

8/21/2000

ATTACHMENT 4

The City Attorney recommended that Council consider the petition for rehearing as an individual item, based upon the application for appeal or rehearing. He added that if the rehearing is not granted, Council can provide feedback to the applicant with respect to the proposed amended project. He indicated that if the matter is referred to the Planning Commission, it would be an amended application pursuant to the moratorium ordinance, and no additional fee would be required.

Roger Grable suggested that Council's concerns regarding the project could be addressed at a rehearing, and agreed with the City Attorney's opinion that an amended application could be referred back to the Planning Commission.

MOTION/Denied
Request for Re-
hearing/Referred
to Planning Com-
mission

A motion was made by Council Member Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, and carried 4-0, Council Member Somers abstaining, to deny the request for rehearing, refer the application as an amended application to the Planning Commission, exempt the project from the small-lot residential moratorium, and waive the fees, based solely on the application for appeal or rehearing filed by the applicant June 12, 2000, as the evidence.

The Development Services Director reported that this item will be directed to the Planning Commission meeting of September 25, 2000.

Council Member Dixon asked Mr. Grable if he could investigate the reason that cars may not be parked in the driveways on the project.

Council Member Somers returned to the Council Chambers at 8:35 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS
Fairview Park
Master Plan

The Deputy City Clerk presented from the meeting of August 7, 2000, Fairview Park Master Plan Amendment request:

Downgrade the paved multi-purpose trail located adjacent to the Fairview Channel to an unpaved pedestrian trail.

Request that all new trails in Fairview Park be constructed of dirt or natural materials including decomposed granite.

Use of concrete as an acceptable substitute for trails indicated to be constructed with asphalt pavement.

Reconfirm the master planned width of the multi-purpose trail system in Fairview Park.

Communications were received from Duke Gallagher, 1946 Pelican Place, Costa Mesa, opposed to paving the natural trails; David Goss, 2021 Kornat Drive, Costa Mesa, asking Council to limit the size of paved bikeways to leave the unpaved trails as they currently exist; and Richard J. Mehren, 1824 Kinglet Court, Costa Mesa, asking Council to consider several points regarding paved trails at Fairview Park, and supporting a minimally paved trail system. The Transportation Services Manager summarized the Agenda Report dated August 15, 2000.

Mayor Pro Tem Cowan applauded the master plan as devised by the Fairview Park Committee and described Fairview Park as having the potential for a natural environment. She stated that she worked with staff to reidentify the standards for the trails. She explained the City's obligation to those who ride bicycles, and noted the requirement, due to being a part of the regional commuting lane, to provide a Class 1 bikeway connection. Mayor Pro Tem Cowan recommended reducing the width of the proposed trails, not reducing the number, and assuring that asphalt or natural materials such as decomposed granite make up the vast majority of the miles of trails.

Tim Cromwell, 2029 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, asked why a nature preserve would have concrete roads which cover over 3 percent of the terrain. He suggested one asphalt road for high-speed bicycle ingress and egress to the Santa Ana River trail, and leaving the natural trails in tact. He reported that an ecologist with the California State Park System, a specialist in trails, indicated that the hillside trails suffered insignificant erosion. Mr. Cromwell felt that the existing parking lot of 103 spaces is sufficient, and that the Master Plan's proposed addition of 60 spaces is not needed.

The following persons opposed the concrete trails and other aspects of the Fairview Park Master Plan: resident at 1970 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa; John Schuyler, 12221 Beach Boulevard, No. 6-D, Garden Grove, read a letter from David Goss, 2021 Komat Drive, Costa Mesa; Win Lewis, 1954 Sanderling Circle, Costa Mesa, opposed the extra 60 spaces for parking; Milton Allione, 1777 Kingley Court, Costa Mesa, opposed an entrance to the park from the adjacent housing tract; resident at 2110 President Place, Costa Mesa, stated that Fairview Park is not "horse friendly"; John Goldman, Orange Coast College Cross Country Coach, 2071 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa; Susan Weeks, 2949 Andros Street, Costa Mesa; Nancy Corcoran, 2165 Canyon Drive, No. G-1, Costa Mesa, urged reconsideration of paving the trails; Jan Vandersloot, 2221 East 16th Street, Newport Beach, suggested that the width of the trails be decreased to 8 feet, the existing trail not be replaced, the overall number of trails be reduced, concrete not be used for paving the trails, and location of the trails be reconsidered; resident at 2005 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa; Robin Leffler, 3025 Samoa Place, Costa Mesa; Donna Mee, no address given; Janet Romington, 1164 Boise Way, Costa Mesa; the Estancia High School Cross Country Coach; Sandra Genis, 1586 Myrtlewood Street, Costa Mesa, opposed concrete trails; Bill Fritzsche, 2044 Republic Avenue, Costa Mesa, President of the Orange County Track Club; Kara Grams, 3237 Minnesota Avenue, Costa Mesa, opposed fencing the vernal pools; Chris Huey, 2006 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa; Dean Reinemann, 1877, Park View Circle, Costa Mesa; Daniel Vargas, 1592 Caraway Drive, Costa Mesa; Jessica Butler, 2946 Ceylon Drive, Costa Mesa; Katie Needham, 2816 Serang Place, Costa Mesa; resident at 2035 Pomona Avenue, Costa Mesa; and resident at 631 Victoria Street, Costa Mesa.

