

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

July 25, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 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: Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Kim Pederson
Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy
Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews
Commissioner Dan Vozenilek

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Ethan Temianka

Officials Present: Mr. Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Robert E. Knapp, Recreation Manager
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor
Ms. Donna Theriault, Management Analyst

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 23, 2012 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Ethan Temianka being absent, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chairman Kim Pederson welcomed Mr. Knapp as the Recreation Manager for the City of Costa Mesa.

5. Presentation

5a. Chairperson's Award – Lou De Sandro

5b. Chairperson's Award – Phillip Mansour

5c. Landscape/Streetscape Beautification Award – Rapp Family

6. Oral Communications

7. Consent Calendar

No items.

8. Public Hearing

8a. Request for Portable Light Units on Harper School Fields

Ms. McPherson presented the report. Mr. Hartley and Mr. Mejia were also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Brett Eckles

Commissioner, AYSO Region 97

Mr. Eckles addressed the Commission for his temporary lights request at Harper School.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Eckles occurred on the number of lights being requested.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Eckles took place on the purpose for the request.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley ensued on diesel generators.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Eckles occurred on the proposed placement of the temporary light units on the fields.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Eckles took place on the number of nights per week that is being requested.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Eckles ensued on whether or not there are other fields that could be used instead of Harper School fields.

Discussion among Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, Ms. McPherson, and Mr. Eckles occurred on whether or not Mariners field was considered as an alternative.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Eckles took place on whether or not the organization is willing to defray the cost of fueling the temporary light units.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Eckles ensued on the age group of the organization that will be using the Harper School fields, and on the field size for the larger field.

Discussion among Chairman Kim Pederson, Ms. McPherson, and Mr. Eckles occurred on the number of lights being used for the various field sizes.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley took place on the maintenance of the fields due to an increase in field use.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Eckles took place on rotating/moving the practices on the fields in order to limit the amount of wear per area.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Mejia ensued on the illumination meter reading taken during the field demonstration and on the minimum light standard for walking surfaces and parking lots.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson occurred on clarification of the request for March through October use.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Eckles took place on the requested hours of use, and on the impact on the program if the Commission reduced the hours requested.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson ensued on whether or not there were complaints received for existing fields with portable light units.

Public Comments:

1. Alan Kirkland
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Kirkland voiced his concerns to the Commission. He is opposed to the temporary lights request.

2. Katie Arthur
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Arthur addressed the Commission on the temporary lights request. She urges the Commission to not approve this request.
3. Jamie MacLeod
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. MacLeod voiced her concerns to the Commission on the temporary lights request. She is opposed to the request.
4. Tina Palmer
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Palmer addressed the Commission. She is opposed to the temporary lights request.
5. Virginia Hanley
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Hanley voiced her concerns to the Commission. She opposes the temporary lights request.
6. Mike Palmer
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Palmer addressed the Commission on the temporary lights request. He is against the request.
7. Judith Ann Guillo
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Guillo voiced her concerns to the Commission on the temporary lights request. She is not in favor of the request.
8. Speaker
Former Commissioner, AYSO Region 97
He addressed the Commission, and he supports the temporary lights request.
9. Sandra Genis
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Genis voiced her concerns to the Commission on the temporary lights request. She is opposed to the request.
10. Barry Zimmerman
Resident, Costa Mesa
Former Commissioner, AYSO Region 97
Mr. Zimmerman addressed the Commission. He supports the temporary lights request.
11. John Rubright
Resident, Costa Mesa
Commissioner and Safety Director, AYSO Region 120
Mr. Rubright voiced his concerns to the Commission on the temporary lights request. He is in favor of the request.
12. Sue Calabretta
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Calabretta addressed the Commission. She opposed the temporary lights request.
13. Jack Hanley
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Hanley voiced his concerns to the Commission on the temporary lights request. He is opposed to the request.
14. Mark Todd
Resident, Costa Mesa
Coach, Newport Harbor Boys Lacrosse Team
President Elect, Newport Beach Board of Realtors
Chairman, US Lacrosse-Orange County Chapter
Mr. Todd addressed the Commission on the temporary lights request. He is in support of the request.

15. Lucy McKnight
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. McKnight voiced her concerns to the Commission. She is opposed to the temporary lights request.
16. Jennifer
Board Member, Coach, and Referee, AYSO Region 97
Jennifer addressed her concerns to the Commission. She supports the temporary lights request.
17. Mark Arablaster
Newport Mesa Soccer Club
Mr. Arablaster voiced his concerns to the Commission on the temporary lights request. He is in support of the request.
18. Alex
Resident, Newport Beach
Assistant Regional Commissioner, AYSO Region 97
Alex addressed the Commission. He is in support of the temporary lights request.
19. Herb
Resident, Costa Mesa
Herb voiced his concerns to the Commission. He is opposed to the temporary lights request.
20. David Harris
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Harris addressed the Commission on the temporary lights request. He is opposed to the request.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Ms. McPherson occurred on the operating costs for the generator.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley took place on the Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) guidelines and requirements for the diesel generators.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson ensued on whether or not Kaiser Elementary School fields were considered for this request.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson occurred on the process to obtain a Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) temporary lights use request for school fields.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. McPherson took place on whether or not the residents are allowed to petition with the NMUSD to reverse a decision.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley ensued on the positioning of the temporary light units.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley occurred on the types of existing diesel generators the City has.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Ms. McPherson took place on the age and type of diesel generators that are being donated.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews thanked the residents who attended the meeting and spoke, and for submitting their concerns via E-mails and letters.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Ms. McPherson ensued on the light units that are being donated.

