

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

**October 24, 2007**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on October 24, 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: Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski**

**3. Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Mark Harris

Officials Present: Mr. William J. Morris, Director of Public Services  
Mr. Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services  
Mr. Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager  
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2007 Meeting**

Commissioner Terry Shaw requested that the following corrections be made to the September 26, 2007 minutes, which is found on page 5 under agenda item 11. Commissioner's Comments, to read as:

1. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lounge Chair Theater at Fairview Park **was held** on Saturday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m.; Happy Feet **was** featured.
2. The Costa Mesa Historical Society, **located at 1870 Anaheim Avenue**, will have Pat Maca speak on Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m.

**Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, second by Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh and carried four to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with the following corrections to read as:**

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**5. Oral Communications**

No items.

**6. Consent Calendar**

No items.

7. **Public Hearing**

No items.

8. **Old Business**

8a. **Fairview Park - Requested Discussion Items**

Chairman Robert Graham presented the report.

Public Comments:

- A. Jan Vandersloot  
Resident, Newport Beach  
Mr. Vandersloot voiced his concerns to the Commission in regards to Fairview Park. He believes that the park is a natural passive park. Mr. Vandersloot recommended that the Commission consider reserving Fairview Park for the uses that are currently in the Master Plan.
- B. Robin Lefler  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Lefler addressed the Commission in regards to Fairview Park. She believes that the park should remain a natural and passive park. Ms. Lefler suggested that the Commission leave Fairview Park alone.
- C. Gilbert Collins  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Collins voiced his concerns and recommendations to the Commission in regards to the Fairview Park Master Plan. He believes that the park should remain the same.
- D. Karl Hawley  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Hawley addressed the Commission in reference to Fairview Park. He recommends that the park remain the same.
- E. Larry Courter  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Courter voiced his concerns to the Commission in reference to Fairview Park. He recommended that the Commission leave Fairview Park as is.
- F. David Stiller  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Stiller mentioned that the City needs additional playing fields. He suggested that the Commission recommend that the City Council consider re-examining the Fairview Park Master Plan.
- G. Allan Remington  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Remington addressed the Commission in regards to Fairview Park. He recommends keeping Fairview Park as it is.
- H. Robert Braun  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Braun voiced his concerns to the Commission in reference to Fairview Park. He believes that Fairview Park should remain a natural passive park.
- I. Mark Korando  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Korando addressed the Commission in regards to the Fairview Park Master Plan. He suggested that the Commission consider obtaining more open space and to focus on priorities for the use of open space for the future of Costa Mesa.
- J. Bryan Burnette  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Burnette voiced his concerns to the Commission in reference to Fairview Park. He supports to keep Fairview Park as a nature reserve.

Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski announced an official city notice scheduled for November 6, 2007 in which the Costa Mesa City Council will discuss a proposal to amend the Fairview Park Master Plan on the possibility of locating a skate park and/or dog park at Fairview Park.

**No action was taken by the Commission on this item.**

**9. New Business**

**9a. Tree Removal Request - 1736 Missouri Street**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation.

Public Comments:

- A. David Vaughan  
Applicant  
Mr. Vaughan voiced his concerns to the Commission on his tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Vaughan ensued on whether or not the tree roots have ever been cleared from the sewer drain pipes.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on the date shown on the applicant's receipt for sewer cleaning.

- B. Jan Vandersloot  
Resident, Newport Beach  
Mr. Vandersloot provided the Commission and staff with several recommendations on resolving the tree removal request and on saving the tree.

Discussion between Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley took place on the history of whether or not the tree had been root pruned and/or if a root barrier was ever installed.

**Motion made by Chairman Robert Graham, dies for a lack of second and with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to deny the request for the removal of one City owned parkway tree located at 1736 Missouri Street.**

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski and Mr. Vaughan ensued on the tree removal and replacement costs.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on clarifying the removal of the tree as a 4.0.1 Health and Safety Removal.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley occurred on the repairs for the street and the curb and gutter.

Discussion between Chairman Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the necessary work can be accelerated to repair and/or replace the sidewalk and the curb and gutter.

