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spaces, an addition of 400 square feet of private open space behind each house, and revised outside elevations.

MOTION/Referred to Planning Commission
A motion was made by Council Member Erickson, seconded by Council Member Somers, and carried 5-0, to deny the rehearing due to lack of evidence, and directing staff to refer the modified application to the Planning Commission, to waive the fees, and to conduct the hearing at the earliest possible time.

OLD BUSINESS
Fairview Park Master Plan Revised Trail System
The Deputy City Clerk presented from the meeting of August 21, 2000, Fairview Park Master Plan Revised Trail System. A communication was received from Gilbert Collins, 3159 Sharon Lane, Costa Mesa, member of the Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee, suggesting that consideration of the proposed changes be specific and not expanded into unproductive and subjective discussions about trail surfaces, locations, and widths. The Public Services Director summarized the Agenda Report dated August 23, 2000, and the Parks Project Manager reviewed the proposed modifications to the Fairview Park Trail System proposed at the meeting of August 21, 2000.

Mayor Pro Tem Cowan reported that she and Tim Cromwell had walked through the park considering issues broached at the meeting of August 21, 2000. She indicated that downsizing the trails had been well-accepted by park enthusiasts, as well as committee members. She listed the following items which could be addressed at the time of the design stages: integrate a cross-country trail within the park, working with the Estancia High School cross-country team and coaches; reduce the number of Type A trails (8-foot wide bicycle trails) to no more than one on the west side, and a portion of that would incorporate the currently asphalted A* portion; plan for no more than two connections to the City's bicycle trails on the east side, which filters into one trail on the west side traveling to the Santa Ana River; consider, during the design stages, establishment of a youth-oriented dirt bike area; establish hillside maintainable hiking trails from the lower portion of the Talbert Park area to the upper bluff area; work to reduce the need for the lower parking lot; reexamine the point-of-entry for equestrians; and retain the use of delineators and fencing to a bare minimum.

The following persons provided their input regarding Fairview Park Trails: Tim Cromwell, 2029 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, stated that the Type A* trail should be constructed of asphalt for bicycle use, and asked that the proposed parking lot be removed from the plan; the resident at 1920 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, read a letter written to the editor of the Daily Pilot which criticized Council actions regarding Fairview Park; Ron McGuff, 1789 Tanager Drive, Costa Mesa, showed pictures of the trail system, stating that the system will cover seven acres of land; Susan Channels, 3011 Royce Lane, Costa Mesa, thought that the City's improvement plans are ruining the park's natural charm; Susan Weeks, 2949 Andros Street, Costa Mesa, suggested using the two roads along the drainage channel as bicycle trails, and presented an alternative plan; Alvaro Ernesto Solorzano, 1444 Deauville Place, Costa Mesa, opposed the concrete trails; Randy Mues, 2210 Canyon Drive, No. C1, Costa Mesa, suggested increasing to at least 4 feet the Type B Multi-

purpose Trail which runs parallel to the channel; Doug Sutton, 2739 Canary Drive, Costa Mesa, complained that the City has not allocated monies from the budget for the long-term improvement of Fairview Park, and proposed that the City legally designate the entire park for "park only" use for the next 50 years. (The City Manager responded by stating that when the property was purchased from the County of Orange, a deed restriction required the land to be used only for park and open space in perpetuity, and the City has set a minimum of \$250,000.00 per year for at least the last 10 years.); Nancy Corcoran, 2165 Canyon Drive, No. G-1, Costa Mesa, suggested that the port of entry to the park for equestrians be Canyon Drive, and asked that the equestrian trail be kept away from developed areas; Martin Millard, 2973 Harbor Boulevard, Costa Mesa, suggested retaining the park in its natural state, and thought that the youth-oriented dirt bike area could be a liability; Robert Katz, 124 31st Street, Newport Beach, supported considering alternatives to the Fairview Park Master Plan; Charles Appell, 2829 Lemon Street, Apartment C, Costa Mesa, Estancia High School cross-country coach, proposed several changes for the trails, including moving the access to the equestrian trail to Canyon Drive; George Baugh, 2551 Santa Barbara Lane, Costa Mesa; supported retaining a natural park; Robin Leffler, 3025 Samoa Place, Costa Mesa, asked Council to listen to the community; Robert Graham, 3260 Dakota Avenue, Costa Mesa, showed photographs of the park and discussed options; Tyler Blackney, 2249 Tustin Avenue, Costa Mesa, supported retaining the park in its natural state; Michael Hines, 10222 Stoneybrook, Huntington Beach, agreed that the lower parking lot should be removed from the plans, and opposed renovating the entire park; John King, 1991 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, expressed concern regarding the Type A* trail which is potentially a 25-foot wide ribbon through the park, and opposed the additional parking lot; William Reitler, 2073 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, suggested minimizing modernization of the park and protecting the bluffs; Bill Fritzsche, 2044 Republic Avenue, Costa Mesa, representing the Orange County Track Club, raised several questions, and thanked Council for the restroom facilities; Susan Kinkade, 2001 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, asked that a number of trails on the hill be retained; a 10-year old girl (name and address unintelligible) spoke on behalf of her mother who belongs to a running group, supporting the retention of Fairview Park in its natural state; Paul Bunney, Post Office Box 11024, Costa Mesa, thanked Council and staff for the time spent on this issue; Jan Vandersloot, 2221 16th Street, Newport Beach, commended Council for reducing the amount of concrete in the park, asked that consideration be given to reducing the remaining four segments to one, opposed replacing the asphalt in the Type A* trails, and suggested adding a trail connecting the asphalt trail to the parking lot; Chris Huey, 2006 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, supported retaining the park in its natural state; Steve Devey, 2033 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, opposed adding another parking lot; and Wil Sanchez, 3070 Trinity Drive, Costa Mesa, opposed combining a running trail with a bicycle trail, and supported retaining the hill trails.

