

EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES

CITY OF COSTA MESA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 27, 2004

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., October 27, 2004, at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Leece.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Mark Harris, Chairman
Byron de Arakal, Vice Chairman
Mirna Burciaga, Commissioner
James Fislser, Commissioner
Wendy Leece, Commissioner

Also Present:

William J. Morris, Public Services Director
Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager
Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Ken Sipes, Recreation Coordinator

MINUTES

Chairman Harris advised the public that there are no minutes for September 22, 2004, at this time. They will be reviewed at the November meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Oral Communications.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No Consent Calendar items.

OLD BUSINESS

TEMPORARY LIGHTS
POLICY AND HEARING

Ms. Ransom made the presentation.

In response to questions from Vice Chairman de Arakal, Ms. Ransom stated that she consulted the City Attorney who indicated that if there is to be any testimony or discussion on this item it needs to be limited to whether or not proper notice of the September 2004, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was received by residents and if evidence that was previously unheard might have influenced the decision. Furthermore, Ms. Ransom stated that discussion regarding the light glare, impact of traffic, noise and activity after dark, would be irrelevant because those topics were already considered.

Ms. Kelly Lee, 3135 Sumatra Place, Costa Mesa addressed the Commission stating her desire to have the tree moved because the new drive approach is too close to the roots.

Chairman Harris advised the applicant that a deposit of \$250 was required and explained that if the tree dies within one year after transplant the \$250 would be retained and 1-24 inch box tree would be put in its place and 2-15 gallon trees would be planted somewhere within the City on City property. The applicant agreed.

In response to the applicants question regarding who watches over the time period, Chairman Harris stated that Maintenance Services would contact her.

Additionally, Mr. Hartley stated that if the tree transplant request is approved, the approval would be good for one year only.

MOTION

A motion was made by Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Fidler and carried 5 to 0 to approve transplant of the tree with a \$250 deposit to be held for one year to ensure transplant survival. If, at one year after relocation the tree does not survive the deposited funds will be used to replace tree at standard 3:1 ratio to be planted elsewhere on City parkways.

CITYWIDE NEW AND MISSING-LINK SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Mejia made the presentation.

In response to questions from Commissioner Lesco, Mr. Mejia stated that the property owner was probably unaware of the standards that must be complied with, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Additionally, it was noted that the final sidewalk design complied with the ADA requirements and was the most cost effective alternative.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Barciaga and carried 5 to 0 to approve the removal and replacement of one parkway tree with a 24-inch box size tree.

CONSIDERATION OF RECREATIONAL USE CONCEPT PLANS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES

The presentation was made by Mr. Morris with background provided by Vice Chairman de Arakal. Vice Chairman summed up the request into two parts: 1) recommend to City Council that they grant staff the hours and resources needed to conduct acceptability studies for active recreational uses of the proposed parcels; and 2) request that the City Council consider allocation of funds in the 2005/2006 fiscal budget year for the development of concept plans on the proposed acceptable parcels.

Chairman Harris stated that he agreed with Vice Chairman de Arakal, noting that the earlier agenda item this evening was a perfect example of why these additional fields are needed.

Discussion ensued regarding adding several sites to the list (Harper, Lindberg, Mesa Verde and Parsons Schools) and who is currently leasing or using those sites; keeping to the list that was presented to the City Council by Mr. Lamro's office; ensuring that concept plans and an acceptability list is available in case one of the sites becomes available; the condition of some of the facilities listed; and keeping

facilities under the Joint Use Agreement separate from the proposed list.

Terry Shaw, Bernard Street, Costa Mesa addressed the Commission stating his support for the proposal.

Vice Chairman noted that he would like to remove the Orange County Fairgrounds from the proposed list. Additionally, Chairman Harris requested that the 3180 Airway Avenue property also be removed because the site is small and difficult to locate.

Commissioner Liece requested that staff determine whether Parsons-Waldorf School should be assessed even if it is not part of the official motion because the omission was probably in error.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Chairman Harris and carried 5 to 0 to approve the recommendation to City Council to allow staff to manpower and resources to allocate funds to conduct an acceptability study for active recreational uses for sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 listed on City Council Agenda Report submitted by Donald Lamm, Development Services Director, for the June 7, 2004 City Council meeting; and recommend that City Council consider allocating funds in Fiscal Year 2005/2006 to develop concept plans for those sites deemed acceptable for active recreational uses.

CHANGE/CANCEL REGULAR COMMISSION DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2004

The presentation was made by Mr. Morris.

Chairman Harris stated what has been done by previous Commissions.

MOTION

A motion was made by Chairman Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman de Arakal and carried 5 to 0 to move the November meeting from the 24th to the 17th of November, with the 5:15 p.m. study session and 6:30 p.m. meeting times remaining the same.

RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Ransom updated the Commission on the following Recreation events:

- Planning for Teen and regular day camps coming up in December.
- Mobile Recreation Program visited three sites - Mesa Del Mar HOA picnic; Familias Costa Mesa Health Fair; and to the Lounge Chair Theater.
- Advisory Council of Teens (ACT) planning to do dances for the junior high school kids and another battle of the bands next spring.
- Kids Night Out this fall - 22 kids visited Anaheim Stadium to watch Angels vs. Royals.
- Child Care and Youth Services Committee finished the revision of Teen Services and Activity Guide, which is available at City Hall, 3rd Floor, Recreation Division or at any City recreation office. The Guide is also available on the City's web site.
- The Cultural Arts Committee is sponsoring the Chalk Art event on Saturday, October 30 at the Balearic Community Center between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Phil Roberts, internationally renowned artist, will create the main square. Also, local artist Donna Robb will be creating the City's square. The