

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

October 27, 2004

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., October 27, 2004, at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Leece.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Mark Harris, Chairman
Byron de Arakal, Vice Chairman
Mirna Burciaga, Commissioner
James Fisler, Commissioner
Wendy Leece, Commissioner

Also Present:

William J. Morris, Public Services Director
Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager
Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Ken Sipes, Recreation Coordinator

MINUTES

Chairman Harris advised the public that there are no minutes for September 22, 2004, at this time. They will be reviewed at the November meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Oral Communications.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No Consent Calendar items.

OLD BUSINESS

**TEMPORARY LIGHTS
POLICY AND HEARING**

Ms. Ransom made the presentation.

In response to questions from Vice Chairman de Arakal, Ms. Ransom stated that she consulted the City Attorney who indicated that if there is to be any testimony or discussion on this item it needs to be limited to whether or not proper notice of the September 2004, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was received by residents and if evidence that was previously unheard might have influenced the decision. Furthermore, Ms. Ransom stated that discussion regarding the light glare, impact of traffic, noise and activity after dark, would be irrelevant because those topics were already considered.

Vice Chairman de Arakal noted that there were approximately 16 people in the audience that clearly wanted to talk to this matter and

he informed them that in order to legally re-hear the issue the Commissioners must determine if there is new evidence.

A discussion ensued regarding if a decision could be made to change the motion; whether the motion should stand or if the item should be re-heard; implications if it is decided that the item should be re-heard; notification to residents; and clarifying that the only decision that will be made at this time is whether or not the item will be re-heard at a later date.

Before the item was opened for public comments, Vice Chairman de Arakal clarified for the public that their comments should be limited to the scope of the agenda item; reasons and evidence why the Commissioners should re-hear issue.

Mark Buchanan, 379 Catalina Shore Drive, Costa Mesa, addressed the Commission on behalf of Catalina Shores Homeowners Association which consists of 12 homes located adjacent to the Kaiser School field. Mr. Buchanan stated that he appreciated the Commissioners taking the time to revisit this issue because they were not aware of the September hearing. He also stated that he was familiar with the issue because he watched a tape of the meeting.

Mr. Buchanan stated that he had more to say than the Commissioners had indicated earlier because he felt the previous decision by the Commission was made in error due to the untrue and exaggerated claims of the petitioner. He also stated that they are not complaining about American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), the athletics at Kaiser or the related noise, traffic, and parking shortages that occur during daytime use. He noted that he and several other homeowners were coaches, referees or volunteers for AYSO. He also stated that the new policy is an improvement over last year when the lights were allowed without consulting the neighbors. Mr. Buchanan discussed two policy requirements that he believed were not adhered to properly. The first was regarding the distribution requirements to which he did not receive any fact sheets nor did his neighbor, Mrs. Anderson. Additionally, he stated that his wife called several neighbors that live on Sherwood, Robin Hood and 21st Streets (all of which are within two blocks of Kaiser field) and none of them had received any fact sheets and they were all opposed to using lights at Kaiser field. The second was regarding the written approval by the principal, which according to Mr. Buchanan was given on September 13, and only for the storage of the lights. In addition, the approval from Mr. Marsh, of Newport Mesa Unified School District, was granted on September 22 with the condition that the school and neighbors approved. Additionally, he noted that the neighbors at the last meeting who were notified disapproved and the neighbors in attendance tonight do not approve either.

Mr. Buchanan stated that he has been involved for several years with the citizens oversight committee for Measure A and during this time he has learned that many groups use Measure A as a convenient excuse to get what they want. He stated that AYSO claimed to have a special need to use Kaiser field because Measure A had closed several fields. However, this afternoon he contacted the Measure A office and was advised that the fields were not as impacted as described at the September meeting. Additionally, he said that he had driven by all the campuses that affect AYSO Region 97 and while it is true that Newport Harbor lost a couple fields because of the classrooms placed out there and part of Ensign School had some new buildings put in the way; Woodland, Mariners, Monte Vista, and Newport Heights Schools are available for use. If there was a problem two months ago when the season was underway, that problem is gone now.

