

EXCERPTS FROM  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COSTA MESA

ATTACHMENT 2

October 20, 2003

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, met in regular session October 20, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Council Member Mansoor, and invocation by Reverend Tim McCalmont, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Gary Monahan  
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Steel  
Council Member Libby Cowan  
Council Member Allan Mansoor  
Council Member Mike Scheafer

Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Allan Roeder  
Acting City Attorney Tom Wood  
Development Services Director  
Don Lamm  
Public Services Director William  
Morris  
Police Administrative Services  
Commander Scheralee Ford  
Police Lieutenant Karl Schuler  
Principal Personnel Analyst Lance  
Nakamoto  
Recreation Manager Jana Ransom  
Deputy City Attorney Linda Nguyen  
Legislative and Public Affairs  
Manager Ann Shultz  
Management Analyst Carol Proctor  
Deputy City Clerk Julie Folck

MINUTES/Regular  
Meeting of October 6,  
2003

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Steel, seconded by Council Member Cowan, and carried 5-0, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2003, were approved.

ORDINANCES AND  
RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Steel, and carried 5-0, to read all ordinances and resolutions by title only.

PRESENTATION  
MADD Deuce Award  
To Police Officer  
Gerald Stukkie

The Mayor congratulated Police Officer Gerald Stukkie for being chosen by Mother's Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) to receive the Deuce Award for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, and expressed his appreciation of the 87 Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.) arrests made by Officer Stukkie. He then introduced Police Chief Hensley, and MADD's volunteer representatives Dianna Agzour and Mary Lou Dom who presented the award, as well as expressed their appreciation to Officer Stukkie.

PROCLAMATIONS  
Announcement

Mayor Monahan announced the following Proclamations which have been presented by the City in the last month:

National Good Neighbor Day, September 28, 2003  
Lawful Abuse Awareness Week, October 6-10, 2003

MOTION/Approved  
Option No. 9 for  
TeWinkle Park Softball  
Fields

Member Mansoor, and carried 4-1, Council member Scheafer voting no. Option No. 9 was approved for the Southwest and Northwest fields; the Northeast field was approved as originally proposed; it was determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA requirements; and staff was directed to return in 30 days with additional funding options.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a recess at 9:30 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS  
Assistant City Manager  
Job Classification

The Deputy City Clerk presented from the meeting of September 2, 2003, resolution amending Resolution 02-85, by establishing the new Assistant City Manager job classification and salary range; and Budget Adjustment No. 04-029 for \$90,433.00. A communication was received from Judi Berry (via email) who was in favor of the addition of the position. The Principal Personnel Analyst reviewed the Agenda Report dated September 4, 2003, and responded to questions from Council.

Council Member Mansoor commended the City Manager for the job he does, but thought that Council should take responsibility and be selective when making requests that require an abundance of staff time.

MOTION/Adopted  
Resolution 03-67;  
Approved Budget  
Adjustment No. 04-029

A motion was made by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Mayor Monahan, and carried 4-1, Council Member Mansoor voting no, to adopt Resolution 03-67: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 02-85 AND ESTABLISHING A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION IN THE EXECUTIVE SALARY SCHEDULE; and Budget Adjustment No. 04-029 was approved for \$90,433.00.

OLD BUSINESS  
TeWinkle Park Skate  
Park Location

The Deputy City Clerk presented consideration of TeWinkle Park as the location for the first permanent skate park, and review of potential additional sites for permanent and pocket-size skate parks. Communications were received from Cathy Mitchell (via email) stating proper public notification was not given; Johanna Segesser (via email) advising that Costa Mesa High School would not be a good site for a future skate park; Mark Jeffries (via email) in opposition to location of a skate park in TeWinkle Park; and Mark Andrews (via email) supporting a skate park. The Recreation Manager reviewed the Agenda Report dated October 14, 2003, and she and the Public Services Director responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Monahan confirmed with the City Manager that financial contributions could be accepted through the Costa Mesa Community Foundation for the skate park.

Council Member Mansoor confirmed with the City Manager that if the skate park was located at Lion's Park it would take up less green space.

Mayor Pro Tem Steel expressed his appreciation of the pictures that were provided to Council of the site at TeWinkle Park, and commented he would like to include the City of Newport Beach in a joint venture of a skate park. He was also concerned with the increase in traffic for the nearby neighborhood.

Council Member Scheafer commented that the proposed location is a place that he always felt was a prime location for the skateboard

park; that the issue regarding funding for restrooms should not postpone the project and was in support of proceeding without further delay with additional sites to be discussed at a later date. Council Member Scheafer also advised that a sizable donation was made for the skate park and felt that an option would be to pursue corporate sponsorship to provide additional funding.

Council Member Mansoor confirmed with the Public Services Director the cost of adding the restroom facility would be approximately \$100,000.00.

