

“Excerpts from the Minutes of the June 27, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting”

9a. Costa Mesa Bark Park

Mr. William Morris presented the report.

Public Comment:

- 1) Patricia Allen
President, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation
Ms. Allen addressed the Commission in regards to the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation's request in seeking corporate sponsorship and for the Commission to allow the Foundation to use the parking lot for fundraising events.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Ms. Allen ensued on the turmoil within the Foundation.

- 2) Terry Tyson
Resident, Costa Mesa
Vice Chairman, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation
Mr. Tyson voiced his concerns to the Commission in regards to the turmoil within the Foundation and on the items brought forward to the Commission.

- 3) Al Melone
Secretary and Director, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation
Mr. Melone addressed the Commission on the Foundation's concerns. Mr. Melone also requested that the Commission agendaize the expansion of the small dog area at the Bark Park, and for the Commission to consider reviewing and making a recommendation to the City Council on taking over the maintenance of the Bark Park.

- 4) Janice King
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. King stated that she is a small dog owner and she fully supports Mr. Melone's requests that were brought forward to the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Morris took place on the small dog and large dog areas, the layout plans and on the relocation of the fence at the Bark Park.

Commissioner Mark Harris requested that the members of the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation come to an agreement on the issues of concern and discuss them with the City Liaison so that the issues may be brought forward to the Commission.

Public Comment (re-opened):

- 1) Terry Tyson
Vice Chairman, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation
Mr. Tyson readdressed the concerns brought forward to the Commission in the agenda report.

- 2) Al Melone
Secretary and Director, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation
Mr. Melone readdressed the Commission on the sponsorship request and on the turmoil within the Foundation.

- 3) Patricia Allen
Chairperson, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation
Ms. Allen readdressed the current issues brought forward to the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Morris occurred on a city wide sponsorship report that previously was reviewed by the City Council.

Ms. Ransom provided the Commission with some history on the sponsorship for the Skate Park in which staff was directed by the City Council.

Ms. Ransom also mentioned that staff will work with the City Liaison and the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation on the permitting of the dog bath event.

MOTION to recommend that City Council pursue sponsorship opportunities for the Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation.

Moved by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Chairman Robert Graham.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chairman Robert Graham, Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh, Commissioner Mark Harris and Commissioner Terry Shaw
Noes: None
Absent: Vice Chairman Kurt Galitski