addressed the Commission, and he is happy with the master plans.

Discussion between Mr. Smith and Mr. Justus occurred on the height and number of lighting fixtures that are in the master plans.

D. Janet  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Janet voiced her concerns to the Commission. She encouraged the Commission to approve the master plans.

E. Janice Sullivan  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Sullivan addressed the Commission. She recommended that the Commission approve the master plans.

F. John Rubright  
Regional Commissioner, AYSO  
Mr. Rubright voiced his concerns to the Commission. He suggested that the Commission approve the master plans.

G. John Dickens  
Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Dickens addressed the Commission. He recommended that the Commission install athletic fields at Fairview Park.

H. Tu Wuen

Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Wuen voiced his concerns to the Commission. He encouraged the Commission to approve the master plans.

I. Renae Smith

Resident, Costa Mesa

Ms. Smith addressed the Commission. She believes that the Commission should approve the master plans.

J. Michelle

Resident, Costa Mesa

Michelle voiced her concerns to the Commission.

Discussion among Michelle, Mr. Naghavi, and Mr. Justus ensued on the noise and light studies that were done for the master plans.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi took place on the next scheduled Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board meeting.

**MOTION made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to recommend that the City Council consider the Draft Master Plans and take appropriate action on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND).**

**11. Recreation Manager's Report**

Ms. Jana M. Ransom made a power point presentation on the following programs:

- R.O.C.K.S Program (Recreation On Campus for Kids)
- The Ranch After School Program
- Mobile Recreation
- Youth Skate Camp
- Teen Program
- Day of Art in Costa Mesa by the Cultural Arts Committee
- Summer Community News & Recreation Review
- Costa Mesa Senior Center: Celebrity Chef Series

Upcoming Events:

- All Staff Training Day
- Camp Costa Mesa, Teen Camp, Skate Camp, and Aquatics Camp
- Youth Flag Football
- Drop-In Teen Center, Youth Open Gym, Playground Programs
- Fairview Park – Concerts in the Park Series from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for six Tuesday evenings beginning July 7.

**12. Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews requested to agendaize a presentation of the 'History of Costa Mesa Parks' for a future Commission meeting. He also stated that Dave Gardner, Chairman of the Historical Preservation Committee, prepared the draft pamphlet of the 'History of Costa Mesa Parks', which contains a picture and a brief history of each park in Costa Mesa along with a map and legend to indicate the location of all the parks.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews mentioned that he is pleased to have public input on the Master Planning of Certain Newport-Mesa Unified School District Sites.

Commissioner Kim Pederson said that, as the City/School District Liaison, he will provide the Commission at the next meeting with information from the last City and School District meeting.

Commissioner Kim Pederson thanked the community for coming forth and voicing their concerns in reference to the Master Planning of Certain Newport-Mesa Unified School District Sites.

Commissioner Terry Shaw mentioned that the Summer Community News & Recreation Review is available for the community, which contains pertinent information and other events scheduled throughout the City.

Commissioner Terry Shaw encouraged the community to attend the Annual Fish Fry event on May 30-31 at Lions Park in Costa Mesa.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh asked for the status of his request to agendaize a review of the Streetscape and Median Development Standards as an informational item.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski recommended that the community voice their concerns to the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board at their next meeting.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski suggested that staff provide the School Board members with a DVD showing the public's comments in reference to agenda item 10c-Master Planning of Certain Newport-Mesa Unified School District Sites.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **8:50 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled Study Session on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

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**PETER NAGHAVI**  
Director of Public Services