Greg Heilig, 2406 Narbonne Way, Costa Mesa, advised that he recently visited the skate park located in Westminster where they do not have City supervision, but the skaters were polite, respectful, and enjoyed the experience. He thought that TeWinkle Park was the perfect location, and did not want to see the minute details hold up building the skate park.

Tom Burns, 936 Presidio Drive, Costa Mesa, commented that he was opposed to the location, and was concerned about the hours of operation and of the skateboarding traffic through the neighborhoods of those on their way to the park. He felt that it was important to work out the details before approval.

Matt Parsons, 913 Junipero Drive, Costa Mesa, suggested that the skate park be placed in the southwest softball field at TeWinkle Park.

Alex Nost, 273 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, advised that skateboarding is a high energy/high endurance sport that is done for approximately a couple of hours at a time, not an entire day, so a bathroom facility should not be a priority in approval of the project. He further commented on the popularity of skateboarding compared to baseball.

Chuck Treshler, 859 Cortez Street, Costa Mesa, defined a park to be open space for recreational uses and felt that to add more to TeWinkle Park would instead create a "built-out recreation facility." He commented that people need open space for their own activities, not only for organized recreation.

Carver Young, 252 Sierks Street, Costa Mesa, supported the TeWinkle Park skate park.

Rene Bruce, 760 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, felt that the area near Lion's Park is a great location for a skate park. He also supported TeWinkle Park but felt that the details need to be worked out.

Roy Heintz, 2799 Francis Lane, Costa Mesa, noted that none of the pictures shown during the report was the view from Arlington Drive, showing how close the location is to the neighborhood. He also opposed having to pass by the "concrete monstrosity" daily.

Kurt Mueller, 2744 Mendoza Drive, Costa Mesa, opposed this location due to the impact on the neighborhood, the parking issue, the need for an additional restroom facility, and traffic. He stated there would be a need for supervision.

Rhonda Heintz, 2799 Francis Lane, Costa Mesa, asked Council to consider the green space across from the Police Department.

A Mesa Del Mar resident commented that she moved to the area originally due to the location of TeWinkle Park, and did not want a skate park added to this location.

Levi Tovar, 615 West Balboa Boulevard, Newport Beach, supported the addition of a skate park.

Charles Gregg, 2311 Santa Ana Avenue, Costa Mesa, commented that he felt that any location for a skateboard park would be acceptable since there is no place to safely and legally skateboard within the City.

Paul Kelly, 2736 Mendoza Drive, Costa Mesa, indicated that he would have liked to have the skate park near Davis School, but felt a better location would be north of the tennis courts between the tennis courts and the rear of the development on Presidio Drive. He advised that he does not see people using the green space at TeWinkle Park, and thought that this was the best place for the first skate park.

Peter Enfranka, 2758 Drake Avenue, Costa Mesa, felt that there were details, including financing, that needed to be worked out before moving forward with the skate park.

JoAnne VanSandt, 957 Presidio Drive, Costa Mesa, opposed this site for a skate park, stating there is not enough space or parking at TeWinkle Park for this addition.

Derek Saboni, 2119 Raleigh Avenue, Costa Mesa, supported the idea of a skate park, and advised that not all skateboarders are kids, but also adults who enjoy the sport.

Catherine Mitchell, 2601 Santa Ana Avenue, No. A, Costa Mesa, expressed that she frequently visits Bark Park, and there is not enough parking available for Bark Park, as well as a skate park. She was also concerned that the dogs would chase, and possibly bite the skateboarders if they are sharing the parking lot.

Terry Tyson, 2298 Santa Ana Avenue, Costa Mesa, supported the skate park, but suggested that Council consider Fairview Park for the location of the skate park.

Pat Allen, no street address given, sympathized with the skate park enthusiasts, but was concerned that TeWinkle Park is overcrowded.

Katrina Foley, 2778 Lorenzo Lane, Costa Mesa, supported skate parks in the City, but commented that the following issues need to be addressed: the addition of a restroom facility, inclusion of a "beginner lot" for the younger skaters, that the mobile skate park should not be removed from the Westside, supervision at the skate park, and traffic issues.

Tom Lancelt, 2766 Portola Drive, Costa Mesa, opposed the skate park at TeWinkle Park.

A Costa Mesa resident wondered how the skaters would be transported from the bus stop at Fairview Road to the skate park. He also expressed concern with the current parking situation at TeWinkle Park.

Jim DeNuccio, 2811 Francis Lane, Costa Mesa, opposed the TeWinkle Park location for a skate park, and asked the City to solicit

corporate sponsorship in finding another location, as well as the building of a skate park.

Jim Gray, 215 Knox Street, Costa Mesa, noted the time and energy spent convincing the City that there is a need for a skate park, and supported the TeWinkle Park location. Council Member Mansoor confirmed with Mr. Gray his preference for an unsupervised skate park, as well as corporate sponsorship for funding of the skate park.

Ryan Waggoner, 3036 Coolidge Avenue, No. 61, Costa Mesa, expressed the need for a skate park in the City.

