

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

November 20, 2006

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on November 20, 2006 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leece, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chair Graham.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Wendy Leece, Chair
Robert Graham, Vice Chair
Byron de Arakal, Commissioner
Mark Harris, Commissioner
David Stiller, Commissioner

Also Present:

William J. Morris, Director of Public Services
Robert Staples, Fairview Park Plan Administrator
Dean Rodia, Senior Maintenance Supervisor
Mark Taylor, Management Analyst
Mike Brandenburger, Recreation Coordinator
Lindsay Cutrell, Recreation Coordinator

MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Arablaster
President, Newport Mesa Soccer Club
Group 3 User Group

Mr. Arablaster voiced his concerns on the following items:

- Banner Policy
 - Mr. Arablaster requested that staff reconsider the banner policy so that Group 3 User groups would be allowed to display their banners.
- Temporary Portable Lights
 - Mr. Arablaster said that his organization did not get their use of lighted fields met.
- Request for Lights at Lions Park Davis Field
 - Mr. Arablaster asked for staff to consider placing lights behind the softball field at Lions Park Davis Field.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Arablaster occurred on the banner policy.

Discussion between Vice Chair Graham and Mr. Arablaster took place on the placement and length of time the banners might be displayed.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Mark Taylor ensued

on the banner policy.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Arablaster occurred on the request for use of a lighted field.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**POP WARNER FOOTBALL
DONATION OF SEED AND
FETILIZER FOR THE FARMS
SPORTS COMPLEX**

Mr. Mark Taylor presented the report.

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried five to zero, to accept a donation of seed and topdressing (seed cover) valued at \$1,000 from Costa Mesa Pop Warner Football to be used for restoration of the Farm Sports Complex Fields #5 and #6.

**REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONAL
FEE INCREASE**

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried five to zero, to approve fee increases for seventeen (17) existing instructional classes as proposed in Attachment "A."

PUBLIC HEARING

No items.

OLD BUSINESS

No Items.

NEW BUSINESS

**TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 2834
SERANG PLACE**

Mr. Dean Rodia made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Rodia ensued on whether or not the new irrigation system and grass area would be affected.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Rodia took place on the location of the sewer lateral, root pruning and bio-barrier.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Rodia occurred on whether or not notice was given to the applicant about this item being discussed this evening.

Public comment was requested by Chair Leece. No public comments were received.

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Vice Chair Graham and carried five to zero, to deny the request for the removal and replacement of one City owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 2834 Serang Place and direct staff to install root barriers and perform root grinding as appropriate.

**NEWPORT HARBOR PONY
BASEBALL PROPOSAL FOR
LIONS PARK DAVIS FIELD**

Mr. Mark Taylor made a power point presentation. Mr. Mike Brandenburger, Mr. Dean Rodia and Mr. Lance Bell, President of Newport Harbor Baseball, were also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Mr. Taylor ensued on allocation of fields, who will pay for the raised pitching mound, and whether or not the mound would be removed after Memorial Day.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Taylor occurred on whether or not field allocation for girls softball would be hindered and on whether or not a season has been established for girls softball.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Brandenburger took place on the reconfiguration of field use and allocation for soccer at the Lions Park Davis Field.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Taylor ensued on the location of where the soccer leagues would be practicing.

Discussion between Vice Chair Graham and Mr. Taylor occurred on whether or not the concession stand would be available for use by the Pony Baseball league, on the current conditions of the restrooms, and whether or not the public would have the opportunity to reserve the use of the field.

Discussion between Commissioner de Arakal and Mr. Brandenburger took place on whether or not there are any soccer programs permitted at Lions Park Davis Field during the year and on whether or not there may be any conflict between AYSO Region 97 and Newport Harbor Baseball arising out of this potential arrangement.

Discussion between Commissioner de Arakal and Mr. Taylor ensued on whether or not residents surrounding Lions Park Davis Field were notified of this meeting.

Public Comment:

Mr. Lance Bell

President, Newport Harbor Baseball

Mr. Bell gave a brief statement on the number of Costa Mesa children playing in the league, number of fields used in the City of Newport Beach and in Costa Mesa schools, and on the benefits the league would have for Costa Mesa residents by using the Lions Park Davis Field.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Bell took place on whether or not the league is able to play with a dirt in-field and on whether or not the agreement between the City and Newport Harbor Baseball is understood.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Mr. Bell ensued on the length of period for use of the field by the league and on the use of a portable pitching mound.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Bell occurred on the number of fields used at Costa Mesa schools and at the City of Newport Beach.

