

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

**September 24, 2008**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on September 24, 2008 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski.

**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 Robert Graham  
Commissioner Mark Harris  
Commissioner Terry Shaw

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services  
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 27, 2008 Meeting**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

**5. Presentation**

**5a. Chairperson's Award**

**6. Oral Communications**

**7. Consent Calendar**

**7a. Tree Donation at TeWinkle Park**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to accept the donation of \$700 from ReLeaf Costa Mesa for the planting of five trees at TeWinkle Park near Angels Playground.**

**7b. Memorial Tree at Fairview Park**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to approve the planting of a Memorial Tree at Fairview Park in honor of Girish Desai.**

**8. Public Hearing**

No items.

**9. Old Business**

**9a. Clarification of Motion – Field Use and Allocation Policy**

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report.

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

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Ms. Ransom ensued on clarifying the definition to include special status granted by the City Council.

**Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, second by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to:**

**1. Clarify motion to the City Council recommending Field Use and Allocation Policy changes related to User Group definitions to add the following:**

- **Revise definitions to include special status granted by City Council (eliminates "grandfather-ing").**
- **Revise definitions of User Groups 1, 3, 4, and 6 to allow for a User Organizations, such as AYSO Region 120, to concurrently hold two classifications for the purpose of equitable treatment for similar teams.**
- **Add Group 1 requirement that registrants will be assigned to teams in such a way as to make teams of equal talent/ability within each division.**
- **Approve "clean-up" wording to provide consistency throughout document.**

**2. Add Fairview Developmental Center Rules and Regulations.**

**10. New Business**

**10a. Tree Removal Request – 969 Sonora Road**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley ensued on the curb displacement.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on the tree's fruit droppings.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Naghavi occurred on the soil at this location, and whether or not work to improve the soil will be done in the near future.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the street lights are owned and maintained by Southern California Edison, and if they also prune/trim trees around the street light wires.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on the tree clearance around exposed street power lines.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley occurred on the canopy of the tree and on the tree growth.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi ensued on whether or not the power lines provide for some slack due to the growth of the tree.

Public Comment:

Mat Parsons  
Applicant

Mr. Parsons provided pictures and addressed his concerns to the Commission in regards to his tree removal request. Mr. Parsons was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion among Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Parsons took place on the guidelines for a discretionary tree removal.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Parsons occurred on the plant palette choices.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley ensued on the location for the replacement tree.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Parsons took place on whether or not the tree droppings are picked up by a broom or vacuum.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Parsons occurred on whether or not the main sewer line was inspected.

Discussion among Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Parsons ensued on the time frame for the flowering of the tree.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not a growth regulator product will reduce the amount of fruit the tree bears.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on how the City plans to handle the tree droppings from this type of tree, which are planted throughout the City.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the tree was recently planted in the parkway.

**Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, second by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried three to two with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Commissioner Robert Graham voting "No", to authorize the removal of two parkway trees, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 - Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of each tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be replanted at 969 Sonora Road, or elsewhere on public property and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be provided to the City to be planted elsewhere on public property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.**

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

**10b. Tree Removal Request – 2110 President Place**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on the width of the driveway approach.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not there are any pending permits from the applicant with the Public Services Department.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the City planted the tree and on having the tree trimmed.

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

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to take no action and to defer this agenda item to a future date at such time as the applicant has obtained the required permits from the Engineering and Transportation Divisions for the widening of the driveway approach.**

**10c. Consideration of Change to the Regular Commission Meeting Date for November 2008**

Mr. Peter Naghavi presented the report.

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

**Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, second by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried four to one with Commissioner Terry Shaw voting "No", to move the November 2008 regular Commission meeting to Wednesday, November 19, 2008.**

**11. Recreation Manager's Report**

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

- Adult Swim Lessons and Basketball Leagues
- Youth Water Polo
- Summer Concert Series
- R.O.C.K.S (Recreation On Campus for Kids) Program
- Recreation Leader In Training Program (RLIT)
- Youth Skate Program
- Neighborhood Community Center
- Lounge Chair Theater
- Youth Sports
- Costa Mesa Pro Classic Tournament
- Balearic Community Center
- Summer Camp
- Historic Preservation Committee

Ms. Ransom also announced the following upcoming events:

- Artist Showcase
- Kids Night Out Halloween Party
- Snow Hill
- Neighbors for Neighbors Clean-Up

**12. Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Mark Harris believes that the active/passive park issue was misleading and blown out of proportion by the Daily Pilot.

Commissioner Robert Graham said that the Jim Scott Stadium is beautiful and it benefits the whole community.

Commissioner Robert Graham mentioned that he does not regret his vote on making the parks passive in the local neighborhood parks.

Commissioner Robert Graham believes that in the near future the Commission has to address the needs of the community for more fields.

Commissioner Robert Graham recommends that staff educate the community by incorporating information in the Community News and Recreation Review brochure on how to properly care for trees.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh stated that he is in agreement with Commissioner Mark Harris and Commissioner Robert Graham on the active/passive parks issue. He believes that opinions on the issue were made based from misinformation.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh welcomes the public to voice their concerns and/or opinion directly to the Commission during the meetings so that first hand information is clear and understood.

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced various upcoming community events scheduled in Costa Mesa.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski requested to agendize for the next Commission meeting on possibly moving the meeting time up to begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski requested suggestions and assistance from staff to possibly provide a section on the City's website to allow for Commissioner Terry Shaw's announcements to be viewed by the public (i.e., Terry's Corner).

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski believes that the Commission's decision regarding active/passive parks was blown out of proportion by the Daily Pilot. He also believes that the true intension of the Commission was to provide an avenue or means in order to address problems and/or concerns that may arise in the neighborhood parks. Chairman Kurt M. Galitski went on to say that he considered protecting the family by having family come first because these are family neighborhood parks.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **8:40 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled Study Session on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

However, in the event that there is no regular meeting held in October, the next regular scheduled Study Session will be on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

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**PETER NAGHAVI**  
Director of Public Services