

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
October 12, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Campbell at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

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Absent

Committee Members	Committee Liaisons	City Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair Andy Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Reynolds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Dalton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kohl Crecelius	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Chavez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Minter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia D’Agosta	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Harlan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Fuqua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCME, Hank Castignetti	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edwin Glover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PACS, Kelly Brown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emily McClain		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Roberts		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Baume		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Garcia		

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Correspondence received – updated 10/12/22

Jim Erickson: Voiced concern over the presence of dogs at Fairview Park, citing that many OC Parks and CA State Parks do not allow dogs. Inquired as to the City’s position on this matter.

Jason Minter: Suggested bringing back this matter on a future agenda for further deliberation.

Kim Hendricks: Suggested implementing a nursery on the east side of Fairview Park, citing a similar growing space at the Bolsa Chica Land Trust.

COMMITTEE MEMBER and LIAISON COMMENTS

Chair Campbell: Welcomed all new committee members, expressed enthusiasm for the public comments noted above.

Committee Member D’Agosta: Noted the importance of the completion of the FVP Master Plan. Advocated for more City staff to be made available for assisting with the many projects of FVP.

Committee Member Crecelius: Expressed excitement to becoming a part of the Steering Committee.

Committee Member Glover: Introduced himself and expressed enthusiasm for serving on the Committee.

Committee Member Fuqua: Inquired as to whether there are any liability issues concerning children from Waldorf School of Orange County who spend their recess at Fairview.

Committee Member Garcia: Expressed excitement to participate in the Committee.

Committee Member Roberts: Welcomed all new Committee Members and expressed enthusiasm over discussing the issue of the presence of the dogs and the establishment of a native plant nursery at FVP in the future.

Committee Member Baume: Expressed thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the Steering Committee.

PACS Liaison Kelly Brown: Welcomed all new members to the Committee.

Councilmember Reynolds: Expressed excitement over the breadth of experience within the Committee and completing the Master Plan.

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: Welcomed all new members and noted that OCME has provided 17,383 free train rides to the Committee so far this year.

Jason Minter: Introduced himself to the Committee and noted that he is hopeful to change the meeting's format to in-person in the future.

Kelly Dalton: Expressed enthusiasm over completing the Master Plan with the Committee.

Jason Minter: Clarified that Committee Member Liaisons are able to vote when a Committee Member is absent.

Chair Campbell: Noted that the Committee Member Manual states that Committee Member Liaisons do not have a vote when another member is absent.

Jason Minter: Clarified that the Committee Member Manual is outdated and another is in the works.

Laura Fautua: Clarified that the City Clerk office has noted that Committee Member Liaisons are able to vote when a Committee Member is absent.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the August 10, 2022 minutes by Committee Member Fuqua and seconded by Committee Member Roberts.

AYES: Committee Member Crecelius, Committee Member D'Agosta, Committee Member Roberts, Chair Campbell.

NAYS: N/A

ABSTAIN: Committee Member Glover, Committee Member Baume

ABSENT: Committee Member McClain

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Public Comment:

Kim Hendricks: Noted the importance of candidates to disclose their background and their goals for Fairview Park.

MOTION: To approve the nomination of Andy Campbell to Chairperson until April 2023 by Committee Member Roberts and seconded by Committee Member D'Agosta.

AYES: Committee Member Crecelius, Committee Member D'Agosta, Committee Member Fuqua, Committee Member Glover, Committee Member Roberts, Committee Member Baume, and Chair Campbell.

NAYS: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Committee Member McClain

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Committee Member Baume: Nominated Committee Member D'Agosta for Vice Chairperson.

Committee Member Roberts: Concurred and seconded Committee Member Baume's nomination.

Committee Member D'Agosta: Nominated Committee Member Roberts for Vice Chairperson.

Chair Campbell: Seconded Committee Member D'Agosta's nomination of Committee Member Roberts.

MOTION: To approve the nomination of Erik Roberts to Vice Chairperson by Committee Member D'Agosta and seconded by Chair Campbell.

AYES: Committee Member Crecelius, Committee Member D'Agosta, Committee Member Fuqua, Committee Member Glover, Committee Member Roberts, Committee Member Baume, and Chair Campbell.

NAYS: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Committee Member McClain

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

B. STATUS OF THE FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Dalton presented the report.

Chair Campbell: asked for a brief explanation of the Master Plan for the new Committee Members.

Mr. Dalton: explained that the Master Plan outlines the cultural and ecological resources in the space and the new update will be contemporizing the entire document, including inputting a designated trail system.

Councilmember Reynolds: noted that there is an option to request a paper copy of the Master Plan from City staff.

Committee Member D'Agosta: expanded on Mr. Dalton's summary and noted that the 1998 and 2008 versions of the FVP Master Plan are conceptual and broad, with no clear outline of how Fairview Park is managed.

Committee Member Crecelius: inquired as to whether this updated Master Plan would be an entirely new Master Plan.

Mr. Dalton: explained that a comprehensive and in-depth update will be conducted.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM SEA AND SAGE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Mr. Dalton introduced the report.

Douglas Lithgow: expanded upon the report as he had an active part in its preparation.

Chair Campbell: commented that U.S. Fish & Wildlife is looking into designating nesting season as a year-round event due to climate change and inquired as to whether Mr. Lithgow has made such observations.

