

**JANUARY 27, 2022  
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by Chairperson Ashendorf at 6:00pm
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Commissioner Glabb
- 3. ROLL CALL**

= Present     = Absent

**Commissioners**

- Angely Andrade Vallarta\*
- Kelly Brown
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker
- Scott Glabb
- Cassius Rutherford, Vice Chair
- Charlene Ashendorf, Chair

**City Staff**

- Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
- Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- Ashley Thomas, Recreation Supervisor
- Laura Fautua, Executive Secretary

\*Commissioner Andrade Vallarta entered the meeting at 6:17pm.

- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2021 MEETING**

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the minutes/Seconded by Vice Chair Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Andrade Vallarta

**Motion Carried:** 5-0

- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Bronwyn Jones:** would like to have a vending machine at the Costa Mesa Skate Park and offered to provide and manage the vending machine.

- 6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Vice Chair Rutherford:** Would like to get the 10 people group size for park permits addressed sometime this year. Gave kudos to City staff with all the work they do for the community.

**Commissioner Glabb:** No comments.

**Commissioner Brown:** Thanked City Staff and Park Ranger Anderson for the City ride-along opportunity. Learned a lot about park management and areas that are patrolled. Noticed recent activity with Costa Mesa's Social Media accounts and has enjoyed seeing artwork and historical building information.

**Commissioner Dorn Parker:** Also thanked Park Ranger Anderson and Vaughn. The ride-along gave her an understanding of the parks reports, how Rangers work to ensure the parks are well used and perform outreach towards some of the members outreach to some of the

members of our community that find themselves unhoused experienced trauma or in crisis. Mentioned the Costa Mesa Historical Society put out a calendar about the historic homes from the East Side, for a \$10 donation. Explained it would be wonderful opportunity to understand the history of our City. Thanked everybody for the work they have done for the parks. Mentioned the upcoming year will be innovative due to the pandemic, thanked staff and Commissioners for the work in advance. Wants to thank the staff and all the commissioners for the work we have ahead this year.

**Chair Ashendorf:** The Mesa Verde Library concrete pad that was approved in October has been completed and is looking forward to seeing future activities at the library. Excited to have Art on the Fifth artist, Karen Nguyen, displaying her art until the end of March. Happy to also see a new art installation at TeWinkle Middle School, as well as, the Youth Art Gallery up and going again at City Hall. The Exhibit, at the Costa Mesa Senior Center is featuring Michael Wards is on display. Observed many park users at Fairview Park and wants to remind the public there is a Fairview Park sign that states all motorized and remote control vehicles are prohibited. Request for staff to take a look at some of the outdated signage that that is on display at Fairview Park and updating the information kiosks.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR – None**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Tree Removal Request – 3462 Wimbledon Update  
Mr. Ryan presented to the Commission

*Commissioner Andrade Vallarta entered the meeting.*

**Public Comment:**

Mary Helen Frake-Minar: explained the background of the photos that were provided to the Commission and the excess of pine needles that drop from the tree. Would like the Commission to reconsider taking out this tree.

Commissioner Glabb inquired what the City Arborist said about the tree. Mr. Ryan responded and with the health of the tree.

Vice Chair Rutherford recommended to move forward with staff's recommendation, since the tree does not need to be removed because there is no threat and the tree is healthy.

Commissioner Dorn-Parker thanked staff for the Commission additional time to evaluate the report and allow the resident to provide more information and details. Mentioned that when walking the area, she found it to be a really great healthy tree.

Commissioner Glabb asked if the resident could hire another arborist to get a second opinion and can she file a claim with the City to have somebody come out and clean up the pine needles?

Mr. Ryan addressed the questions and mentioned that it is possible, however, it may be a onetime cleanup and would not alleviate any ongoing maintenance.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Ashendorf made a motion to approve staff's recommendation/Seconded by Vice Chair Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

**Nays:** Commissioner Glabb

**Absent:** None

**Motion Carried:** 5-1

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Major League Baseball Annual Report  
Ms. Thomas presented.

Commissioner Rutherford acknowledge the team registration numbers exceeded those posted by Irvine, Newport Beach, Fountain Valley, and even Huntington Beach.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Ashendorf made a motion to receive and file/Seconded by Commissioner Dorn-Parker.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Carried:** 6-0

- b) Tree Removal Request – 1107 Visalia Drive  
Mr. Ryan presented.

Commissioner Dorn Parker thanked Mr. Ryan for explaining the process. Informed the Commissioners, when reviewing the tree onsite, it looks healthy.

Commissioner Glabb reviewed past agenda from 2018 to 2021 and noticed there were 21 tree removal requests and 17 of those were by residents. The Commission denied all 17 resident requests. The other four requesting removal were in front of businesses and all were approved by the City and the Commission. Asked if a business takes precedence over residents for tree removal. Mr. Ryan informed the Commission, business do not take precedence over tree removals.

Vice Chair Rutherford appreciates this open and collaborative forum. Reminisced on some of the public benefits of previous tree removal, such as you the Merrimac Way project, Which resulted in a protected bike lane, so users like children can bike from Joanne Street to Merrimac Way and over to OCC. Also the removal of the dying trees at Lions park made room for a new reimagined space for the community.

No public comments.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Dorner Parker made a motion to approve staff's recommendation/Seconded by Chair Ashendorf.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

**Nays:** Commissioner Glabb

**Absent:** None

**Motion Carried:** 5-1

c) Memorial Donation Kiernan Patrick Locke

Mr. Ryan presented and answered any questions commissioners had regarding the designs.

**Public Comment:**

Mat Garcia: As a resident, thinks this donation is a great idea and supports it.

Bronwyn Jones: Finds this gesture very beautiful and shows a lot of compassion for other kids and families who walk by and get to experience this tribute.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Ashendorf made a motion to approve the memorial Donation for Kiernan Patrick Locke/Seconded by Vice Chair Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Carried:** 6-0

**10. MONTHLY REPORTS**

a) Park Ranger Report - October through December 2021

b) Director's Report – October through December 2021

Mr. Minter presented. Ms. Villasenor provided a recap regarding the events that occurred.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12. ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Ashendorf at 6:41pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AT 6:00P.M., VIA ZOOM WEBINAR**