**Motion made by Chairman Robert Graham, dies for a lack of second and with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to deny the request for the removal of one City owned parkway tree located at 1736 Missouri Street and to replace the sidewalk and install root barriers on the sidewalk side of the tree. To also have the On-Call Contractor grind the curb and gutter.**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski, second by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried three to one with Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh voting "No" and Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to postpone a decision for 90 days in order for the homeowner to provide staff with adequate video footage/report by a licensed plumber, demonstrating that the tree roots are in the homeowner's drain pipes. If after following the review, staff does not approve the tree removal request, the Commission will revisit the tree removal request at 1736 Missouri Street.**

**9b. Canyon Park Maintenance Issues**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation.

Public Comments:

- A. Sharon Ragona  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Ragona addressed the Commission on maintenance resident concerns and on future plans for Canyon Park.
  
- B. Debra Lloyd  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Lloyd voiced her concerns to the Commission in reference to Canyon Park maintenance issues.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on the result of the Fire Marshal's visit to Canyon Park, future plans for irrigation and flood control at the park, and on whether or not the Park Rangers patrol the park area.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley occurred on brackish water found at Canyon Park, rodent control, irrigation, and on the time frame for staff to replace Eucalyptus trees at the park.

Discussion between Chairman Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not there is public access to Canyon Park from the houses, and on whether or not there is an agreement between the City and the homeowner's association.

Discussion between Chairman Robert Graham and Ms. Lloyd took place on whether or not there is a homeowner's association for the community residing next to Canyon Park, and on whether not there is community access to the park.

Discussion between Chairman Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not there is signage for dogs on leash and mutt-mits at Canyon Park.

**No action was taken by the Commission on this item.**

**10. Maintenance Services Manager's Report**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation on the status of the following items:

- Wimbledon Park Exercise Equipment
- Tanager Park Swing Set
- Bark Park Improvement Project
- Wakeham Park Shelter Replacement
- 19<sup>th</sup> Street Tree Replacement
- The Farm Sports Complex Eagle Scout Project
- Paularino Park Boulder and Tree Project
- Shalimar Park Improvements
- Marina View Park Picnic Shelter Replacement Project
- Canyon Park Kiosk

Discussion between Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not the picnic shelter will be replaced at Gisler Park.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not there is a liability issue when the community assists staff with a City project, and on whether or not there is a process for notifying the community about a City project and asking for community assistance.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley took place on the status of the Estancia Adobe improvements, the Historical Society signage, and on the status of the community gardens.

**11. Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh announced that he empathizes with the fire victims. He sent a special thanks to Gaetano Russo, from the Graffiti Removal section of the Maintenance Services Division, for doing a great job. Commissioner Mike

Brumbaugh also invited the community to be active by attending a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting or to forward their concerns to the Commission by Email.

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced the following:

- The Costa Mesa City Council will be considering the award of a professional services contract for the planning and conceptual design of a skate park at Lions Park on November 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Due to the fires, the pool at the Downtown Recreation Center will be closed. For more information, please call 714-327-7564.
- The Costa Mesa Historical Society, located at 1870 Anaheim Avenue, is scheduled to have Gus Cornelius speak on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Mr. Robert Staples will conduct the Fairview Park Walk in the Park tour, which is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Interested participants are asked to meet at the picnic shelter.
- Mr. Mike Palmer won a neighborhood pumpkin fundraising contest.
- Mr. Nick Delgado held a weight lifting competition fundraiser for the research for autism.
- *Explore the Possibilities* brochure provides information on facilities and parks in the City of Costa Mesa.

Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski challenges the community to step forward and bring forth their concerns and issues to the Parks and Recreation Commission so that the Commission can better serve and improve the City.

Chairman Robert Graham recommends that staff create a video with music to show the City's wonderful facilities and parks.

Chairman Robert Graham wished Commissioner Mark Harris a speedy recovery. He also thanked Mr. William Morris for his years of service to the Commission and to the City.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **9:10 p.m.** to the regular Study Session on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, 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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**WILLIAM J. MORRIS**  
Director of Public Services