

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2020; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 6:00 p.m. on January 23, 2020 in the Costa Mesa Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Rutherford

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Absent: None

Staff Present: Yvette Aguilar, Acting Parks & Community Services Director; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Robert Ryan, Maintenance Supervisor; Tracy Habiger, Acting Assistant Recreation Supervisor; Enyelber Franco, Recreation Coordinator; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Amended Minutes of the November 21, 2020 Meeting of the PACS Commission**

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Fahy moves to approve the minutes/Seconded by Vice Chair McNabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

5. **Public Comments**

1. John Rittenhouse, resident & HSS member, spoke about the Fairview Park fly field and Measure AA; and requested support from Commission members.
2. Justice King, resident, spoke about being in favor of a skate park expansion, specifically seeking a pump track, half bridge and, half track to be part of the expansion.
3. Jim Gray, resident, spoke in favor of a skate park expansion.
4. Bill King, resident, spoke in favor of a skate park expansion, and would like to see the park evolve into a destination/world class skate park. Encouraged the City to seek out partnerships with local action sport companies.
5. Katie Crawford, resident, backyard backs to Brentwood Park, spoke about increased noise, litter, afterhours activity since new tables were installed at the park; looking to remove new tables from the park.

6. Bob Stumm, resident, lives across from Brentwood Park, echoed the public comment just before his. Spoke about the increased Police presence instituted by the City due to unwanted behaviors present at the new tables' location.
7. Jackie King, representing skateboarders, spoke about being in favor of a skate park expansion that would include a pump track and flow items as part of the project.
8. Speaker, resident, spoke about the skate park and the bark park being too close in proximity to each other that an expansion would cause a parking issue, another location is needed for the skate park expansion in the City.
9. Michael Sampson, requesting a bike skills area added to TeWinkle Park, including a pump track, funding can be found through action sports companies located in Costa Mesa.
10. Justice King, resident, spoke in favor of a skate park expansion.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

6. Commissioner Comments

Chair Erickson – Spoke about a pump track being enjoyable for all ages, pickleball as a growing sport, and asked staff to research options to add pickleball courts to the community; attended the CycloCross event at Balearic Park last November; and encouraged the public to attend a restoration workshop at Fairview Park on Saturday, January 25th.

Vice Chair McNabb – Asked staff if the skate park expansion could move forward, and to follow up with Brentwood Park resident concerns; thanked staff and volunteers for Snoopy House; and encouraged the public to attend the Tet festival events at the Orange County Fairgrounds January 24th-26th, and the community bike ride hosted by Council Member Reynolds Sunday, January 26th.

Commissioner Ashendorf – Thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and City staff for assisting with the Senior Center's Breakfast with Santa event; spoke about the History of Hanukkah event at the Senior Center, the On P.A.R Social at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on February 26th, and the new sustainability store, Eco Now, located in Costa Mesa; invited the public to attend the Costa Mesa Senior Center's featured artist exhibit on February 10th, the Youth Art Gallery and Art of the Fifth reception at City Hall on February 26th, and to free art workshops at Lions Park coming in February, March & April; and will be attending the Newport Mesa Visual and Performing Arts Commission representing the City as a liaison.

Commissioner DeCicco – Thanked staff for continuing to work with tree removal applicants to save trees while still addressing their concerns; addressed the new donation feature that the City's Parks & Community Services Department has implemented through registration software; and encouraged staff to apply more donation account options, specifically for recreational amenities such as a skate park expansion, splash pad, etc.

Commissioner Fahy – Spoke about the skate park being a wonderful amenity for the city; thanked the public for coming to the Commission with a plan to work with the City to use a

mix of public and private partnerships that would move the skate park expansion forward; promoted the community bike ride event hosted by Council Member Reynolds; acknowledged the City Council for their work making recommendations to the State about repositioning the Fairview Park Developmental Center's land.

Commissioner Frager – Spoke about local business, Landers Liquor Bar; attended MLK Serve Day hosted by Trellis; and promoted the Tet festival events happening around Costa Mesa the weekend of January 24th.

Commissioner Rutherford – Spoke about attending the Fairview Park Steering Committee's fly field meetings, activating public spaces, Wilson Park, the benefits of a skate park expansion, and the opportunity to add to the City's green infrastructure with the Fairview Park Developmental Center's transfer of use; and promoted the community bike ride hosted by Council Member Reynolds.

7. Consent Calendar

a) Memorial Plaque Donation

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Erickson moves to approve the Consent Calendar/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

8. Presentations

a) Fall at a Glance

Ms. Tracy Habiger & Mr. Enyelber Franco present.

Commissioner DeCicco thanked staff for the abundance of recreational opportunities provided to the public, especially those at the Lions Park Event Lawn; inquired about the Mobile Recreation program's locations and how they are determined.

b) Bark Park Proposed Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Bruce Lindemann and Mr. Robert Ryan present.

Commissioner Fahy asked staff what the average annual cost of sodding the Bark Park is, if staff have considered changing the topography of the park to add natural bumps and hills for play, and if "pop-up" dog parks have been considered during the renovation phases.

Commissioner Rutherford also spoke in favor of "pop-up" dog parks, and the possibility of adding permanent dog parks to other parts of the City, including Fairview Park.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked if the additional monthly maintenance day will be ongoing after the renovation, and if there would be a benefit to closing a portion of the park to work on

so that another portion is still usable.

Vice Chair McNabb asked how the cost estimate was calculated, and if staff could look into whether there is another closure day that would be more beneficial, county-wide, since other city dog parks are closed on the current maintenance day.

Commissioner DeCicco thanked staff for addressing this; asked staff about drainage at this park, adding clay back into the soil, the dormant phase of the suggested grass species, and if the park could benefit from periods of regular rest like the sport fields.

Commissioner Frager also spoke in favor of “pop-up” dog parks.

Commissioner Rutherford asked staff about the scope of community outreach, and recommended that staff inform residents that this project is being considered and garner feedback.

Chair Erickson spoke about the benefit the Bark Park has been to the community for the last 20 years.

9. Old Business

No items

10. New Business

a) Tree Removal Request – 307 Princeton Drive

Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

Public Comments:

1. Tree Removal Applicant, Marie Maldonado, spoke in favor of the tree removal and her concern of safety along the sidewalks; stated that she would be willing to work with staff to find alternative methods of addressing her concerns if the tree removal was denied.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

Commissioner DeCicco asked when the roots had last been pruned, if the City would be willing to root prune the tree and install a root barrier, if the resident would have to remove the existing artificial turf, and if any other maintenance work would be necessary to prevent lifting of the sidewalk.

Commissioner Rutherford asked staff to explain how they arrived at their staff recommendation from the staff report.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Erickson moves to deny the tree removal request and direct staff to work with the tree removal applicant/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

11. Maintenance Manager's Report

Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

Commissioner DeCicco asked staff if the new recycling receptacles indicate what should and should not be placed within them.

12. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

Commissioner Ashendorf thanked staff for providing programming during school closures and asked if the department has made adjustments to youth programming based on the new school schedule.

Vice Chair McNabb asked staff if commissioners will be receiving information to review before the upcoming study session, and if the study session would include the tree and plant palette.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 8:15 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission
is on Thursday, February 27, 2020**

Prepared by Allison Burch
PACS Commission Secretary

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