Robert Graham, 3260 Dakota Avenue, Costa Mesa, approved of the Fairview Park Master Plan, and commented that the park in its present state is not a natural park.

Janice Davidson, 1982 Arnold Avenue, Costa Mesa, agreed with the use of crushed gravel; David Kinkade, 2001 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, expressed concern over potential loss of the hilly exercise area used by Estancia High School athletes, and urged approval of recommendation No. 4 with the exception of a high-speed trail for access across the park; Judith Gielow, 469 East 18th Street, Costa Mesa, reported that the park is in decline ecologically, and the State of California requires preservation of the vernal pools and native American Indian sites; Randy Mees, 2210 Canyon Drive, No. C1, Costa Mesa, asked that the park be retained in its present state; Robert McKasson, 124 31st Street, Newport Beach, suggested fencing off the vernal pools; Karen Robinson, 2272 Canary Drive, Costa Mesa, encouraged referring this item again to the Planning Commission; and Fred Bockmiller, 1872 Monrovia Avenue, No. B4, Costa Mesa, suggested using the grant monies for bicycle trails on the west side of Costa Mesa.

Richard J. Mehren, 1824 Kinglet Court, Costa Mesa, reported that the Master Plan calls for a total of three miles of paved trails throughout the 210-acre park. He agreed with downgrading the paved multi-purpose trail adjacent to the Fairview Channel. Dr. Mehren commented that the Master Plan is a conceptual plan which provides a broad overview and does not contain exact dimensions. He provided a brief history of the park, and offered his suggestion of 10 foot wide trails with a 4-foot wide natural surface.

Mayor Monahan suggested that staff review the comments made this evening and return to the next Council meeting with a "minimum paving/maximum natural" plan for the park. He asked staff to review the handicap access, and asked Mr. Cromwell, as a representative of the group, to meet with himself, the Mayor Pro Tem, and staff members, to devise a concept for Fairview Park. Mayor Pro Tem Cowan proposed that the questions regarding the trails be answered at this meeting and not delayed another two weeks.

MOTION/Gave
Directions to Staff

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, seconded by Council Member Erickson, and carried 5-0, to redefine the Master Plan guideline for trail systems as follows: all Pedestrian Trails shall be no more than 3 feet wide and constructed of natural materials as recommended by the designer; the Multi-purpose Trail, Type A, shall be constructed of concrete 8 feet wide, with 2 feet of natural materials on either side of the trail; the Multi-purpose Trail, Type A*, shall be 8 feet wide and constructed of natural materials; the Multi-purpose Trail, Type B, Adjacent to the Channel, shall become a pedestrian trail; the Multi-purpose Trail, Type C, Blufftop, shall be 4 feet wide, constructed of natural materials or decomposed granite for accessibility; the Multi-purpose Trail, Type D, shall be 4 feet wide, constructed of natural material or asphalt, as needed for accessibility and bike connections; and Multi-purpose Trail, Type E, Bicycle Trail Separated from Walk, shall remain as shown on Page 9 of the Agenda Report; and staff was directed to place this new information on the agenda for public input at the meeting of September 5, 2000.

Council Member Erickson commended Mayor Pro Tem Cowan on her comprehensive motion. Council Member Somers suggested that the points regarding equestrian access be addressed. Mayor Pro Tem Cowan proposed that the access be considered when the design is reviewed. Council Member Dixon stated that she appreciated the audience participation, and suggested that those interested apply to become members of the committee for Fairview Park.

Council Member Somers left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS
Rooftop Storage

The Deputy City Clerk presented from the meeting of August 7, 2000, an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code regarding rooftop storage. The Development Services Director reviewed the Agenda Report dated August 14, 2000.

MOTION/Ordinance
00-14 Given First
Reading.

On motion by Council Member Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, and carried 4-0, Council Member Somers absent, Ordinance 00-14, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ROOFTOP STORAGE, was given first reading and passed to second reading. Second reading and adoption are scheduled for the meeting of September 5, 2000.

OLD BUSINESS
Neighborhood
Community Center

The Deputy City Clerk presented replacement/Upgrading of the fountain area at the Neighborhood Community Center:

Concept Plan "A" for the replacement/upgrade.

Allocation of \$272,500.00 from existing excess Downtown Recreation Center funds for the design, construction, construction management, and inspection/testing/architectural oversight.

Amendment to the agreement with Martinez and Amador Architects, Inc., 8405 Pershing Drive, Suite 201, Playa del Rey, for \$27,500.00, for architectural design.

The City Manager reviewed the Agenda Report dated August 14, 2000. Council Member Dixon suggested implementing a "bench" program at this time for citizens who wish to contribute. The City Manager responded that the Costa Mesa Community Foundation is the appropriate vehicle through which to channel any donations.

MOTION/Approved
NCC Upgrade
Recommendations

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, seconded by Council Member Dixon, and carried 4-0, to approve Concept Plan A, to allocate \$272,500.00 from the existing excess Downtown Recreation Center funds, to approve an amendment to the agreement with Martinez and Amador Architects, Inc., and to direct staff to prepare a proposal for a bench naming program for Council consideration.

NEW BUSINESS
Youth Participation
in League Meeting

The Deputy City Clerk presented a request for youth participation at the annual League of California Cities Conference, September 7 through 9, 2000, in Anaheim. The Assistant to the City Manager summarized the Agenda Report dated August 11, 2000.