MOTION/Approved
Modifications to
Trail System

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, seconded by Council Member Somers, and carried 5-0, to approve the use of dirt or shells instead of decomposed granite for the Pedestrian Trails in the Master Plan Trail System (Page 5 of the Agenda

Report), 3 feet wide or as wide as they currently exist, and use existing Pedestrian Trails as often as possible; approve an 8-foot width for Type "A" Multipurpose Trails (Page 7); with 4 feet of natural material on one side of the trail; approve the Multi-Purpose Trail, Type B, Adjacent to the Channel, in its present state as shown on Page 11; and approve an 8-foot width for the Multi-Purpose Trail, Type E, Bicycle Trail Separated from Walkway (Page 17).

Mayor Pro Tem Cowan stated that this process is in the conceptual stages, and the intent of the following motion is to retain the fundamental elements of the Fairview Park Master Plan.

MOTION/Approved Revisions

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, seconded by Council Member Somers, and carried 5-0, to approve a cross-country trail within the Park, working with the Estancia High School team and coaches during the design stage; to reduce the number of Type A trails to no more than one on the west side, integrated with the existing portions of the Type A* Multi-Purpose Trails which are composed of asphalt, with a connection to the upper parking lot, and no more than two Type A or Type E trails on the east side; to consider establishing a youth-oriented dirt bike area; to establish, where possible, one or two hillside maintainable hiking trails, in addition to the stairs, on the bluff (west) side; in the design stages, with the general goal being to eliminate the lower parking lot, work to reduce the size and need for it; designate Canyon Drive as the "port of entry" for equestrian users; and per earlier City Council direction, the use of delineator and fencing shall be kept to a bare minimum.

Council Member Somers stated that the intent is to retain the park in as natural a state as possible with accessible, reasonable, and safe trails. Mayor Monahan asked the Public Services Director to prepare a handout for the public which details the above motions.

MOTION/Gave Directions to Staff

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, seconded by Council Member Dixon, and carried 5-0, directing staff to organize community level meetings regarding each of the specific plan areas prior to consideration by the Parks, Recreation Facilities and Parkways Commission at a public hearing.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a recess at 8:50 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS
Display of Handicapped Placard**

The Deputy City Clerk presented an ordinance adding Section 10-199 to the Costa Mesa Municipal Code regarding the failure to display a handicapped parking placard when parked in a handicapped parking space. The Police Lieutenant reviewed the Agenda Report dated July 6, 2000.

MOTION/Ordinance 00-15 Given First Reading

On motion by Council Member Somers, seconded by Council Member Dixon, and carried 5-0, Ordinance 00-15 was given first reading and passed to second reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 10-199 TO THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE FAILURE TO

DISPLAY A HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARD WHEN PARKED IN A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE. Second reading and adoption are scheduled for the meeting of September 18, 2000.

NEW BUSINESS
Fairview Park
Committee

The Deputy City Clerk presented a request to appoint members to the Fairview Park Friend/Fundraising Committee. The Management Analyst summarized the Agenda Report dated August 23, 2000.

Lawrence Courter, 2077 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, announced his interest in becoming a member of the committee. Chris Huey, 2006 Swan Drive, Costa Mesa, reported that he had submitted a letter of interest prior to the deadline even though his name was not on the list.

**MOTION/Appointed
Members**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan, seconded by Council Member Somers, and carried 5-0, to appoint Marylane Graham, Timothy Cromwell, Stella Hacker, Doug Sutton, and Lawrence Courter, as "at large" members for a two-year term expiring October, 2002; to appoint Joe Bogden, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation, Shirley Willard, ReLeaf Costa Mesa, Roger MacGregor, Harbor Soaring Society, Mary Ellen Goddard, Costa Mesa Historical Society, and Robert Platfoot, Orange County Model Engineers, as members, for a two-year term expiring October, 2002, and to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Cowan as Council liaison, and Council Member Dixon as alternate.

Mayor Monahan asked that the applicants who were not appointed to the committee be invited to attend the meetings.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S
REPORT/Request
for Closed Session:
Mike Scheafer**

The City Attorney requested a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956(b)(1) to discuss City Attorney Report No. 00-01 regarding the Parks, Recreation Facilities and Parkways Commission meeting of August 23, 2000, and the resignation of Mike Scheafer. He clarified that the Council Members had not been aware of the Public Services Director's request for a report regarding Mr. Scheafer and the City's skateboard park until after a copy of that report had been forthcoming. Mayor Monahan announced that closed session would be held at the conclusion of regular business.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT/Bark Park
and Victoria Street
Parkways**

The City Manager reported that Plant Control Landscape Maintenance, Inc. started work on the Victoria Street parkways on July 1, 2000; however, by July 31, 2000, it was apparent that this company was not meeting expectations. He indicated that a notice of intent to terminate the contract was hand-delivered in mid-August, and they are now meeting the schedule to return the site to an acceptable condition. Council Member Erickson suggested placing signs on the project indicating, "landscape renovation in progress". Mayor Pro Tem Cowan reported that there are many landscaped medians and parkways throughout southern California with this type of planting that look wonderful.

The City Manager reported that Bark Park improvements were completed by Tru Green Land Care on August 23, 2000. He indicated that the volunteer committee will begin work on their portion of the site during the first two weeks of September, 2000.