

CITY OF COSTA MESA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

May 26, 2004

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., May 26, 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 Lecce.

ROLL CALL:Commissioners Present:

Mark Harris, Chairman
Mima Burciaga, Commissioner
James Fisler, Commissioner
Wendy Lecce, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Byron de Arakal, Vice Chairman

Also Present:

William J. Morris, Public Services Director
Steven E. Hayman, Administrative Services Director
Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager
Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Ron Molendyk, Fairview Park Plan Administrator
Ruth Raheb, Recreation Supervisor
Kyle Quatman, Intern

PRESENTATIONS:**A. TYLER BLACKNEY**

Chairman Harris presented Tyler Blackney with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his valuable contributions to the Hamilton Community Garden. Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager and Kris Gold, City employee, were also recognized for their efforts in putting this community garden together.

B. ACT COMMITTEE

Ms. Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager, introduced members of the ACT (Advisory Committee of Teens). The group gave a PowerPoint presentation on their goals and objectives as well as the current projects they are working on (Battle of the Bands, Neighbors for Neighbors, Disaster relief, etc.)

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Lecce, seconded by Commissioner Fisler, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice Chairman de Arakal absent) to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2004 meeting as received.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Oral Communications.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No Consent Calendar items.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business items.

LANDSCAPE
IMPROVEMENTS FOR
CERTAIN PARKWAYS AND
NEIGHBORHOOD
ENTRYWAYS

Mr. Bart Mejia made the presentation and introduced Mr. Peter Weisbrod, president and owner of Land Architecture.

Mr. Weisbrod briefly explained each proposed project, as follows:

Parkways:

1. Placentia Avenue - Adams Avenue to Swan Circle
2. Harbor Boulevard - Between Fair Drive and Wilson on the west side of street adjacent to the Costa Mesa Golf and Country Club
3. Harbor Boulevard - 405 - 19th Street both sides of the street (various locations)

Responding to a question from Chairman Harris, Mr. Weisbrod indicated that the reason why the Mexican Fan Palm was chosen was business owners opposing to major canopy trees that obstruct view to their businesses and to the signage.

Chairman Harris suggested having an alternate tree for this particular proposed project, in case the City Council was not in favor of the Palm Trees.

4. Newport Boulevard from Industrial Way to 17th Street, east side of street
5. Newport Boulevard from Rochester street to 19th Street, east side of street
6. Newport Boulevard - Del Mar Avenue to Bristol Street, east side of freeway
7. Newport Boulevard - Wilson Street to Bristol Street, west side of freeway
8. Del Mar Avenue - At Elden Avenue northwest corner
9. Paularino Drive - Manistee Drive to Ludington Street, north side of street
10. Bear Street from St. Clair Street to flood control channel
11. Arlington Avenue - TeWinkle Park adjacent to Bark Park (project being take care of by City Maintenance staff)
12. Arlington Avenue - Adjacent to Costa Mesa High School (project being taken care of by City Maintenance staff)
13. Adams Avenue - Santa Ana River to Mesa Verde Drive East
14. Gisler Road - California Avenue to Santa Ana River

Neighborhood Entryways

15. Fairview Road at McCormack Lane (Entry Hall of Fame Tract)
16. Fairview Road at Adams (Entry into Mesa del Mar Tract)
17. Loren Lane at Baker Street (Median) (Hailcrest Tract)
18. Adams Avenue at Mesa Verde West and Shantar Drive (2 intersections, 3 corners)
19. California Street at Flood Control Channel
20. Tanager Drive at Golf Course Entry

Mr. Weisbrod reiterated that once approved, working drawings will be completed in one package, and that each individual project can be taken out and constructed separately if need be.

Gloria Degallanda, San Juan Lane, Mesa del Mar homeowner, went over improvements made to the wall along Fairview Road and the two entrance ways into Mesa del Mar tract paid for from subscriptions from the Mesa del Mar homeowners. She indicated that it is a

waste of money for the City to now be recommending these improvements, and suggested landscaping and irrigating the area instead.

Mr. Mejia indicated that the purpose of presenting these concepts to the Commission tonight is to have a set of working drawings that can be utilized in the future. He indicated that the improvements mentioned by Ms. Degallanes could be incorporated into the working drawings being presented tonight, and that the only things that would need to be modified are the pilasters and the top of the wall.

Mr. Mejia went over a mechanism on a 50/50 participation program between homeowners and the City. He indicated that if funding is available, and both parties can agree on a project, this could now take place because staff will now have a concept that can be utilized.

Responding to a question from Chairman Harris, Mr. Mejia indicated that the comments that were made tonight by the Commission were noted on each one of the projects and that they will be incorporated in the final report.

Responding to questions from Commissioner Leece, Mr. Mejia confirmed that no funding is currently allocated for construction of any of these projects. He indicated that staff would follow the procedures for the 50/50 participation being requested early during the year and will ask the City Council for approval. Mr. Mejia confirmed that the 50/50 participation program deals with walls and entryways.

Chairman Harris asked staff to work with and take input from homeowner groups that come forward like Ms. Degallanda had tonight on entryways and things of this nature.

MOTION

A motion was made by Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Fisler, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice Chairman de Arakal absent) to: 1) Approve the report prepared by Land Architecture (Attachment 1) and the priority list (Attachment 2) for the proposed landscape improvements for certain parkways and neighborhood entryways with associated design and construction cost estimates; and 2) Recommend to the City Council the approval of the attached resolution (Attachment 3) for the incorporation of the approved prioritized list into Section 8 of the Streetscape and Median Development Standards.

FAIRVIEW PARK SIGNAGE

Mr. Ron Molendyk and Kyle Quatman made the presentation.

Commissioner Fisler indicated that he loved the idea of a condensed information sign.

In response to comments made by Commissioner Fisler, Mr. Quatman indicated that remote controlled cars are not allowed at the park.

Mr. Molendyk confirmed that there is a sign prohibiting remote controlled vehicles in the park. He indicated that this is an enforcement issue that will be shared with the Park Rangers at one of their staff meetings.

Responding to a question from Chairman Harris, Mr. Quatman indicated that a total of 5 signs would be at each entrance point to the park. He noted that these signs would be affixed to metal posts or recycled plastic, which takes on the look of a wooden post.