

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

March 22, 2006

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on March 22, 2006 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leece, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chair Graham.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Wendy Leece, Chair
Robert Graham, Vice Chair
Byron de Arakal, Commissioner
Mark Harris, Commissioner
David Stiller, Commissioner

Also Present:

William J. Morris, Director of Public Services
Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services
Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Division Manager
Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Robert Staples, Fairview Park Plan Administrator
Ruth Raheb, Recreation Supervisor
Jeff Ruth, Recreation Coordinator

MINUTES

Commissioner de Arakal requested that the following sentences be added, under the Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson just before each motion, to the minutes for the Chair and Vice Chair positions to read:

- Chairman de Arakal declared the Chairman position vacant and called for nominations.
- Chair Leece declared the Vice Chair position vacant and called for nominations.

Motion made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Stiller and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes, with the additions made by Commissioner de Arakal, of the February 22, 2006 meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Glen Brooks
Contractor
1292 Londonderry Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Representing: Scott Stevens, property owner at Londonderry Street.
Mr. Brooks hoped to have the Commission expedite a tree removal request for Mr. Stevens' home remodeling project.

took place on the reason for Harper School field not being offered for use.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Ms. Ransom occurred on having Back Bay/Monte Vista School field available for use.

8. Ron Nugent
1585 Santa Ana Avenue, Costa Mesa 92627
President, Costa Mesa Pop Warner Football League
Mr. Nugent voiced his concern on the rest and renovation for the Farm Sports Complex in July and August. He also addressed Vice Chair Graham on the allotment of fields in Costa Mesa and on the Fairview Park Master Plan.

9. James Shoaff
3272 Minnesota Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
President, Costa Mesa National Little League
Mr. Shoaff is in support of the staff recommendation and recommends Alternatives #1 and #6 in the staff report to the Commission. He also believes that children should play all year-round.

10. Mark Arblaster
1921 Teresita Lane, Newport Beach 92660
President, Newport Mesa Soccer Club (User Group 3)
Mr. Arblaster voiced his concerns on the following issues:
-Adult leagues having priority over youth leagues on Sundays and after 8:00 p.m.;
-Proposed down time in the Summer for rest and renovation; and
-Bringing Harper School back on-line for use by adult leagues.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Arblaster ensued on the number of Costa Mesa residents in the Newport Mesa Soccer Club.

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried five to zero, to receive the report and recommend to City Council that staff implement an Adult Allocation Formula for Group 6 organizations, based upon actual number of documented resident players, expressed as a percentage of all residents playing in Group 6 organizations as premise for allocation of hours; and recommends that Back Bay/Monte Vista School, Killybrooke Elementary School and Harper School be added back in for use by adult leagues on Sundays.

LIGHTING OF FOUR SOCCER FIELDS AT THE FARM SPORTS COMPLEX

Mr. Bart Mejia presented the report with overhead pictures and introduced Mr. Mike Marchetti, representative from MLI/SCO Sports Lighting, who presented the Sports Lighting System Design. Mr. Marchetti was also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Marchetti took place on the amount of light spillover behind the light fixture and on the light luminance.

Discussion between Vice Chair Graham and Mr. Marchetti oc-



curred on the difference of lighting intensity for softball and soccer.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Mejia occurred on whether or not City staff will work with the neighbors on landscaping the site.

Public Comments:

1. Ed Keane
2777 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Keane voiced his concerns for the drainage pan underneath the fields and on the statistics of how many homeowners would be affected by the lighting of the fields before the Commission makes a decision.
2. Robert Sudbeck
1145 Salvador Street, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Sudbeck is concerned with the noise levels on a daily basis and on the light poles obstructing the mountain views from his home.
3. Sharyl Davis
2749 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
Ms. Davis disagrees with the staff recommendation in the report. She addressed the increase in noise levels if there were more lit fields and on the loss of privacy due to people climbing over her property walls. Ms. Davis also mentioned that the City led her to believe that only two fields next to Fairview would be lit seven years ago.
4. W.H. Hartloff
2743 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
Ms. Sharyl Davis read a letter from Mr. Hartloff to address the Commission on this item. Mr. Hartloff stated that a City engineer promised him several times that only the west end of the soccer fields would be lighted and that the east end would be small fields, which would be used by the younger soccer players.
5. Patrick Comfort
1073 Salvador Street, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Comfort is a long-term resident of Costa Mesa. He stated that the original proposal, which was presented to residents in 1999, was to have only two fields lit and that a pan would be installed, in the rear portion of the field, to control the flooding problem. Mr. Comfort also voiced his concerns on the noise level, brightness of the lights, debris and that he disagrees with the staff recommendation for this item.
6. Michael Dilsisian
2761 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Dilsisian voiced a few of his concerns, which were on the negative impact the existing lights have on the quality of his family's lives, the noise levels, people threatening him and trespassing on to his property in order to retrieve balls, and trash and rocks thrown on his property during the day. He does not support having the fields lit because it will extend the amount of time people are there. Mr. Dilsisian said that City staff told him that only two fields will be lighted and that youth leagues will use the other fields.

