ATTACHMENT

CITY OF COSTA MESA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

September 22, 2004

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., September 22, 2004, at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman de Arakal, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Fisler.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:
Byron de Arakal, Vice Chairman
Mirna Burciaga, Commissioner
James Fisler, Commissioner
Wendy Leece, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:
Mark Harris, Chairman

Also Present:
William J. Morris, Public Services Director
Jana Ransom, Recreation Manager
Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Ken Sipes, Recreation Coordinator

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Leece, seconded by Commissioner Burciaga, and carried 4 to 0, Chairman Harris absent, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2004 meeting with one modification to page five, paragraph four; to add the sentence: "Commissioner Leece suggested that the requestor review the type and style of font that is being used for greater visibility by the public."

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Martin Millard of Costa Mesa addressed the Commission regarding the number of sports fields in the City. He questioned the accuracy/validity of the Field User Information forms that groups complete, especially the groups at Paularino Park. Additionally noting that at the Paularino field one specific group is packing the field with people from Santa Ana and using the field every Saturday plus one day a week for practices after school from now until after Christmas. He also stated his desire to investigate this matter and to view public records regarding the public parks.

Karl Hawley, 296 – 16th Place, Costa Mesa, with the Harbor Soaring Society, addressed the Commission requesting watering of the landing area at Fairview Park (Canyon Drive area). He stated that the gliders have been flying in that area for approximately 32 years. The Harbor Soaring Society holds contests there and many clubs do not

MOTION

Motion made by Vice Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Leece, and carried 4-0, Commissioner Harris absent, to grant the request of AYSO Region 97 and Orange Coast Soccer with the following conditions: 1) that the permitted use not be allowed to begin until October 15, 2) that the use at Parsons-Waldorf School Field end at 9:00 p.m., use of Kaiser School field to end at 8:00 p.m., 3) that all lights at Kaiser School and Parsons-Waldorf School Fields be pointed away from residences, and 4) that the lights are secured as far away from residences and access to street as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business items.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR TEWINKLE PARK

Mr. Morris made the presentation and introduced Mr. Doug Hansen and Mr. Dave Alkema of Angel's Charity to provide additional information.

Mr. Hansen stated that Angel's Charity was founded in June of 2003 and handed out some flyers from a previous fundraising event and future events. He also provided newspaper clippings regarding Angel's Charity from the Orange County Register and the Daily Pilot and some additional background information on the organization.

In response to questions from Vice Chairman de Arakal and Commissioner Fisler, Mr. Morris stated that Angel's Charity group will collect the required money through donations and then, with a permit from and agreement with the City, remove existing equipment and install proposed equipment in one continuous construction phase. Additionally, Angel's Charity would be responsible for carrying out the project from tear down to installation and by having the equipment donated. Mr. Morris also stated that if the group donated money, then the City would have to go through the Public Contracts Code, to design and construct, which would take time and money and there would be no assurances that the desired equipment could be installed due to the open bidding process.

Vice Chairman de Arakal stated that this is the type of public/private partnership he hopes the City will begin to explore more often, particularly with park projects like the one that has been proposed here tonight.

MOTION

Motion made by Vice Chairman de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Fisler, and carried 4-0, Commissioner Harris absent, to accept the donation of playground equipment for TeWinkle Park by Angels Charity, with conditions of developing an agreement between donor and City to define roles, demolition/construction processes, etc.

TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 2371 COLGATE DRIVE

Mr. Bruce Hartley made the presentation.

Mr. Eric Marovish, 2371 Colgate Drive, Costa Mesa addressed the Commission stating that the two trees are growing over the drive approach and lifting a portion of the sidewalk. He also stated that the tree roots have been grinded down on two sides and in talking to one

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