
THE COSTA MESA FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE

AUGUST 9, 2023
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Erik Roberts at 6:02pm

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Committee Member	Liaisons and City Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Baume, alt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Arlis Reynolds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kohl Crecelius	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Jeffrey Harlan
<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia D’Agosta	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Manuel Chavez
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Fuqua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hank Castignetti, Orange County Model Engineers (OCME)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Garcia, alt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Brown, Parks & Community Services (PACS) Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edwin Glover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Dalton, Fairview Park Administrator
<input type="checkbox"/> Emily McClain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Roberts, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alma Reyes, Deputy City Manager
<input type="checkbox"/> Andy Campbell, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seung Yang, City Engineer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager

Mat Garcia moved to voting member

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fairview Park (FVP) Alliance President, thanked committee for service, had concern regarding flying regulations, and would like to see FVP Alliance as a committee liaison.

Member of the public, Mesa Verde resident, has been using the fly field for 30 years and the park is for the safe and abiding by City stipulations. Disagrees that there were violations.

Member of the public, 50-year resident and past president of Harbor Soaring Society (HSS). Stated desire for the park to be a multipurpose park rather than a preserve and the park was sold to City as a recreational park and may be reverted back to county if that is not maintained.

Member of the public, would like to know why there are less coyotes out. Would like the Community Outreach day moved as it’s right before Labor Day weekend. Has concerns with the affect the flying is doing with the natural resources of the park.

Member of the public, stated that the County gave park to City to protect the resources there and they might take it back if those resources aren’t protected.

COMMITTEE MEMBER and LIAISON COMMENTS

Committee Member Glover: would like to see better representation of the committee at future community events and more resources from the City to represent the park and committee better at the booth.

Committee Member Garcia: noted a lot of participation at Concerts in the Park and some of the community expressed disappointment that this is the last summer the concerts will be

held in Fairview Park.

Committee Member Crecelius: is looking forward to continuing the Master Plan update.

Committee Member Fuqua: echoed Committee Member Crecelius comment and saw a lot of community engagement at the concert events. Mentioned there was a fire in the wetlands and wants everyone to enjoy the park.

Council Member Reynolds: liked the idea of a booth kit for future events.

OCME Liaison Castignetti: Reported number of train rides given and donated volunteer hours from OCME members. Noted a potential fire hazard on the east side of the park.

Vice Chair Roberts echoed fellow committee members. Liked the idea of a booth kit. Had a good experience interacting with the public at concert events and hopes many of them will attend the community outreach meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to approve the June 14, 2023 minutes

MOVE/SECOND: Committee Member Fuqua/Committee member Crecelius.

Ayes: Committee member Glover, Committee member Garcia, Committee member Crecelius, Committee Member Fuqua, Vice Chair Roberts

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Chair Campbell, Committee Member D'Agosta, Committee Member McClain, Committee Member Baume

Motion Carried: 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. ANNUAL REPORT AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Vice Chair Roberts presented, noted they are awaiting City staff approval.

Councilmember Reynolds asked if committee needs to approve the report.

Mr. Dalton confirmed it does require committee approval.

Councilmember Reynolds noted the report can include specific budget requests limited to committee activities.

Staff will confirm the policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE – MESA AND BLUFF RESTORATION

Mr. Dalton presented.

Committee Member Garcia asked estimated depth of the fill on the mesa.

Mr. Dalton stated that needs to be evaluated, but there does not seem to be a uniform depth.

Committee Member Garcia asked how the fill would be removed.

Mr. Dalton responded that that will also be evaluated in the design, especially finding a method that will preserve the natural and cultural resources.

Committee Member Garcia asked how to ensure artifacts don't get disturbed.

Mr. Dalton noted projects require an archeological monitor for any soil disturbance.

Committee Member Garcia asked about the California Gnatcatcher and how they would be protected from impact.

Mr. Dalton responded that City would adopt mitigation measures, such as some activities of the project being limited during nesting season and having a biological monitor present.

Committee Member Garcia asked what the primary causes for bluff erosion are.

Mr. Dalton responded that human disturbance is one cause.

Committee Member Garcia asked if there was more erosion with the heavy rains this year.

Mr. Dalton responded that in general, higher rain and water flow will accelerate erosion.

Councilmember Reynolds asked for anticipated timeline for these projects.

Mr. Yang responded that request for proposals (RFP) and Scope of Work are being worked on with Fairview Park staff.

Councilmember Reynolds ask if there's an estimated release date for the RFP.

Mr. Yang responded October for the Mesa Restoration project design.

Councilmember Reynolds inquired about the bluff project.

Mr. Yang responded that the process would be similar and they are still working on the scope of work.

Mrs. Reyes stated that the goal is to have these projects run in parallel and RFP's released by the end of this year.

Vice Chair Roberts asked if these projects are using the Senator Min funding and it was confirmed.