7. Lou Lelea
2767 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Lelea does not support the staff recommendation and does not believe it would work. He is also concerned with fields 5 and 6 filling up with water when it rains. Mr. Lelea suggested that the Commission change the whole layout of the Farm Complex and only have three fields. He also mentioned that there might be litigation if the plan moves forward.
8. Virginia Smith
1121 Salvador Street, Costa Mesa 92626
Ms. Smith is against having more lights on the remaining fields. She is also concerned with the noise levels and she would like the City to build a cement block wall in order to minimize the noise levels.
9. Michelle Gomez
2737 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
Ms. Gomez is against lighting more fields. She is concerned with trespassing, light spillover onto her property, flooding and the noise levels.
10. Patrick Kunody
2755 Lorenzo Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Kunody does not support lighting more fields, especially in the evenings. He supports youth sports but not at night.
11. Terrance M. Neal
1127 Salvador Street, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Neal has watched the City grow the past 41 years and does not support lighting more fields at the Farm. He asked the Commission to "Stop it."
12. John Rubright
1090 El Camino Drive, Costa Mesa 92626
AYSO Commissioner, Volunteer Coach
Mr. Rubright supports the staff recommendation for this item.
13. Edgar C. Baume
263 Bowling Green Drive, Costa Mesa 92626
Mr. Baume has been a resident of Costa Mesa for 41 years and has been associated with youth athletic groups for many years. He supports the staff recommendation for this item.
14. Mark Arblaster
1921 Teresita Lane, Newport Beach 92660
President, Newport Mesa Soccer Club (User Group 3)
Mr. Arblaster is in favor of the staff recommendation because it will benefit the community by offering youth recreation, which will teach the children team building, exercise, character building and a healthy lifestyle, and it is also an anti-gang activity.

Discussion between Vice Chair Graham and Mr. Mejia occurred on the eight-foot chain link fence and on whether or not more trees would be planted around the perimeter of the property.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Ms. Rehab took place on the hours of operation for the existing two lighted

fields and on establishing site restrictions for the fields at the Farm Sports Complex.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Mr. Mejia ensued on whether or not City staff will be able to check light reading levels if requested by a resident.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Mr. Mejia took place on the distance from the property line to the goal line span along the north and east side of the fields.

Discussion among Commissioner Stiller, Ms. Ransom and Ms. Raheb occurred on the standing provisions for tournaments and the length of time it has been in effect.

Discussion between Commissioner Stiller and Ms. Ransom ensued on the number of days per year the fields are rested and on the number of days per year, due to the extended hours of field use with lighting, will the fields be used.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Mejia took place on whether or not staff found any documents in reference to the promise that was made by the City to the homeowners in regards to limiting the number of lights at the Farm Sports Complex.

Chair Leece stated that the residents' quality of life has been impacted and she feels that it is wrong to impose this concept plan on them and, because of this, she will not support the concept plan.

Discussion between Commissioner de Arakal and Ms. Raheb occurred on whether or not more teams use the fields during the daylight savings time period.

Discussion between Vice Chair Graham and Ms. Raheb ensued on the percentages, for the use of fields at night, by the soccer leagues practicing and on having a game.

Discussion between Commissioner Harris and Ms. Ransom took place on the possible number of fields for use at the Fairview Developmental Center.

Discussion between Chair Leece and Mr. Mejia occurred on possible future field sites at Parsons School and Bristol Street properties.

MOTION

Motion made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Stiller and carried three to two with Chair Leece and Commissioner Harris voting "No," to approve the proposed concept plan for the lighting of four soccer fields at the Farm Sports Complex and recommends City Council approve the funding for the lighting of Fields No. 3 and No. 4, at this time, and that perimeter signage prohibiting trespassing be posted around the property.

Commissioner Stiller withdrew himself from the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK Mr. William Morris presented the report on behalf of Mr.