

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

May 23, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kim Pederson

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Kim Pederson
Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews
Commissioner Ethan Temianka
Commissioner Dan Vozenilek

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy

Officials Present: Mr. Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

4. Approval of the Minutes of the March 28, 2012 Meeting

Motion made by Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Oral Communications

1. Mark Arblaster
President, Newport-Mesa Soccer Club
Mr. Arblaster voiced his concerns to the Commission about the increase in fees for field rentals. He asked that the Commission possibly reconsider the implementation of the fee increase.

Ms. McPherson provided the Commission with more information on the implementation of a convenience fee for all activity registration and facility rentals.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Ms. McPherson ensued on when the convenience fee is applied and on the difference between an activity registration and a facility rental.

2. Linda Schwandt
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Schwandt addressed the Commission on her concerns and suggestions for the Hamilton Community Garden.

6. Consent Calendar

6a. Donation of a Memorial Plaque at City Hall

Public Comment:

Helen Nenadal
President, Costa Mesa City Employees Association
Ms. Nenadal voiced her concerns to the Commission on the memorial plaque donation request.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka said that this item is a sensitive subject about a tragic situation and that he believes that the Commission has done a service to recognize Huy Pham by approving a memorial at Estancia Park and a tree donation at City Hall. Because of that, Commissioner Ethan Temianka will not support this memorial plaque request.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley took place on the number of memorial plaques installed at City Hall and who were recognized on the plaques.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not there have been requests for memorial plaques to be installed at City Hall for non-veterans, former City employees, or individuals from the community who have died.

Chairman Kim Pederson stated that he agreed with Commissioner Ethan Temianka about this agenda item being a very, very sensitive subject.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried three to one, with Commissioner Dan Vozenilek voting "No" and Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to deny the donation request.

7. Public Hearing

No items.

8. Old Business

8a. Park Tours

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Chairman Kim Pederson provided a brief presentation on the park tour that was held on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley ensued on revitalizing or boosting the trees at Fairview Park.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek stated that every park that was visited had no bike racks.

Mr. Munoz provided the Commission with an update on projects listed in the Capital Improvement Program budget for City parks.

Mr. Hartley provided the Commission with a brief history on bike racks that were installed in many of the City parks.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews requested that staff agendize the possibility to include bike racks under the Adopt-A-Bench and Donation of Park Furniture Council Policy.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley took place on a missing chain and broken concrete on the trail, closer to the bluff, at Vista Park.

Discussion among Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, Chairman Kim Pederson, and Mr. Hartley occurred on having staff contact Ms. Mary Fewel to work on a solution for a view plane ordinance, on installing a drinking fountain, and on mulch pathways at Canyon Park.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley ensued on sidewalk damage at Marina View Park.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley took place on graffiti at Shalimar Park.

Discussion among Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, Chairman Kim Pederson, and Mr. Hartley occurred on the mulch pathways at the Hamilton Community Gardens.

Chairman Kim Pederson suggested that staff contact Ms. Schwandt about her concerns with the Hamilton Community Gardens.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek said that he noticed that a homeowner placed nails on the wall at Ketchum-Libolt Park. He requested that staff look into the matter.

Discussion among Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, Chairman Kim Pederson, and Mr. Hartley ensued on a drinking fountain for Ketchum-Libolt Park.

Discussion among Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, Chairman Kim Pederson, and Mr. Hartley took place on the current condition of the sand volleyball court at Wilson Park.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka stated that the same condition of the sand volleyball court can be found at Gisler Park.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek thanked staff for doing a good job by keeping the parks clean and well maintained.

Chairman Kim Pederson thanked the residents for their input and encouraged the community for their feedback.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews volunteered for the next park tour, of Section 4 (Fairgrounds and South Coast Metro), scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2012.

8b. Consideration of Implementation of Commission Policy #2 "Landscape/Streetscape Beautification Award Program"

The report was presented by Ms. McPherson.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews stated that the program is great and that he is in favor of adopting the policy. He suggested to provide a yard sign for the recipient of the award in addition to being recognized during a Commission meeting and presented with an award certificate. Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews also recommended that the recipient would keep the yard sign.

Chairman Kim Pederson agreed with Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews' suggestion about the yard sign. He stated that he would like to keep the yard sign at a reasonable cost.

Chairman Kim Pederson invited the community to submit nominations for the award program. He asked staff to have the information available for the public on the City's website (www.costamesaca.gov) along with the nomination form.

Motion made by Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to adopt the Parks and Recreation Commission Policy #2 "Landscape/Streetscape Beautification Award Program". And, for staff to implement the addition of a yard signage that will be available for the recipient of the award.

8c. Tree Removal Request – 729 16th Street

Applicant requested that this item be pulled and tabled to a future meeting date.

9. New Business

9a. Tree Removal Request – 845 Baker Street

Applicant requested that this item be pulled and tabled to a future meeting date.