Mr. Lithgow: stated he has not seen such evidence thus far.

Councilmember Reynolds: inquired as to how volunteers can participate in such efforts.

Mr. Lithgow: explained that they canvass for volunteers at their general meetings and social media.

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: inquired as to whether burrowing owls nest more on the east side due to there being less foot traffic and whether if killdeer eggs should be left alone or if a proper authority should take them into care because of their vulnerability.

Mr. Lithgow: agreed that there could be more burrowing owl nesting on the east side because of less foot traffic. Noted that burrowing owl numbers seem to be decreasing across the county in general. Noted that killdeer are very abundant and it is best to leave any nests alone.

Mr. Dalton: noted that if a nest be found that City staff can be contacted to consult with a biologist on best procedures.

Committee Member Roberts: inquired as to whether there could be a comparative analysis pre- and post-pandemic.

Mr. Lithgow: explained that there a comparative analysis can't be created due to there not being a baseline after switching protocols fairly recently.

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. PARK RANGER REPORTS

- i. **August 2022-** Received and filed.
- ii. **September 2022-** Received and filed.

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: voiced concern over a perceived lack of park rangers patrolling Fairview Park due to rangers having other temporary assignments.

Mr. Dalton: stated that he would be in contact with the Police Department to ensure adequate staffing.

Committee Member D'Agosta: voiced concern over the problem of police enforcement at Fairview Park.

Committee Member Crecelius: inquired as to how park-goers should go about reporting observed prohibited behaviors.

Mr. Minter: explained that the MyCostaMesa App can be used for reporting occurrences such as graffiti or trash-dumping.

Chair Campbell: noted that there is a non-emergency number for the park ranger to call

for immediate issues.

Mr. Minter: also noted that Mr. Dalton can be contacted to be made aware of any occurrences so that they are able to follow-up with the Police Department.

Councilmember Reynolds: also suggested that phone numbers needed to report prohibited behaviors be posted at the kiosks in Fairview Park.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Dalton presented the report.

Chair Campbell: expressed support for a nurse as an opportunity to introduce a STEM activity for the neighboring schools.

Committee Member D'Agosta: expressed the need for additional meetings to ensure new committee members are briefed on FVP projects and master planning prior to decision making on the master plan.

Chair Campbell: inquired about the correct procedure to host additional meetings.

Mr. Minter: noted that additional meetings require an agenda. He noted that staff can put together an agenda if committee members agree to request a specific item to discuss. He also expressed concern about Mr. Dalton's workload and allocating more of his time to additional meetings.

Chair Campbell: clarified if Committee Member D'Agosta was suggesting sharing previously prepared presentations or an additional meeting.

Committee Member D'Agosta: confirmed she was suggesting have a meeting to provide background to new committee members prior to embarking on the master plan process. Inquired if the committee can meet independently in order to not burden Mr. Dalton.

Mr. Minter: clarified that the December meeting will not require any decision making from the committee on the master plan update.

Committee Member D'Agosta: volunteered to help put together a background presentation for new committee members.

Councilmember Reynolds: voiced that the City Council would also be interested in a study session on the background of the park. She suggested collaboration between herself, staff, and committee members to produce a plan for the required education prior to the master plan process begins.

Chair Campbell: noted that a docent package could be useful for future education.

Mr. Dalton: noted that staff has been working on a draft docent program.

Mr. Minter: commended Mr. Dalton's work on Fairview Park so far and noted there is great momentum on various projects. He noted that a site visit for committee members is possible in

smaller groups.

Committee Member Roberts: suggested an onsite meeting in November led by Mr. Dalton and/or Committee Member D'Agosta.

Mr. Minter: noted that per the Brown Act no more than 3 committee members can meet to discuss park matters unless an agenda item is voted on to hold a special meeting.

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: inquired if he falls under the Brown Act as a non-voting member of the committee.

Mr. Minter: responded that he does not.

Committee Member Glover: inquired about the timing of setting the 2023 committee goals.

Mr. Dalton: responded that the February meeting is likely when the 2023 goals would be adopted.

Mr. Minter: concurred that the first meeting of 2023 would include setting committee goals.

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: inquired if any funds secured for parks by Senator Min will be used for Fairview Park and if the committee will have input on how those funds are utilized.

Mr. Minter: noted that the city will be receiving funds for multiple park projects, including projects identified for Fairview Park. He noted that the fund allocations will be a City Council decision.

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: inquired if the committee would be advised on what projects have been identified for Fairview Park.

Mr. Minter: responded that the committee would be advised on those projects.

Committee Member D'Agosta: noted that the committee should preview the project list that was submitted to Senator Min.

Chair Campbell: inquired if bluff restoration is still at the top of the list of projects.

Mr. Minter: noted that the two primary projects were the bluff restoration and mesa restoration, specifically the archaeological areas.

Committee Member Fuqua: commented that the path between the restrooms and Waldorf school is crumbling. She also noted that the bluff path near the stairs has erosion that could be hazardous to park visitors.

Mr. Minter: noted that staff will look into it.

5. ADJOURNMENT by Chair Campbell at 8:16 PM

Next REGULAR Meeting: DECEMBER 14, 2022 at 6:00pm