Discussion among Chair Leece, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Rodia took place on the rest and renovation of fields.

Discussion between Commissioner de Arakal and Mr. Bell ensued on whether or not the Maintenance Conditions of Approval was received and reviewed, and if approval for the conditions is required by a board, on the field currently used by the Pony Division, and on whether or not the league uses sound amplification during their games.

Mr. Mark Arablaster
President, Newport Mesa Soccer Club
Mr. Arablaster addressed the Commission on the availability and the permitted use of a City lit field for his organization.

Discussion between Commissioner de Arakal and Mr. Brandenburger took place on whether or not there have been any requests for the use of a City facility by either a youth or adult softball league from outside the City.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Taylor ensued on the lease status with the Fairview Developmental Center.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Mr. Taylor occurred on the soccer field overlay at Lions Park Davis Field.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Brandenburger took place on the current use of the portable temporary lights.

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner Stiller, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried five to zero, to approve the request from Newport Harbor Baseball Association (NHBA) to operate at Lions Park Davis Field for their Pony Baseball League for the period beginning January 2007 through Memorial Day 2007, subject to the agreement by NHBA to abide by the Maintenance Conditions of Use. Also, to approve the field use Monday to Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FIELD USER COMMITTEE

On behalf of Ms. Jana Ransom, Mr. Mark Taylor requested that this item be pulled from the agenda; it will not be continued. The request was granted by the Commission.

FAIRVIEW PARK ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Robert Staples presented the report.

Public Comment:

Mr. John Manley
Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Manley believes that there is a ten percent (10%) failure rate on the plantings that were chosen for the area that is being restored with native plants and that the fence in the area is no good.

Vice Chair Graham asked staff to request from the Orange County Flood Control to consider placing the Fairview Channel underground, coming down the hill to the golf course, between Placentia Avenue and the golf course.

Discussion between Vice Chair Graham and Mr. Staples occurred on whether or not the river trail project will be done in conjunction with the riparian/wetlands area.

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried five to zero, to approve the Fairview Park Master Plan goals for 2007.

PARKS PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

On behalf of Mr. Bart Mejia, Mr. William Morris made a power point presentation on the following topics:

- TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex Dedication Ceremony
- Arlington Drive Parking Lot and Bark Park Lighting
- New Hours of Operation for the Bark Park
- Athletic Field Lighting
- Tot-Lot, Picnic and Restroom Improvements at TeWinkle Park
- Adams Avenue Sound Wall

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Mr. Morris took place on the design drawings for the athletic field lighting.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Morris occurred on the decision for the locking system to be used for the Angels Charity Restroom at TeWinkle Park.

Discussion between Vice Chair Graham and Mr. Morris ensued on the Costa Mesa sign on the sound wall at Adams Avenue, on the status of the construction at Civic Center Park near City Hall, and on the grading for the off road bike trail off of Harbor Boulevard, north of Fair Drive.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Mr. Morris took place on an area roped off for digging at TeWinkle Park between the lower lakes and Junipero Drive.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner de Arakal congratulated Chair Leece on the election to the Costa Mesa City Council. He also announced that his term expires on February 2007 and that he will not be re-applying for a seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission or the Planning Commission.

Vice Chair Graham thanked Chair Leece for the time she has been the Chair on the Commission and wished her luck on the City Council. He also thanked Commissioner de Arakal for the time they worked together.

Commissioner Stiller congratulated Chair Leece on her elec-

tion. He wishes that Commissioner de Arakal would re-apply for appointment to the Commission. He also mentioned that he intends to re-apply for appointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Stiller said that he enjoyed working with staff and that he would like to continue working with them.

Commissioner Harris congratulated both Chair Leece and Mayor Mansoor on their election. He wishes that Commissioner de Arakal would re-apply for appointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Harris announced that the Snow Hill event will be on Saturday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. and that Santa Claus will be arriving by helicopter.

Chair Leece thanked her fellow colleagues for working together as a team, for their time, efforts and patience. She believes that all the Commissioners have the same vision for the City.

Chair Leece thanked Commissioner Harris for being her coach and she also thanked staff for their patience and going the extra mile. She is honored to say good-bye to the Parks and Recreation Commission and that she is excited to serve on the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at **8:25 p.m.** to the regular Study Session on Wednesday, January 24, 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:

WILLIAM J. MORRIS
Director of Public Services