Jan Vandersloot, 2221 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport Beach, commented that he was happy that Council chose not to remove trees for the softball fields, stating that Fairview and TeWinkle Parks are "crown jewel" parks in Orange County. He expressed his reservations of having a skate park at TeWinkle Park, as it is a park he has always considered a "peaceful", "tranquil" park, and asked Council to consider other locations for a skate park that would not disturb any residents.

Donny Hunt, 267 Mesa Drive, Costa Mesa, suggested that the City consider a "Port-A-Potty" if the restroom facility is going to hold up the skate park being built at TeWinkle Park.

David Stiller, 2879 Regis Lane, Costa Mesa, did not agree that the residents would be able to hear the skaters at the skate park, or that there would not be much foot traffic through the residential neighborhood. He also disagreed that TeWinkle Park would be built to its maximum capacity with the addition of a skate park.

Steve Walker, 220 Knox Place, No. A, Costa Mesa, commented that "nobody wants a skate park in their backyard," and stated that this site is not in the backyard of the residents, and asked the Council to move forward with the TeWinkle Park site.

Brad Applegate, 2134 Monrovia Avenue, Costa Mesa, agreed that TeWinkle Park is a great location for a skate park, and felt that noise would not be an issue.

Donna Waggoner, 3036 Coolidge Avenue, No. 61, Costa Mesa, advised that the patrons of Bark Park use "outhouses" for restroom facilities, and should be sufficient for patrons of a skate park. She asked that Council "get the ball rolling".

Ed Keane, 2777 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa, stated that he walks through TeWinkle Park every Sunday, and there are people using the green space for picnics, playing volleyball, and throwing Frisbees. He commented that he did not understand why Fairview Park was not a viable location for the skate park.

John Rittenhouse, 966 Presidio Drive, Costa Mesa, commented that the City is trying to turn TeWinkle Park into an "all things for all people" park, and that it already accommodates its limit of athletic and recreational activities. He stated that adding anything else would distract from its fundamental beauty and tranquility. Mr. Rittenhouse agreed that a skate park is needed in the City, but that TeWinkle Park is not the best location.

Council Member Mansoor felt that transportation to a skate park at

TeWinkle Park and the additional parking are important issues that need to be addressed, and funding of the park needs to be clearly identified.

Mayor Pro Tem Steel expressed his appreciation of the comments made by the public. He did not agree that TeWinkle Park is the best venue for a skate park and suggested that the City of Newport Beach should also be involved in a joint venture for a skate park, he added that the west side would be a good location for a park and offered that it should be located in a commercial area of the City, away from a residential neighborhood.

Council Member Cowan advised that it was not her intention to see the Mobile Skate Park operation reduced in order to provide staffing for the skate park, and that staffing at the facility was not necessary. Upon confirming with the Recreation Manager that the sharing of the parking lot off of Arlington Drive was a consideration, she suggested separate entrances for bark park and the skateboard park, reiterating the need for additional parking at this site. She expressed concern with the proposed size of the skate park.

Motion to Continue  
Died

A motion was made by Council Member Cowan to continue this item, and direct staff to create a footprint of the park, to identify a restroom facility, and provide additional detail on the operational issues, died for lack of a second.

Mayor Monahan advised that he would like to proceed and not delay the project due the lack of restrooms and proposed utilizing temporary facilities until a permanent facility could be built.

MOTION/Approved  
TeWinkle Park as  
Site

A motion was made by Mayor Monahan, seconded by Council Member Scheafer, and carried 3-2, Mayor Pro Tem Steel and Council Member Mansoor voting no, to approve designation of TeWinkle Park as the first permanent skate park; staff was directed to initiate design and development of a proposal for operations including parking, a restroom option, and design options with a 15,000 square foot maximum skate park.

MOTION/Gave  
Direction to Staff

On motion by Mayor Monahan, seconded by Council Member Scheafer, and carried 3-2, Mayor Pro Tem Steel and Council Member Mansoor voting no, staff was directed to shift all resources from the efforts to build a skate park at the Newport-Mesa facility to the development at the TeWinkle Park site.

MOTION/Gave Further  
Direction to Staff for an  
Additional Park

On motion by Mayor Monahan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Steel, and carried 4-1, Council Member Mansoor voting no, staff was directed, at the conclusion of the development at TeWinkle Park, to look at locations for an additional park; and continuation of the Mobile Skate Park was approved.

RECESS

~~The Mayor declared a recess at 11:50 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 12:00 a.m.~~

NEW BUSINESS  
Letter of Agreement  
CMCEA

The Deputy City Clerk presented a Letter of Agreement between the Costa Mesa City Employees Association (CMCEA) and the City of Costa Mesa extending the 2001-03 Memorandum of Understanding for 12 months. The Principal Personnel Analyst reviewed the Agenda Report dated August 18, 2003.

~~On motion by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Council Member Scheafer, and carried 5-0, the Letter of Agreement was~~