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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 Lecco.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:
Mark Harris, Chairman
Mirna Burciaga, Commissioner
James Fisler, Commissioner
Wendy Lecco, 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 Rahob, 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 Lecco, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO RELOCATE
SIDEWALK AND REMOVE
THREE PARKWAY TREES
544 & 548 BERNARD STREET

Mr. Bruce Hartley made the presentation.

Responding to comments from Chairman Harris, Mr. Hartley confirmed that most of the existing sidewalks along Bernard Street are located at the back of curb, and that relocating the sidewalk to the back of curb would give the appearance of a larger frontal area. Mr. Hartley indicated that the right of way width would remain the same and that the City has the authority to approve or disapprove any improvements that go in there.

John Morehart, 126 East 16th Street, Costa Mesa, indicated that he feels very fortunate to be involved in the rehabilitation of this house. He noted that the sidewalk in front of the house is the only one that is set back on either side of the street. He said that the planting of trees and vegetation will add value to the area, and had no objections to Mr. Hartley's planting requirements. He indicated that he was hopeful of finding a way to make things work for both the house and the street.

A discussion ensued regarding the intent of the 3:1 replanting ratio and the more immediate impact of planting larger than 24-inch box size trees.

Commissioner Burciaga indicated that she had visited the site. She noted how awful the sidewalk looks and said something needs to be done.

Responding to comments and questions from Commissioner Burciaga, Mr. Hartley indicated that the City's Engineering Division is currently putting together a project that will be adding sidewalks to this neighborhood.

Commissioner Fister, indicating that this is a unique project, explained what his reasoning was for recommending a tree larger than 24-inch box size to be replanted at this site.

MOTION

A motion was made by Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Burciaga, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice Chairman de Arakol absent) to: 1) Relocate the sidewalk to the back of curb, with staff's condition that the property owner must gain approval from the Public Services Director prior to installation of any future improvements in the public right-of-way that is behind the relocated sidewalk, and 2) Remove three City-owned parkway trees, with the requirement that the applicant replace the trees on a three to one ratio per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, with a minimum of two 24-inch box size trees to be replanted at 548 Bernard Street.