Mr. Buchanan went on to state that not all of the seventeen hundred children that participate in the fall program participate afterwards. In fact their season ends in less than two weeks and then there will be two weekends of playoffs. Therefore, far fewer fields will be required and the need to use Kaiser diminishes.

Mr. Buchanan stated that they have three concerns regarding the use of Kaiser fields at night. The first one is that they do not want the generator noise or bright lights intruding into our homes after dark. With activities now running seven days a week, Kaiser neighbors bear more than their fair share of the recreational burden and adding nighttime activities is simply too much. The second concern is that nighttime use will expand over time and lead to permanently lit fields, which would have an enormous impact on our quality of life and property values. At the last meeting, both applicants for temporary lighting supported their requests by citing their prior use of fields. We do not want a precedent established that could be used to support future requests. The third concern is for the safety of the children because 21st street is very dark, and ten to twelve year old children coming and going while cars are pulling up to pick up or drop off is a safety hazard. Kaiser was simply not designed or intended for such nighttime use.

In closing, Mr. Buchanan expressed his displeasure with the applicant for not following the rules; with the way the process was handled; and encouraged the Commissioners to suspend their approval for the use of temporary lighting at Kaiser School.

Mike Meissenburg, 2178 Bayfield Lane, Costa Mesa, stated that last year he and his wife came home one evening and, to their surprise, the lights were there. They could see the lights; hear the generator and hear the noise from the people even though they were away from the field next to the schoolyard. He also stated that they did not receive notification last year and in talking to several neighbors, they did not receive a notification either. However, last week he did receive a notice regarding this meeting and one that belonged to a home on 21st Street, which he hand delivered. He stated that he concurred with what Mr. Buchanan had said regarding the support of the groups using the field during the daytime and the weekends and they have not had any big issues with it; however, he feels it is stepping over the line to continue the activities at night.

Kathy Anderson, 2159 Tustin (adjacent to Catalina Shores), Costa Mesa addressed the Commission and stated that she had addressed the Commission at the September meeting and she wanted to reiterate her concerns regarding the unsupervised children being in the area after dark, the grave danger it presents, the noises it causes and their annoyances.

Cheryl Carlson, 2116 Colina Vista (directly adjacent to Kaiser), Costa Mesa addressed the Commission regarding: giving proper notice; September meeting notice received four days prior; only a few people received September's notice; everyone trying to slide this through the process; diesel generated lights and if the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) allows their use in dense residential neighborhoods; the need for lighting five nights a week; the apparent revenue that soccer and AYSO groups provide; desire to know who is getting permits to play on the fields; why the secrecy to the neighbors and public; and the lack of parking on 21st Street.

In addition, Ms. Carlson stated concerns about whether the City is selling out the residents and youth to outside groups from Palos Verdes to South Orange County. Additionally, she noted that Kaiser

is negatively impacted five nights and seven days a week, which has caused them to lose their quality of life and lowered property values due to the constant demands of soccer, noise and inability to drive down 21st Street. Lastly, Ms. Carlson stated that she had a letter for the Commission from one of her neighbors.

In response to Ms. Carlson's comments, Commissioner de Arakal clarified two points: 1) the legal notification requirement is 72 hours prior to the meeting/hearing; and 2) AYSO is a Group 1 user which means their fees are waived and no revenue is received because the majority of the participants are Costa Mesa Residents.

Jim Kiech, 355 – 22nd Street, Costa Mesa, stated to the Commission that he and his mother-in-law (who lives next door) did not receive notification of September's meeting. Additionally, he stated that he was against temporary lights because the next step would be permanent lighting and more activities will follow, similar to TeWinkle School.

Commissioner Leece advised Mr. Kiech that TeWinkle School and the Farm Sports Complex were the only facilities with permanent lighting and there were no plans, that the Commission was aware of, to put permanent lighting on any other fields.

Ms. Ransom also noted that a public hearing would be required for any lighting issue. Additionally, she noted that there are no plans and no money for permanent lighting.

In response to Mr. Kiech's request that the City guarantee that only grammar school children would be utilizing the lights at night, Ms. Ransom stated that she would not guarantee that. Ms. Ransom informed Mr. Kiech that AYSO Region 97 children (approximate ages of 5 to 18) would be at Kaiser School Field.