Discussion among Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, Mr. Mejia, and Mr. Munoz occurred on the status for lights at the Costa Mesa High School field.

Motion made by Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Ethan Temianka being absent, to allow Costa Mesa AYSO Region 97 the use of six (6) portable light units on Harper School fields from October 2012 through March 2013, for one (1) season, until 7:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, with the condition that AYSO Region 97 bears the cost for the fuel and donation of the generators.

Also, for staff to bring this agenda item back to the Commission for review at the May 2013 meeting.

9. Old Business

9a. Park Tours

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews made a brief presentation on the park tour that took place on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Chairman Kim Pederson volunteered for the next park tour of Section 3-Mesa Verde on Saturday, August 25, 2012.

9b. Tree Removal Request – 1601 Ponderosa Street

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley took place on the standard practice for trees that were removed and can not transplanted.

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

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley ensued on the City's tree removal and replacement policy.

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Vozenilek, second by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy, to deny the request to remove a Southern Magnolia tree growing in the public right-of-way at 1601 Ponderosa Street.

Substitute Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Chairman Kim Pederson and carried three to one, with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy voting, "No" and Commissioner Ethan Temianka being absent, to authorize the removal and replacement of the tree, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

The tree must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.

10. New Business

10a. Active Net Registration System Convenience Fee

Ms. Theriault presented the report.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Ms. Theriault occurred on whether or not this software has been used by many agencies, and on whether or not this will impact staff time.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Ethan Temianka being absent, to receive and file the report.

10b. Tree Removal Request – 164 Flower Street

Mr. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not the growth of the tree will continue leaning.

Discussion among Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Munoz ensued on the City's standard street design.

Andrew Sinderhoff

Applicant, Project Manager

Mr. Sinderhoff addressed the Commission on the tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Sinderhoff occurred on the estimated timeframe for the project from breaking ground to completion.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Mr. Sinderhoff took place on the adjusted mitigation fees.

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

Motion made by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy, seconded by Chairman Kim Pederson and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Ethan Temianka being absent, to approve the removal of two trees growing in the public right-of-way at 164 Flower Street, waiving the 3:1 replacement requirement; with the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall pay all City removal costs or complete the tree removal at no cost to the City.
2. The Applicant shall pay the City an 'in lieu fee' of \$764.20 to provide the monetary equivalent of the three (3) required mitigation trees for each tree removed.
3. The trees shall not be removed prior to the issuance of building permits and payment of 'in lieu fees'.
4. Trees must be removed within one year from the date of Commission approval, after which the approval expires.

10c. Request to Place an Interpretive Sign on the Eastside of Fairview Park by the Orange County Model Engineers Train Station

The report was presented by Ms. McPherson.

Discussion between Commissioner Dan Vozenilek and Ms. McPherson ensued on the current signage at Fairview Park.

Public Comment:

Dave Gardner

Resident, Costa Mesa

Member, Historical Preservation Committee

Mr. Gardner voiced his concerns to the Commission. He encouraged the Commission to approve the request.

Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Ethan Temianka being absent, to approve the request to place an interpretive sign on the Eastside of Fairview Park by the Orange County Model Engineers train station.

10d. Bicycle Racks in City Parks

Mr. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not local bike shops have shown an interest in sponsoring a bike rack for this project.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy stated that he favors the Arch Bike Rack.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley took place on the City's bike use plan.

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

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek said that he agrees with Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy's earlier statement about the various types of bike racks. He stated that he prefers the Arch Bike Rack style.

Discussion between Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley ensued on selecting several styles of bike racks in order to fit the needs of each City facility.

Chairman Kim Pederson said that he prefers the Newport Bike Rack, Roller Coaster Bike Rack, and Arch Bike Rack styles.

Motion made by Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy and carried four to zero, with Commissioner Ethan Temianka being absent, to approve the following styles of bicycle racks to be placed in City parks and recreational facilities:

- **Newport Bike Rack**
- **Roller Coaster Bike Rack**
- **Arch Bike Rack**

11. Recreation Division Report

Ms. McPherson made a power point presentation on the following:

- R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program
- Summer R.O.C.K.S Program
- Teen Programs
- Recreation Leader In Training (R.L.I.T.) Program
- Summer Camp Costa Mesa
- Early Childhood Program
- Downtown Aquatics Center
- Adult Sports: Adult Basketball Leagues and Adult Softball Leagues
- Facility Updates:
 - Neighborhood Community Center
 - Downtown Recreation Center
 - Balearic Community Center
 - Park Reservations
 - School and City Field Rentals
 - Community Gardens (Del Mar and Hamilton)
- Arts in the Park event, sponsored by the Costa Mesa Cultural Arts Committee, to be held on Saturday, August 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Estancia Park.
- Recreation is on-line and the community may register for programs and classes.

12. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews welcomed Mr. Knapp as the City's new Recreation Manager. He also thanked staff.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek thanked City Council for bringing forth the bike rack issue in the City. He said that he is looking forward to seeing the bike racks installed throughout the City. Commissioner Dan Vozenilek also thanked staff.

Vice Chairman Dean Abernathy said that he believes that, as a Commission, finding a longer term and permanent solution to address the City's lit field issues can be more useful to families and the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Kim Pederson welcomed Mr. Knapp and thanked staff.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **9:05 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, September 26, 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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Public Services Director