

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 27, 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 February 27, 2020 in the Costa Mesa Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

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

3. **Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Ashendorf

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

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Meeting of the PACS Commission**

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

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Ashendorf

**Motion Carried:** 6-1-0

5. **Public Comments**

1. Olga Reynolds, spoke about the City Nature Challenge occurring April 24-27, using the iNaturalist app.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair Erickson – Attended the last Coffee with a Cop event and let the public know that the police officer that he spoke with encouraged him (and the general community) to call the non-emergency line if there are situations in the community that seem unusual or “off”; and spoke about a local artist’s partnership with Victoria Elementary School by painting handball court murals.

Vice Chair McNabb – Attended the Youth Art Gallery reception at City Hall featuring SOY (Save Our Youth); spoke about being proud of the City for prioritizing art and culture

opportunities; congratulated Art on the Fifth featured artist, Barbra Owens; and addressed the Coronavirus and proper hygiene techniques.

Commissioner DeCicco – Thanked staff for adding a donation button to the City website and for meeting with him regarding user group concerns with field spaces.

Commissioner Fahy – Thanked the City Council and the City Attorney's Office for working quickly regarding housing of people afflicted with the Coronavirus in Costa Mesa; encouraged the community to apply for the open positions on City committees before the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline; spoke about Brentwood Park and neighbors' concerns over a bench that was installed by the City, and other neighbors' desire for more benches and play spaces; encouraged the community to communicate with the Police Department if there is unlawful activity being witnessed; and spoke about the upcoming community survey regarding the skate park.

Commissioner Frager – Attended the quarterly City Leaders gathering organized by Trellis, the last couple of Cultural Arts Committee meetings and the Youth Art Gallery reception at City Hall for SOY; and announced that applications for the Pacific Symphony's Arts Express program are now available and that the Pacific Chorale Academy will perform at the next City Council meeting.

Commissioner Rutherford – Asked staff to forward a link to all Commissioners that Ms. Reynolds mentioned in Public Comments; attended Council Member Reynolds' bike ride event; encouraged the community to register their bikes; spoke about the Planning Commission development impact fees that will be used to enhance City parks and open space; and thanked staff for activating parks and prioritizing Commission items.

## **7. Consent Calendar**

- a) Approval of Dog Agility Equipment
- b) Instructional Class Proposals

Item 7a pulled for discussion only by Vice Chair McNabb.

Ms. Tracy Habiger presents.

Public Comment

1. Dean Romine; thanked staff, Mayor Pro Tem Stevens, and the Animal Services Committee for helping bring his idea and project to fruition.

Vice Chair McNabb thanked Mr. Romine for his hard work that will benefit the community.

Commissioner Rutherford expressed that he was moved by this project and encouraged Mr. Romine to continue working in the community.

Commissioner Fahy thanked Mr. Romine.

Vice Chair McNabb congratulated Ms. Habiger for her recent City Manager's Leadership Award.

Commissioner DeCicco asked when the equipment would be installed and if Mr. Romine still needs volunteers.

Chair Erickson asked staff if this project could be rejected by the City Council.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Ashendorf

Motion Carried: 6-1-0

## 8. Presentations

### a) Annual Arts & Culture Programs Update

Ms. Marianna Pena resents.

Vice Chair McNabb asked staff when the Arts and Culture Master Plan will be presented to City Council, and thanked staff for the amazing array of arts and culture related offerings made available to the community through the Parks & Community Services department.

Chair Erickson commended staff on the SMART Camp program and asked if there is anything the commissioners could do to ensure that it is an overwhelming success again.

Commissioner DeCicco asked staff if SMART Camp usually fills to capacity.

### b) Biannual Transportation Update

Mr. Enyelber Franco presents.

Chair Erickson commended staff for the program's increased service and lower cost.

Vice Chair McNabb asked staff if there is a way for the Commission to help secure grants in the future for this program.

## 9. Old Business

No items

## 10. New Business

No Items

**11. Parks and Community Services Director's Report**

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 6:50 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission  
is on Thursday, March 26, 2020**

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Prepared by Allison Burch  
PACS Commission Secretary

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Submitted by Yvette E. Aguilar  
Acting Parks and Community Services Director