Chris Sarris, 1758 Centella Place,, Newport Beach addressed the Commission and stated that he did not have any new information regarding why they should be allowed to utilize the fields, however, he would like to address some of the neighbor's concerns:

- He assured the Commission that flyers went out because he and Barry Zimmer distributed almost 200 flyers. Additionally he noted that they rubber banded them and put them under mats.
- He informed the audience and Commission that the payroll for AYSO is zero; he donates his time and the City donates the fields.
- He stated that AYSO does not have permits for Ensign, Back Bay, Mariners or Woodland Schools. Additionally, he would like to know who Mr. Buchanan spoke to and maybe that person could call him because they would love to use those fields.
- The ages of the children are from four to 18 years old and they are never unsupervised. Additionally he stated that people are trusting them with their children.
- In response to questions from Commissioner Leece, Mr. Sarris stated that their fall season ends on November 21 and then All Star season begins. Additionally he noted there are fewer All Star teams, however they still require use of the lights because not many adults can take time off work to coach or get their children to practice before five o'clock, when it gets dark.
- Mr. Sarris stated that he worked with City staff regarding the wording, the number of meetings required and the information required to be on the flyer.

Joan Meissenburg, 2178 Bayfield Lane, Costa Mesa addressed the Commission stating that she did not have an issue with AYSO and

noted that friends and neighbors play in the league. She stated that there needs to be more communication rather than fighting with one another.

Attilio Giovanatto, 371 Catalina Shore Drive, Costa Mesa, addressed the Commission regarding the smell from the generators which travels approximately 200 yards to his house. Additionally he noted that he had no problem with the daytime usage. However, he noted that earlier someone had mentioned that there were 1,700 children in AYSO and he wanted to know how many children would be utilizing the field. He also stated that if a different approach to this issue was taken and if there was more cooperation with the local community, this meeting would probably not be needed.

In response to a question from Vice Chairman de Arakal, Mr. Giovanatto stated that if the AYSO representatives met with them and the other associations they could probably agree or consider to agree to use a limited part of that field.

Chairman Harris clarified that AYSO has approximately 1,700 children in Region 97 and they are not all going to be playing there at one time, adding that there will be two lights and two teams per light practicing at one time.

Mr. Sarris stated that they are willing to work with the neighborhoods and communities. He also noted that they are on the web and in the phonebook.

In response to questions from Commissioner Leece, Ms. Ransom stated that staff does not have game schedules for the various organization that utilize the fields. Additionally she noted that AYSO 97 might be part of a trial program in which the upper level players have travel teams and this is an issue they are looking into. With regards to the available fields, due to Measure A construction, Ms. Ransom stated that a project may be complete, however the fields at times remain closed until they are brought back up to playable condition which may require six to eight weeks.

In response to questions from Commissioner Leece, Mr. Sipes confirmed that the most recent information is that the fields Mr. Buchanan mentioned are closed and as Ms. Ransom stated, the construction may be completed; however, the fields are not yet in playable condition. Mr. Sipes did note that the fields will be re-evaluated in mid November.

In response to questions from Chairman Harris, Ms. Ransom stated that staff attempts to get as many fields available as possible and they also make suggestion to the groups. Additionally Ms. Ransom noted that staff has offered the outfield of the softball fields at TeWinkle Park until six o'clock which is when the City softball leagues begin. In addition to TeWinkle Park, Davis Field's outfield as also been offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Additionally, Ms. Ransom noted that staff has set it aside and sent the group a permit for them to utilize David Field.

The Commissioners discussed:

- The difficulty in determining whether the neighbors around Kaiser Field were given notice.
- For future implementation, requiring proof of notification.
- In the future, having staff send out the notifications.
- Whether or not the City met the legal requirements for the September, 2004, meeting.
- Fixing flaws in the Temporary Light Policy and bringing it back to Commission.

- Whether or not new evidence provided would be enough to warrant a re-hearing.
- The three letters and one e-mail received from citizens stating that they had not received notification of the hearing on September 22, 2004.
- Whether staff should be directed to work with AYSO, Catalina Shores Homeowners Association and surrounding residents to find an amicable solution to the current situation.

