
CITY OF COSTA MESA

March 24, 2021

MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OFFICIAL - MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Ashendorf called it at 4:03pm
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Commissioner Pullen hosted the Pledge of the Allegiance
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

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 FEBRUARY 24, 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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – (Comments are limited to 3 minutes, or as otherwise directed)

- 1) **David Martinez:** commented on the location of the Perez Park bike rack is parallel to the wall making it a tight fit for the bike and can scrape the wall. Would like consideration for future installations that are accessible for bikes.

Mr. Minter mentioned that the bike rack will be relocated once the gate is installed.

[Click here for the Emailed Correspondence received.](#)

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

- 1) **Vice Chair Rutherford:** Attended the Strut Bar & Club unveiling of their art mural on their outside wall. Received a public correspondence inquiring about the bike rack at Fairview Park or multiple racks, concerns about field access at Luke Davis Field, and wearing down the grass at the Lions Park Event Lawn.
- 2) **Commissioner Glabb:** received a public email correspondence regarding field use agreement and the district limiting the access outside the district hours.
- 3) **Commissioner Pullen:** Notified the committee that he will be moving to his hometown Atlanta, Georgia. He plans to send an email with his plans and ideas in hopes some carry over. Creating a larger volunteer base was one of those ideas to have more community involvement. Will be

dropping off the #BeKind movement that Mayor Foley mentioned in the last week's Council meeting to the Parks department.

Chair Ashendorf: Acknowledged Commissioners Pullen move, he will be missed.

- 4) **Commissioner Garcia:** No comments at this time.
- 5) **Commissioner Andrade Vallarta:** Requesting access to one of the local parks in Costa Mesa in District 5. Some kind of signage/crosswalk for people to access the parks to help slow down and gain accessibility to Wilson Park.

Mr. Minter can share that information with the Bike and walkability committee.

- 6) **Commissioner Dorn Parker:** Visited Perez Park, happy to see that it caters to toddler kids. Visited several parks where she took her children when they were little. During her announcements on Social Media, she would like to see the City explore options with working with her connections with the Environmental Center and OCC Horticulture. Is there a way to explore butterfly –friendly softscape.
- 7) **Chair Ashendorf:** Tomorrow is the last day for the Park Hop Eggstravaganza event. Ponderosa mural is leaving town and moving to San Diego. Requested Commissioners do a ride a long through a park rangers eye. Witnessed people climbing over the entry gate at Harper Park due to it being locked.

Commissioner Dorn Parker mentioned that the gate has an illusion that it's closed, but the gate is unlocked gate and could be closed just to help with children control.

Mr. Minter mentioned that staff are currently reviewing that school and can provide an update when available.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – There are no consent calendar items.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

a) [Update on the Arts and Culture Master Plan](#)

Mr. Minter provided an update regarding the Arts and Cultural Master Plan. Gave kudos to all staff, council, and previous predecessors involved. Working on the adjustments needed to make the official master plan available.

9. **NEW BUSINESS** No new business

10. a.) [Park Ranger Monthly Report \(March 2021\)](#)

Lt. Wadkins assisted with any questions the commission and public may have.

Chair Ashendorf: Are we able to visit schools to get more bikes licensed?

Lt. Wadkins: We are working in collaboration with parks to do pop-ups at parks to do an outreach for the community.

Commissioner Glabb: Is there a way to do this process online? Is there a sticker that is placed on the bike? What are the hours to come and register?

Lt. Wadkins: That's something we would need to have Finance to setup. The registering process takes about a minute or two, and they attach a sticker and license on the bike. Run the bike number later. Police station is open from 8am-8pm 7 days a week.

Vice Chair Rutherford: Does Fire provide licensing?

Lt. Wadkins: Fire station is not manned for walk-up registrations

Commissioner Dorn Parker: Asked if Parks, Police, and the Bike and Walkability committee review e-bikes that zip around on the streets?

Mr. Minter mentioned the department is working collaboratively with PD to make this more available for the community.

Public Comment:

David Martinez: Recently organized a group to participate in the Park Hop and get their bikes registered. He mentioned there had been bike rodeos in the past in NMUSD schools for 12 of the past 13 years. Would the police substation be available for the bike license? Register on-location instead of a citation.

Lt. Wadkins: Substation is not manned, just a place for officers to complete their office work. Enforcement is an educational tool, we are looking to do more of a community outreach for bike licenses.

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

Mr. Minter presented with a brief update on programs from Ms. Villasenor.

Chair Ashendorf: When are we going to bring Mobile Rec and classes for Seniors?

Mr. Minter: Mobile Rec is not something we can open due to gatherings of multiple households and Senior Staff are looking to transition to in-person classes slowly.

11. Adjournment Chair Ashendorf adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.