

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

November 28, 2007

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on November 28, 2007 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Graham.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Robert Graham

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Mark Harris

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Robert Graham
Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski
Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh
Commissioner Mark Harris
Commissioner Terry Shaw

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. William J. Morris, Director of Public Services
Mr. Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Robert Staples, Fairview Park Plan Administrator

4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 24, 2007 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Presentation

6. Oral Communications

No items.

7. Consent Calendar

No items.

8. Public Hearing

No items.

9. Old Business

No items.

10. New Business

10a. Fairview Park Annual Report

Mr. Robert Staples presented the report.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Robert Graham. No public comments were received.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Staples occurred on the following items:

- clarifying the funding source for the Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration project
- the status of the United States Army Corp of Engineers' budget
- whether or not the Planning Area D Restoration project encompasses the vernal pool area
- whether or not the Flying Field Frequency Board will be safely secured
- clarifying the allocation of funds for the Fairview Park projects

Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski requested that Mr. Staples provide the Commission with an estimated timeline for each project in future reports for the Fairview Park Master Plan.

Chairman Robert Graham displayed pictures on the overhead projector and recommends that staff install a bike trail near the Fairview Flood Control Channel levy rather than in Fairview Park.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Staples occurred on whether or not the levy is the property of the City or the County.

Discussion between Chairman Robert Graham and Mr. Staples ensued on the watering of trees in various areas of Fairview Park and on the type of trails to be installed for the restoration of Planning Area D at Fairview Park.

Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh believes that Fairview Park can serve a dual purpose by providing the community with a nature preserve as well as the possibility for active recreation.

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to approve the Fairview Park Master Plan Goals for 2008 and to include the following comments:

- **Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski requested that staff provide an estimated timeline for each project in future reports for the Fairview Park Master Plan.**
- **Chairman Robert Graham recommends that staff install a bike trail near the Fairview Flood Control Channel levy rather than in Fairview Park.**
- **Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh believes that Fairview Park can serve a dual purpose by providing the community with a nature preserve as well as the possibility for active recreation.**

11. Recreation Manager's Report

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

- R.O.C.K.S Program
- Recreation Leaders in Training
- The Ranch Program
- Youth Flag Football
- Youth Cheer
- Halloween Fun
- Mobile Recreation
- Downtown Recreation Center
- Neighborhood Community Center
- Teens & Tweens
- Youth Things
- Fun Things Coming Up
- Community News and Recreation Review

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not there are fields dedicated for pick up games in Costa Mesa.

Discussion between Chairman Robert Graham and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not there has been any request for the use of athletic fields for lacrosse.

12. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh welcomed Commissioner Mark Harris back to the Commission meeting. He also wished Mr. William Morris well on his retirement from the City of Costa Mesa.

Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh requested to agendaize a park tour for the Commission for the January 23, 2008 meeting.

Commissioner Mark Harris thanked staff for the good work done on the Field Ambassador's Monthly Report and on the Park Ranger's Monthly Recap Report.

Commissioner Mark Harris announced that the Snow Hill event, which is co-sponsored by Torelli Realty, will be on December 8th, and he encourages everyone to attend.

Commissioner Mark Harris wished Mr. William Morris farewell on his retirement from the City.

Commissioner Terry Shaw welcomed Commissioner Mark Harris back to the Commission meeting, and he also announced the following items:

- Groundbreaking ceremony for Costa Mesa's first universally accessible playground for children with disabilities was held earlier in the day at TeWinkle Park
- Fundraising drive to 'Recycle Out of Date Telephone Books' is on-going until December 21, 2007 for Costa Mesa schools
- The Holiday Snow Hill event will be held at the Balearic Community Center on December 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Three local regions of AYSO (57, 97 and 120) will be holding their first Mayors' Cup Tournament on December 1 and 2
- The Community News & Recreation Review is now available

Commissioner Terry Shaw requested to agendaize softball only signage for Luc Davis Field.

Commissioner Terry Shaw wished Mr. William Morris farewell on his retirement from the City of Costa Mesa.

Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski mentioned that the Angels Playground Groundbreaking Ceremony was held earlier in the day at TeWinkle Park.

Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski extended an invitation to everyone to attend 'The Polar Express is Coming to Costa Mesa' event on Saturday, December 1, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Fairview Park, which is being hosted by the Orange County Model Engineers.

Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski announced an opportunity for the community to part of history by donating \$100.00 for a personalized brick, which will be displayed at the Costa Mesa/Estancia Sports Stadium. For more information, please visit Costa Mesa United's website at www.costamesaunited.com.

Chairman Robert Graham thanked staff and wished Mr. William Morris well on his retirement from the City.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **8:05 p.m.** to the regular Study Session on Wednesday, January 23, 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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Acting Public Services Director