Vice Chairman de Arakal stated that if the principal approved the storage of the lights, then that implies approval to use the lights.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Chairman Harris, not to re-hear issue and to have staff revise temporary light policy and resubmit to Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Leece stated that she could not support the motion made by Vice Chairman de Arakal because number seven of the City's own Policy was not followed by City staff.

Chairman Harris proposed a substitute motion where Kaiser Field is utilized with lights two nights a week and staff could work with AYSO to find a secondary site where portable lights could be utilized the other nights. However, it was noted that there were only two options available at this time; uphold the decision or re-hear item at a later date. With this information at hand, the substitute motion was rescinded.

Commissioner Burciaga stated that she would support the motion made by Vice Chairman de Arakal because there was not enough evidence to support a re-hearing.

Commissioner Fisler stated that he appreciated the substitute motion made by Chairman Harris. Additionally, he noted that at the September 22nd meeting he was disappointed that TeWinkle Park's softball fields were unavailable for AYSO to utilize. However, he stated that he would support the motion made by Vice Chairman de Arakal.

The motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Leece voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 3135 SUMATRA PLACE

This item was switched on the agenda with the Citywide New and Missing-Link Sidewalk Construction Project to accommodate the applicant.

Mr. Hartley made the presentation.

Ms. Kelly Lee, 3135 Sumatra Place, Costa Mesa addressed the Commission stating her desire to have the tree moved because the new drive approach is too close to the roots.

Chairman Harris advised the applicant that a deposit of \$250 was required and explained that if the tree dies within one year after transplant the \$250 would be retained and 1-24 inch box tree would be put in its place and 2-15 gallon trees would be planted somewhere within the City on City property. The applicant agreed.

In response to the applicants question regarding who watches over the time period, Chairman Harris stated that Maintenance Services

would contact her.

Additionally, Mr. Hartley stated that if the tree transplant request is approved, the approval would be good for one year only.

MOTION

A motion was made by Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Fisler and carried 5 to 0 to approve transplant of the tree with a \$250 deposit to be held for one year to ensure transplant survival. If, at one year after relocation the tree does not survive the deposited funds will be used to replace tree at standard 3:1 ratio to be planted elsewhere on City parkways.

**CITYWIDE NEW AND
MISSING-LINK SIDEWALK
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Mr. Mejia made the presentation.

In response to questions from Commissioner Leece, Mr. Mejia stated that the property owner was probably unaware of the standards that must be complied with, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Additionally, it was noted that the final sidewalk design complied with the ADA requirements and was the most cost effective alternative.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Burciaga and carried 5 to 0 to approve the removal and replacement of one parkway tree with a 24-inch box size tree.

**CONSIDERATION OF
RECREATIONAL USE
CONCEPT PLANS FOR
CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

The presentation was made by Mr. Morris with background provided by Vice Chairman de Arakal. Vice Chairman summed up the request into two parts: 1) recommend to City Council that they grant staff the hours and resources needed to conduct acceptability studies for active recreational uses of the proposed parcels; and 2) request that the City Council consider allocation of funds in the 2005/2006 fiscal budget year for the development of concept plans on the proposed acceptable parcels.

Chairman Harris stated that he agreed with Vice Chairman de Arakal, noting that the earlier agenda item this evening was a perfect example of why these additional fields are needed.

Discussion ensued regarding adding several sites to the list (Harper, Lindberg, Mesa Verde and Parsons Schools) and who is currently leasing or using those sites; keeping to the list that was presented to the City Council by Mr. Lamm's office; ensuring that concept plans and an acceptability list is available in case one of the sites becomes available; the condition of some of the facilities listed; and keeping facilities under the Joint Use Agreement separate from the proposed list.

Terry Shaw, Bernard Street, Costa Mesa addressed the Commission stating his support for the proposal.

Vice Chairman noted that he would like to remove the Orange County Fairgrounds from the proposed list. Additionally, Chairman Harris requested that the 3180 Airway Avenue property also be removed because the site is small and difficult to locate.

