

DECEMBER 13, 2023
6:00 P.M. –OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Campbell at 6:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Committee Member	Liaisons and City Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Baume	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Arlis Reynolds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Jeffrey Harlan
<input type="checkbox"/> Edwin “Bo” Glover	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Manuel Chavez
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily McClain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hank Castignetti, Orange County Model Engineers (OCME)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Brown, Parks & Community Services (PACS) Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kohl Crecelius, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Dalton, Fairview Park Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Roberts, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seung Yang, City Engineer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Hendricks: shared calendar with committee members featuring native bird species. Mentioned tarplant, coopers hawk, removing the fly fields, forced migration of birds in area. Passed out 2024 Fairview Park Alliance calendars to the committee.

Terry Fuqua: No ordinances within city about living in your car- concerns for safety in FVP

Wendy Leece: spoke about e-bike activity at the park; mentioned education and enforcement to mitigate safety concerns and concerns on fly field operations.

OC Parks Staff, Sheila: Notified the committee that an outreach meeting is coming in the new year regarding the Talbert Park Master plan, date to be determined.

COMMITTEE MEMBER and LIAISON COMMENTS

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: shared success of Sunshine Academy and their efforts to create Christmas spirit. >36,000 free train rides over weekend and sighting of blue heron, and white egret.

Committee member McClain: highlighted the community meeting.

Vice Chair Roberts: Spoke about November’s community meeting regarding Fairview Park. Inquired to staff where homeless can be directed to stay in the City if they cannot sleep in their cars.

Chair Campbell: Spoke about OCME Santa event, has noticed less RC car activity and associated damage at the park. Mentioned asphalt road needs to be sealed down by Canyon; has concerns of the homeless approach in Costa Mesa.

Committee member Thomas: Appreciates the new signage in park and education of restoration throughout the park; also reported that there is less RC car activity in the park.

Committee member Crecelius: Echoed admiration for the community meeting in November. Thankful for the education aspect on history; encouraged by momentum of the collective preservation of Fairview Park including Talbert and Banning Ranch Conservancy.

PACS Liaison, Commissioner Brown: Spoke about her recent visit to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and signage impacts. Requesting to add liaisons for indigenous people and share the history of people groups occupying the park.

Committee members inquired on proper terms to refer to regarding the tribe history and which tribes lived in Fairview Park.

1. MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2023 MEETING

MOTION: To approve the October 11, 2023 minutes

MOVE/SECOND: Committee member McClain/Committee Member Thomas

Ayes: Committee Member Crecelius, Committee Member McClain, Committee Member Thomas, Vice Chair Roberts, Chair Campbell

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Committee member Baume and Committee member Glover

Motion Carried: 5–0

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. STATUS OF FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Fairview Park Administrator, Kelly Dalton, presented update.

Chair Campbell suggested to combine meeting for committee members and MIG and asked about the logistics of City commissions and councils and meetings.

Committee member Crecelius spoke about committees, advisory groups, and council can benefit from a dual meeting so all group are given the same information.

Chair Campbell requested future dates of meetings.

OCME Liaison Castignetti requested public release of meeting information between the City and tribes to help promote the uniqueness of Fairview.

Mr. Dalton expressed that the City's aims to incorporate of tribal history into future park educational exhibits.

Vice Chair Roberts requested more than 2 weeks' notice of future meeting dates to encourage more attendees and input from community. Inquired about costs and if it was affected by inflation.

Chair Campbell requested a recording of Travis' presentation at the last community meeting or have webinars available in the future. Inquired about RC car potholes.

Public Comment:

Kim Hendricks: provided where information can be found regarding the tribe history and endangered plants of Fairview and the importance of ecosystems at Fairview. Suggested Bill McCarty to film future meetings.

Pricilla Rocco: Imperative that the City Council have a copy of the reports from previous meetings and shares concerns for the lack of involvement in Fairview Park matters. Recommended the public review *The Acjachemen: First People of Orange County* presentation by archaeologist Patricia Martz, PH.D.

A member of the public wanted to further encourage collaboration with organization adjacent to the park, mentioned transportation routes in the park; suggested committee meeting be held at Fairview Park.

Vice Chair Roberts requested the websites mentioned are available for the public. Also inquired about the next community meeting date.

Mr. Dalton responded that a minimum of two weeks' notice will be given before the next community meeting.

Committee members look forward for the next meeting to be better and would like to see more information regarding the meeting information ahead of time and more time for Q&A.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. MESA RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Dalton presented update.

Discussion ensued regarding restoration opportunities and clarification of the proposed restoration opportunities.

OCME Liaison Castignetti had concerns with Purple Needlegrass not being represented in figures on the East side.

Chair Campbell inquired if vegetation needs to be removed.

Committee member Crecelius asked about proposed restoration site timelines, how we move forward, what obstacles keep the restoration projects from beginning and also encouraged to see ongoing restoration in park.

Chair Campbell inquired about restoration budget costs, details on how and when the money will be used from grants, and shares the importance of topographical restoration. He would like to see more than just construction projects through Measure AA.

Vice Chair Roberts inquired the timeline for the Mesa restoration.

Chair Campbell asked if there is a draft schedule for phase 1 of mesa restoration, how projects are selected for restorations, and removal of fill material timeline. Would like to see bluff and mesa restoration at the same time to help capture the restoration of that area as a whole.

B. REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Chair Campbell presented.

Vice Chair Roberts recommends the review of annual reports and the prompt production of future reports should be projected between 6-9 months before due date.

The committee appreciates the annual reports and can help update council on committee progress.

Commissioner Brown suggested it be forwarded to the Commission.

MOTION: To receive and file

MOVE/SECOND: Committee member Crecelius/Committee Member McClain

Ayes: Committee Member Crecelius, Committee Member McClain, Committee Member Thomas, Committee member Roberts, Committee member Campbell

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Committee member Baume and Committee member Glover

Motion Carried: 5-0

C. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

MOTION: To elect committee member Roberts as Chair.

MOVE/SECOND: Committee member Campbell/Committee Member McClain

Ayes: Committee Member Crecelius, Committee Member McClain, Committee Member Thomas, Committee member Roberts, Committee member Campbell

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Committee member Baume and Committee member Glover

Motion Carried: 5-0

MOTION: To elect committee member Cecelius as Vice Chair.

MOVE/SECOND: Committee member Campbell/Committee Member Thomas

Ayes: Committee Member Crecelius, Committee Member McClain, Committee Member Thomas, Committee member Roberts, Committee member Campbell

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: Committee member Baume and Committee member Glover

Motion Carried: 5-0

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. PARK RANGER REPORT

Committee member Roberts shared his thoughts about the reports feeling incomplete (i.e. no mention of FVP shed robbery)

Committee requested citation logs from PD similar to the previous reports and more patrols at the park based on the calls received.

B. ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

Mr. Dalton presented update.

5. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

Vice Chair Roberts requested more vernal pool tours.

Committee congratulated the New Chair and Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Roberts encouraged all committee members to read and review/edit the committee handbook and will be holding “office hours” at Fairview Park on Wednesday at 12pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT by Chair Campbell at 7:56pm

NEXT REGULAR FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

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