
CITY OF COSTA MESA
FEBRUARY 24, 2021
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
UNOFFICIAL – MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Pullen, and Commissioner Rutherford

Absent: None

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

2. CALL TO ORDER: City Clerk Brenda Green

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Commissioner Rutherford

4. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY-APPOINTED PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS: City Clerk Brenda Green

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Public Comment: No comments

Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Rutherford made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ashendorf as Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Dorn Parker.

1. **MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Rutherford moves to approve Commissioner Ashendorf as Chair/Seconded by Commissioner Dorn Parker. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Pullen, and Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

2. **MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Ashendorf moves to nominate Commissioner Rutherford as Vice Chair/Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Pullen, and Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2021

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn Parker moves to approve the minutes/Seconded by Commissioner Glabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Rutherford Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, and Commissioner Pullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Marcus Lutyens: COVID grief memorial and it's a nationwide memorial where we do felt roses in the community and not sure how to go forward to help spread this movement. This memorial is currently happening Orange County Museum of Arts, Eastern Texas and St. Louis; <https://www.roseriver.memorial/>

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - (Comments are limited to 3 minutes, or as otherwise directed)

- 1) Commissioner Glabb: No current comments. But has been in Costa Mesa since 1988 and looking forward to providing input into the community.
- 2) Vice Chair Rutherford: Looking forward to working with everyone appointed and thanked Director Minter for running a great community meeting at Ketchum Libolt. Recently attended the housing element meeting and helped provide input on that. Congratulations for a great movie night at the Senior Center. Arbor day is coming in April and hoping we can as a commission to do a tree planting in the City.
- 3) Commissioner Pullen: Also known as Coach Q, looking forward to the 9am-11:30am for Fairview Park clean-up and noted what changes they want to see at the park. Getting the community involved to help us. Looking forward to helping the community grow.
- 4) Commissioner Garcia: Grew up in the City and recently sat in the walkability and bike committee.
- 5) Commissioner Andrade Vallarte: Very excited to join the commission. Has about 20 years of non-profit background and trying to get the community in a more active lifestyle.
- 6) Commissioner Dorn Park: Been a resident for over 30 years and has used the community with her children heavily throughout the years. Works in Orange Coast College and hopes the college and City collaborate more.
- 7) Chair Ashendorf: Highlighted the Costa Mesa Senior Center for all the assistance we have provided to our Seniors. Park district sign update and rollout those changes. Shalimar Park met by seven children, is missing a rocking horse, tire swing that's been removed, jungle bars are gone, and open water pipe. The children want to ensure that park is taken care of. Requested if commissioners come out and represent their district on May 15 for Love Costa Mesa Day.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR – There are no consent calendar items

11. OLD BUSINESS – None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a.) [Approve the installation of a Memorial Bench, Tree, and Plaque at TeWinkle Park](#)
Parents of Noel, Eleanor and Glenn Bascon: Councilmember Arlis Reynold and Director Minter. He loved that park since he was a toddler and was a very unfortunate accident be more aware of the safety needs for our parks. Glenn is very grateful son's legacy will be there. Thanked everyone involved.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn Parker moves to approve the memorial /Seconded by Vice Chair Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Rutherford Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, and Commissioner Pullen

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

b.) [Tree Removal Request – 2528 Vassar Place](#)

Mr. Robert Ryan presented ppt.

Public Comment:

- 1) Roseanne Eichenbaun: It has been an issue in our yard since 2013 and the roots have been removed and still have roots on my property. This has been an issue for 20 years.

Pullen

Glabb

Rutherford

Dorn Parker

Ashendorf

Many commissioners wanted more review for what was signed regarding the reimbursement for the homeowner.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair Rutherford moves to approve staff recommendation with a caveat to have staff review how to protect the sidewalk from roots/Seconded by commissioner Dorn Parker. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Rutherford Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, and Commissioner Pullen

Nays: Commissioner Scott Glabb

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 6-1-0

c.) [Host a Community Meeting on Proposed Improvements at Ketchum-Libolt Park](#)

Item where the commission can have a discussion with suggestions for Ketchum Libolt park for a grant application to renovate the park to qualify for park improvement money.

Public Comment:

David Martinez: connectivity and walking around the area. You have to walk .5 mile. Would like to see access from dead end streets for pedestrian access to walk around the City easier. Bicycle trail implementation would also be nice

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Dorn Parker wanted to know input from Commissioner Garcia and the public, to get a better understanding what can occur. Mr. Minter discussed the areas aimed for enhancement.

Commissioner Pullen would like to see fitness equipment. Looking to enhance a family experience for adults. Need to have outdoor space.

Commissioner Garcia: Was originally to commemorate the two fallen officers from a helicopter crash. Heighten the parking restrictions, because entryways get blocked if attempting to visit in the morning.

Vice Chair Rutherford: we have less sports fields than surrounding Cities per capita and maybe implementing a half basketball court can help cater to adults.

13. a.) [Park Ranger Monthly Report \(January 2021\)](#)

Follow-up and noted you can get a bike license at the front desk at PD. In-person only.

Public Comment:

David Martinez: Good to know the purpose and why background on bicycle licenses, this latest report shows an increase of 4 within a span of a month which equals the same amount of citations issued for September, October, November, and December combined, which doesn't make sense why enforcement is happening. Bike rodeos at schools. Asked about demographic information. Asked office staff in PD who is getting these citations and the response was mostly transients who have to pay a court process fee. Mr. Martinez requested officers to educate bicyclists to issue bike licenses.

Vice Chair Rutherford: Look into an online process. Ask if a Police Officer can speak before the commission.

Chair Ashendorf looks forward to a park ranger to be present to assist in those questions. In the past, a ranger is in a commission meeting quarterly.

b.) [Parks & Community Services Director's Report \(January 2021\)](#)

Director Minter presented.

No comments from commissioners

14. Adjournment

Chair Ashendorf adjourned the meeting at 5:24pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MARCH 25, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM WEBINAR