Councilmember Reynolds asked about coordination with the tribes.

Mr. Dalton noted they are awaiting their first meeting with the tribal advisory committee to start that conversation; it may be in late September or October, pending the

representative's schedules.

Councilmember Reynolds asked if there is tribal input on the RFP's.

Mr. Dalton responded that there is not, but they are included in the scope of the project. Noted CEQA is also being done for the projects, which involves tribal consultation.

Committee Member Crecelius asked how these projects relate to the Fairview Park Master Plan update.

Mr. Dalton responded that the CEQA analysis for the Master Plan will be at an IS/MND level. Once a specific project reaches about 60% design level, another CEQA process takes place. There are no conflicts anticipated as these are already recognized issues within the current Master Plan.

OCME Liaison Castignetti asked if the City has done any surveys of construction debris on the east side of the park.

Mr. Dalton mentioned the evaluations have been on the west side.

OCME Liaison Castignetti asked if that can be done because there is one major deposit near the trestle and many concrete slabs.

Mr. Dalton responded that is part of the long-term plan, but there is a priority to restore environmentally sensitive areas with connectivity with other restored areas.

Committee Member Glover asked if the bluff restoration project goes to the border of Talbert or just the bluff.

Mr. Dalton confirmed it goes to the border.

Vice Chair Roberts asked when the concrete deposits in the photos were placed?

Mr. Dalton responded most fill is from the mid to late 80s.

Vice Chair Roberts noted that at some restoration events have removed debris suggested a *Debris Removal Club* that can go out at the same time as the restoration events.

Committee Member Garcia agreed that during some of the restoration events there has been debris removal.

Mr. Dalton agreed some debris removal has occurred, and can continue during restoration events.

Public Comment:

Member of the public noted some debris looks newly deposited.

Member of public asked for a survey that shows that human activity has caused

erosion of the slope.

Member of the public noted there has historically and currently been a lot of human use of the slope trail.

STAFF REPORTS

1. PARK RANGER REPORTS

Received and filed.

Committee Member Glover asked about graffiti incidents in the park and if there have been recent incidents.

Mr. Dalton responded that graffiti is a constant presence and graffiti abatement crews are out addressing it.

Mrs. Reyes noted the online system for reports of graffiti.

Committee Member Crecelius noted it seems like there are more Park Rangers compared to previous months and is happy about that.

Committee Member Fuqua noted she is out at the park daily and she has not seen a Ranger in months.

Mrs. Reyes noted they patrol all City parks and are working on more coverage of FVP.

Committee Member Roberts noted the report on the fire near the pedestrian bridge did not include a conclusion on putting out the fire.

Committee Member Garcia referred to incident #5 in the July report involving HSS. Noted the staff approval happened before the maintenance was performed.

OCME Liaison Castignetti recognized Paul Lopez, maintenance staff, and the graffiti response team for their great response to the graffiti at the trestle.

Public Comment:

Member of the public, stated that at Bolsa Chica implemented a reserve watch. People were trained to educate the public on the resources of the park. Would like to see this at Fairview Park. Noted it is great for more community involvement for people who do not want to pull weeds.

2. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Dalton presented the update.

Councilmember Reynolds suggested adding the name of the bird species to the flyer.

Committee Member Crecelius asked how to best prepare attendees for the Community Outreach meeting.

Mr. Dalton responded that it will be led by MIG. There will be multiple stations and small group interactive sessions. Then MIG will conclude by presenting the ideas that were shared.

Deputy City Manager, Ms. Reyes, noted in the caption of the social media posts can provide that information and added to the page where the QR code leads.

Committee Member Fuqua asked if there can be another kiosk added near the bathrooms.

Mr. Dalton agreed that would be good location for the future.

Committee Member Reynolds asked if there will be a community survey.

Mr. Dalton mentioned there will be an open survey after the meeting to continue getting input.

Member of the public asked if community outreach will allow people outside of Costa Mesa or residents only.

Mr. Dalton responded that anyone is welcome to attend.

Public Comment:

Member of the public, noted he attended the 1998 and 2008 workshops for the Master Plan and it was widely publicized and he would like to see that done again.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

Mrs. Reyes introduced herself.

Mr. Dalton noted he will be absent for a couple weeks in early September.

Mr. Yang introduced himself.

Councilmember Reynolds noted fire retardants and practices for fire response should be different for natural resources and wanted follow up on that. Announced some school sites will start opening as public parks on the weekend to have additional recreational resources for the community.

OCME Liaison Castignetti noted OCME has issued a prohibition any solid fuel propelled locomotives in the park to prevent fires.

Committee Member Garcia recognized Parks department for the outstanding running club that was offered. His son and many community members took part and there was a lot of positive feedback. Noted HSS fly field maintenance was all done in coordination with city staff and in compliance with the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT by Vice Chair Roberts at 7:31pm

NEXT REGULAR FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.