

THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
October 22, 2020; 5:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 5:01 p.m. on October 22, 2020 via Zoom call.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chair McNabb
3. **Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director; Brenda Green, City Clerk; Sylvia Chalmers, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 24, 2020 Meeting**

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Erickson 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, DeCicco, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

5. **Public Comments**

1. Henry Smith – Currently the president of Harbor Soaring Society. He wanted to comment regarding the Fairview Park Steering Committee. He feels that a long time organization is getting a swift slap and pushed away and the whole Fairview Park Steering Committee has been disingenuous.
2. Emailed comment
3. John Rittenhouse- former Harbor Soaring Society president and longtime resident of Costa Mesa. Send in a letter protesting how the Fairview Park Steering Committee meeting went last week. Closely parallels to what public speaker, Henry said. As a citizen of Costa Mesa, consider their agenda and ask you to tell the organization what is needed from them.
4. Dawn had a raised hand, but no comments were successful.

Jason Minter let the Commission know that at the next PAC's Commission will be an item regarding the direction from the Fairview Park Steering Committee.

Mr. DeCicco requested to receive Measure AA and any other agreements of organizations at Fairview Park.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Ashendorf – Welcomed everyone and thanked Commissioner Frager for her leadership in Love Costa Mesa Day. Invited everyone to join Halecrest on October 24, 2020 from 10am-4pm for their craft fair. This event is filling in for the chili cook-off, since it cannot be held this year. October 30th there is the Power of One Trunk or Treat from 2pm-5pm at the Ikea parking lot. Chair Erickson and I had the opportunity to discuss with NMUSD members of current activities available from the City. Recommended staff look into a mobile skate park on the west side.

Commissioner DeCicco – Thanked Mr. Minter on his work. He hopes staff continue to push for the public items to reopen. Suggested staff to place guideline/recommendations the City is following available on the City website, so the public can understand the reopening process.

Commissioner Fahy – Was happy to see the parks and skate parks available. Loved Commissioner Ashendorf's idea to have a mobile skate park on the East side. Would love follow-up on the redevelopment of the skate park and plans on the community outreach. Wants to see if public feedback can be accessible online too. Gave a shout out to the Alliance for Better Streets by making the streets more accessible in Costa Mesa. Thanked the City Council and Planning Commission to allow temporary permits for Costa Mesa streetery's. Happy to see we are working with businesses to help keep them open.

Commissioner Frager – Commented on Love Costa Mesa Day. Had 20 volunteers at the art crosswalk. There was about 400 volunteers total who were involved in either art projects, revamping structures, or just cleaning our City. Thanked staff and Council member Marr in their efforts. Attended an unveiling of a local mural in the City. Is looking forward to having the Cultural Arts Committee meeting again.

Vice Chair McNabb – Thanked the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce and participated their Hispanic Heritage month event last Thursday evening and found it a wonderful way to see a business's unite and celebrate the community. Expressed the 3 W's; wear your mask, watch your distance and wash your hands. Now is a great time to participate in our democracy and expressed there are several vote drop-boxes in the area. Thanked City staff and their offerings during this time. Liked the mobile skate park idea and suggested staff to look into an outdoor recreational Yoga class at a park for the public.

Commissioner Rutherford – Thanked City staff and Commissioners for their work. Echoed on what vice chair McNabb said about voting. Encouraged the public to go vote.

Chair Erickson – Thanked Commissioner Ashendorf for taking the torch as a liaison and feels like we have a lot to offer at our parks. Echoed everyone's comments regarding mobile skate parks. Informed the public about the Mesa Water District voting drop-box. Encourages residents to take ownership of their neighborhoods by using the *MyCostaMesa* App for smartphones. He has made several maintenance reports and expressed the City is quick to react to resolve the issues. It also helps create a better look in the City with these reports.

7. Consent Calendar

a) Donation of a Tree and Memorial Plaque at TeWinkle Park

Laura Silva – Commented that this plaque is to honor her husband who has passed. Lives in Mesa Del Mar. This would be a meaningful plaque for her family given that her kids and are frequent users of the park.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Erickson moved to approve donation/Seconded by Vice Chair Fahy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Mr. Minter presented the Parks and Community Services Director's Report.

Commissioner Ashendorf requested we receive a police report regarding the park ranger updates. It helps us also see what actions are going on at our parks.

Commissioner Fahy asked if there was an update on the University Drive Pocket park.

Mr. Minter stated that Perez Park is the official name and believes late November would be the opening date for a ribbon cutting; no date has been officially set though.

Commissioner DeCicco – Requested what the Commission's role is regarding the HSS agreement.

Mr. Minter answered that Council will receive the Commission's and Fairview Park Steering Committee's recommendation to help determine their final decision regarding the agreement. This is more for public engagement and allow an opportunity for comments to be made on the matter.

Mr. Erickson asked about the Turkey Trot event and wanted more information on the event. Mr. Minter said it is still piecing together regarding policy waivers, but it is a similar approach to a reading program when you log your miles and submit as you go. Prizes will be presented to the winners,

Commissioner DeCicco requested what is the best way to find out event information as things begin to reopen.

Mr. Minter stated the Recreation Guide would be the best way to see what activities are reopening. This guide is given quarterly with the exception of summer. It was more of a Resource Guide to the community given the closures, but a Fall one is available online on the City's website.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 5:51 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission
To be announced**

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PACS Commission Secretary

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Parks and Community Services Director