Commissioner Leece requested that staff determine whether Parsons-Waldorf School should be assessed even if it is not part of the official motion because the omission was probably in error.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Chairman Harris and carried 5 to 0 to approve the recommendation to City Council to allow staff to manpower and resources to allocate funds to conduct an acceptability study for active recreational uses for sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 listed on City Council Agenda Report submitted by Donald Lamm, Development Services Director, for the June 7, 2004 City Council meeting; and recommend that City Council consider allocating funds in Fiscal Year 2005/2006 to develop concept plans for those sites deemed acceptable for active recreational uses.

CHANGE/CANCEL REGULAR COMMISSION DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2004

The presentation was made by Mr. Morris.

Chairman Harris stated what has been done by previous Commissions.

MOTION

A motion was made by Chairman Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman de Arakal and carried 5 to 0 to move the November meeting from the 24th to the 17th of November, with the 5:15 p.m. study session and 6:30 p.m. meeting times remaining the same.

RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Ransom updated the Commission on the following Recreation events:

- Planning for Teen and regular day camps coming up in December.
- Mobile Recreation Program visited three sites – Mesa Del Mar HOA picnic; Famalias Costa Mesa Health Fair; and to the Lounge Chair Theater.
- Advisory Council of Teens (ACT) planning to do dances for the junior high school kids and another battle of the bands next spring.
- Kids Night Out this fall – 22 kids visited Anaheim Stadium to watch Angels vs. Royals.
- Child Care and Youth Services Committee finished the revision of Teen Services and Activity Guide, which is available at City Hall, 3rd Floor, Recreation Division or at any City recreation office. The Guide is also available on the City's web site.
- The Cultural Arts Committee is sponsoring the Chalk Art event on Saturday, October 30 at the Balearic Community Center between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Phil Roberts, internationally renowned artist, will create the main square. Also, local artist Donna Robb will be creating the City's square. The Automated Musical Instrument Collectors Association will be providing the entertainment.
- Youth Flag Football Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 20 and the Cheerleaders are preparing a cheer for the event.
- Snow Hill will be on Saturday, December 11, 2004, sponsored in part by Torelli Realty at the Balearic Community Center.

SKATE PARK SPONSORSHIP FEASIBILITY

Ms. Ransom gave a brief presentation on the Skate Park Sponsorship.

In response to questions from Chairman Harris, Ms. Ransom stated that no decision has been made as to the number of event days and noted that it would be open to contract negotiations which would have to be approved by City Council. Additionally, Ms. Ransom stated that staff is considering constraining the commercial rentals

(i.e. photo shoots and the like) to school days prior to 3:00 p.m. so that the area is not negatively impacted.

Chairman Harris stated that the proposal made sense and also explained that when the skate park project discussions were held the Bark Park people were concerned about parking for their events and they were told that it would be decided at a later date. Additionally, he instructed staff to keep communications open with the Bark Park people.

MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hartley presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation updating them on the following projects: the infield and outfield turf was renovated at Davis Field (Lions Park); Farm Sports Complex was renovated this fall before the soccer season began; the concrete replacement was completed at Shiffer Park and re-designed to minimize the amount of visible concrete; the entire facility was re-carpeted at the Neighborhood Community and the specifications to have a new roof put on are in the works; skylights were added and roofs replaced to the restrooms at Shiffer and Smallwood Parks; The skylights at Vista Park was also replaced; drinking fountains were replaced at Wakeham and Tanager Parks; the building at Bark Park was painted and the windows replaced; at TeWinkle Park the irrigation main line was replaced on the eastern half and the western half is in progress; at Fairview Park new park shelter permit holders have been installed and trash cans replaced; and the Mesa Verde North neighborhood sign was replaced with recycled material.

In response to questions from Commissioner Burciaga regarding handicapped access at Paularino Park, Mr. Hartley stated that there are sidewalks throughout the park with easy paths to the picnic area and he was unaware of any obstacles or barriers a person in a wheel chair might experience. He requested that the person contact Maintenance Services and they will work them and if it is not something related directly to the park they can get them in touch with the right people in the City's Engineering Division.

PARKS PROJECTS MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mejia updated the Commission on the following projects at Fairview Park and TeWinkle Park:

Fairview Park multi-purpose trail project has been advertised for construction and should be open for bids in mid November. Additionally, City Council awarded the contract for the design of the bridge and with the development of the geo-technical report completed the designer will utilize that information to design the structures.

