

ATTACHMENT 1

Chronology of Meetings & Discussions

The events below provide some background on how this matter evolved from a review of Paularino Park to a review of all parks at the Park and Recreation Commission:

October 18, 2005 – City Council: Discussion of Paularino Park and its designation as a “passive” park. Motion was to refer this item to the Parks & Recreation Commission to (1) work with the school district on a plan, (2) review the field use of 10 or more in a group, (3) work with the park rangers on a program such as additional patrol, (4) include the public in the process and (5) visit all options, including that of adding trees to the park.

March 27, 2007 – Joint Meeting of the City Council and P&R Commission: Public commenters expressed concerns about active uses in other passive parks such as Canyon, Vista and Brentwood.

Bill Morris presented a staff report regarding the consideration of updating the City’s Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Mr. Morris presented the possibility of hiring a consultant to review the definitions of active and passive users and re-evaluating existing parks and uses.

March 28, 2007 – P&R Commission: A public comment was made about designating Paularino, Canyon, Vista and Brentwood parks as “passive”.

During Commissioner’s comments, Commissioner Brumbaugh stated that parks in Costa Mesa need to be established as “active or passive parks”.

Vice-chair Galitski requested the Commission be provided with an informational item on active and passive parks in the city which he said was a high priority that needed to be worked on.

May 23, 2007 – P&R Commission: Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council that Paularino Park be designated as a passive park – signs, boulders, plants and trees are recommended for placement in the park.

July 17, 2007 – City Council: During the agenda item regarding P&R Commission recommendations for Paularino Park, Mayor Pro Tem Bever commented that there should be a consistency of neighborhood park policies for all neighborhood parks and felt that signage should be posted indicating a passive park and no active sports permitted. Council (1) approved the designation of Paularino as a passive park and (2) consulting with the PD on this implementation. Mayor Pro Tem Bever’s remarks were similar to the comments previously made and the direction provided at the Parks and Recreation Commission of March 28, 2007.

April 23, 2008 – P&R Commission: Paularino Park Update & Recommendations for Other Park Designations was discussed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Item continued to May 28, 2008.

May 6, 2008 – City Council: During Council Comments, Mayor Bever received an update from the City Manager on the status of the P&R Commission's process of identifying "passive parks". The City Manager briefed the Council about the efforts the Commission was making to "look at all City parks and make recommendations as to which should be identified as passive parks and which should be identified as active parks". The City Council was also informed that the Commission was in the process of scheduling site visits to all of the City parks. A comment was also made about the memo dated April 30, 2008 from the Commission to the City Manager/City Council informing the Council of the postponement of (1) a review of the improvements that had been made to Paularino Park and (2) the review of passive, mixed or active parks. The same memo stated the Commissioners were scheduling tours of the City parks.

Park Visits by the P& R Commissioners – The Parks and Recreation Commission conducted three (3) Study Sessions over three Saturdays for the purpose of visiting all of the City parks. These study sessions/tours were conducted on April 19, May 17 and June 7.

May 28, 2008 – P&R Commission: Commission discussed the definitions of Passive, Mixed and Active Uses for Parks and Park Areas. The approved motion was "to approve definitions for terms "passive use", "mixed use", and "active use" to be used in future designations for parks and park areas. Definitions were approved and staff was to examine the application of these designations to parks and park areas.

June 25, 2008 – P&R Commission: The agenda item entitled "Designating Parks and Park Areas for Passive, Mixed or Active Use" was continued to July 23, 2008.

July 1, 2008 – Meeting with City Manager, Police Chief, Public Services Director, Admin Services Director and Recreation Manager: Group met to discuss the practical application of the terms passive, mixed and active as potentially applied to parks and park areas. The unanimous consensus was to remove the designation of "mixed".

July 23, 2008 – P&R Commission: The Commission received the staff report entitled "Designating Parks and Park Areas for Passive or Active Use". The Commission approved the following motion, "to designate individual City parks as 'passive' or 'active' use and recommend that City Council adopt the Commission's approved definitions and designations.