9b. Tree Removal Request – Mesa Verde Partners – 1500 Mesa Verde Drive East

Mr. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Justin McCusker
Representative, Mesa Verde Partners
Mr. McCusker addressed the Commission on the tree removal request.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve the removal of twenty-four trees growing in the public right-of-way at 1500 Mesa Verde Drive East, waiving the 3:1 replacement requirement. The applicant would pay all removal costs. To authorize the Public Services Director to extend the approval timeframe as needed. And, to also change the language in the staff report from match to comparable.

9c. Tree Removal Request – 3038 Samoa Place

A power point report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Mr. Hartley occurred on the root system of the tree.

Mike Doughty
Applicant

Mr. Doughty voiced his concerns to the Commission on his tree removal request.

Discussion among Commissioner Ethan Temianka, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Doughty ensued on the documentation that was submitted.

Discussion among Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Doughty took place on the age of the trees within the vicinity.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley occurred on the street trees for the area.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Doughty ensued on the tree removal and replacement costs.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve the request for removal of the parkway tree located at 3038 Samoa Place as a Category 1 – Health and Safety Removal. The City would remove the tree at no cost to the property owner, and barring the replacement tree, paid for by the City to be planted in the same location.

Discussion between Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley took place on a tree palette that is in the City's stock for the replacement tree.

9d. Tree Removal Request – 1601 Ponderosa Street

Mr. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley occurred on the current health of the tree.

Bruce Plummer
Applicant

Mr. Plummer addressed the Commission on his tree removal request.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews requested that staff accurately correct the 'Name of Resident' that is noted on page 4 of attachment 1 of the agenda report. He also recommended to postpone this agenda item for the July meeting.

Discussion between Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the tree is fully mature.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to postpone this agenda item to the next Commission meeting and for the forms in the staff report to be corrected.

9e. Replacing the Recreation on Campus for Kids (R.O.C.K.S) Weekly Fee with a Monthly Fee

The report was presented by Ms. McPherson.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Ms. McPherson took place on the convenience fee when a transaction is processed online or in person.

Discussion between Commissioner Ethan Temianka and Ms. McPherson occurred on the \$5 non-resident fee and on the convenience fee.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

Discussion between Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson ensued on the number of patrons that are paying on a weekly basis.

Motion made by Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and carried four to zero, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to approve replacing the Recreation on Campus for Kids (R.O.C.K.S) weekly fee with a monthly fee.

9f. Review of Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Through 2018-2019

Mr. Mejia made a power point presentation.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kim Pederson. There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka commended the City Council for adding large projects in the CIP budget.

Chairman Kim Pederson agreed with Commissioner Ethan Temianka's statement. He also thanked the City Council and staff.

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried four to zero, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy being absent, to recommend that the City Council approve the following:

- 1. The proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it relates to Parkway and Median Improvements, Curbs and Sidewalks, Park Maintenance, and Park Improvements, along with the revised Attachment 1; and,**
- 2. The proposed 7-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it pertains to the categories of Community Health and Environment, and Leisure and Community Services.**

10. Maintenance Services Manager's Report

Mr. Hartley made a power point presentation on the following items:

- Scott Lindsay Tree Memorial
- Easley Mae Winter Tree Memorial
- Arbor Day with Cub Scouts
- Neighborhood Improvement Program - Tree Planting Project
- 1696 Newport Boulevard Tree Removal
- Ketchum-Libolt Park Painting and Plaque Restoration
- Volcom Skate Park Artificial Turf Replacement and Paint
- Restroom Termite Fumigation and Repair Shiffer and Wilson Parks
- Jack Hammett Sport Complex SnackBar/Restroom Painting

- Smallwood Park Restroom Fire
- Design, Fabrication, and Installation of "No Smoking" Signs in all City Parks
- Design, Fabrication, and Installation of "Field Use Permits Required" Sign in City Parks
- Neighborhood Community Center Railing Removal

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews thanked staff.

Chairman Kim Pederson thanked staff.

11. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek thanked staff.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews had no comments this evening.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka stated that, although Moon Park is County land, he requested that staff work closely with the County to address the issue of the homeless congregating to that park.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka said that the convenience fee of \$5 for field rentals, due to the new ActiveNet system that is in place, should be looked into. He requested that staff agendize this item for the next City Council meeting for reconsideration of the hourly \$5 convenience fee.

Chairman Kim Pederson said that he wants staff to provide the Commission with more information before moving forward to the City Council on the convenience fee item.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka requested that staff discuss this concern with the City Council before the July Commission meeting. If the Council directs staff to bring this item to the Commission first, then agendize this item for the July meeting.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka thanked staff and members of the audience for attending the meeting.

Chairman Kim Pederson thanked the community for their input during the park tours. He also thanked staff.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **8:18 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:



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