At TeWinkle Park the grant application has been completed for the construction of the playground equipment that was approved for donation+ to the City last month. In addition, an application will be submitted to request funding for the construction of the new softball field as part of the sports complex project. Mr. Mejia also noted that a few of the other park projects currently under construction are on hold due to the rains; however, they should resume once the ground is ready.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Fidler directed staff to look into alternative field sites

for AYSO to decrease the impact of the portable lights for the neighbors that live around Kaiser School.

Commissioner Burciaga queried the citations versus warnings for dogs caught off leash that was denoted in the Park Ranger's monthly report. Staff advised Commissioner Burciaga that the supervisor for the Park Rangers would be contacted and a response would be forthcoming.

Commissioner Leece stated that she attended the Skate Park Dedication and expressed her gratitude to City staff for the work they had done. Additionally, she said that she attended the Lounge Chair Theater event and was pleased to see all the families that were enjoying the movie, "Finding Nemo".

Commissioner Leece requested that, in order to identify themselves to the public, staff look into adding the names of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners to the quarterly Recreation Review.

Additionally, Commissioner Leece expressed her desire to publicly thank Ms. Ransom and her staff for providing the breakdown of the fields effected by Measure A and the status of their construction. Commissioner Leece noted that the City Manager sent a memo regarding the maintenance for the fields permitted under the Joint Use Agreement with the action taken at their last meeting on how the fields will be maintained in the future. An athletic field evaluation form and a detailed "rest and renovation" schedule were also included. She also reiterated her desire to 1) know when future city/school district meetings will be held; 2) have them made available to the public; and 3) have the meetings publicized.

Commissioner Leece requested two informational items from staff: 1) come up with a solution on educating the public regarding field usage rules; and 2) provide usage information and the current leasing arrangements for Harper, Lindberg, Mesa Verde and Parsons-Waldorf Schools.

Regarding the two informational items requested by Commissioner Leece, Ms. Ransom stated for clarification purposes that the Field Ambassadors do not have citation authority. If a group is in violation of the rules they will inform the group of the rules and ask them to leave. If the need arises for a group to be cited, the Field Ambassadors contact the Park Rangers for assistance.

Ms. Ransom also informed Commissioner Leece that Lindberg and Harper Schools are currently used and permitted by the City, however they are not part of the Joint Use Agreement because there is a third party arrangement. Additionally, Ms. Ransom noted that a detailed informational item would be provided.

Commissioner Leece thanked Mr. Hartley for the two reports he submitted regarding park signage and the landscape plan for Avenue of the Arts.

Vice Chairman de Arakal stated that he attended the Skate Park dedication in the illness and absence of Chairman Harris. He expressed his gratitude to Mayor Monahan and Council Member Scheafer for their support of the Skate Park. In addition, he also thanked Chairman Harris and former Commission Chairperson Kelly Feldman for having been instrumental in leadership, obtaining a location for the skate park. Additionally he recognized and thanked all the past council members for all their support, noting that there have been so many people that worked so hard for so many years and for so long to get a skate park in this town and it is finally happening.

Vice Chairman de Arakal also thanked Mr. Hartley for the two follow up reports that Commissioner Leece mentioned earlier. He also reminded the public to vote this coming Tuesday.

Vice Chairman de Arakal closed his comments by wishing his father a happy birthday.

Chairman Harris thanked Vice Chairman de Arakal for filling in for him at the last Commission meeting and at the Skate Park dedication, while he was ill. He also stated that he watched the Commission meeting on television.

Chairman Harris also made note of the difficult situation with the field lighting earlier in the agenda and stated that it is hard trying to figure out who is right and who is wrong as Commissioner Burciaga noted earlier. However, he said that the hard work was appreciated and he believed that a decent conclusion was reached.

Chairman Harris reminded everyone to get out and vote and wished Commissioner Burciaga and Mr. Shaw, in the audience, good luck in their bids for City Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at **9:48 p.m.** to the Study Session on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the regular Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

William J. Morris
Public Services Director