



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 28, 2012

ITEM NUMBER: 10e

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
DATE: MARCH 14, 2012
FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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RECOMMENDATION:

Consider new appointments, as well as the appointment of alternates, to the three (3) existing Committees.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council has established a number of “Standing” and “Ad Hoc Committees”, which serve as advisors to the City Council on a variety of issues, needs, and concerns. Additionally, committees are often formed at the request of staff to incorporate input from the public and from this Commission into the variety of efforts and projects. In the past, as each opportunity to appoint a Commissioner to a particular Committee would occur, the item would be agendaized and a selection made. Currently, Commission members serve on three committees. These are the City/School District Liaison Committee, the Skate Park Committee, and the Joint Field Use Master Plan Task Force.

The Commission member appointments are made annually at this time. This time frame works well in concert with the election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and particularly in the years when the Commission is re-organized after new appointments are made by City Council. The following represents the current committee assignments:

➤ **City/School District Liaison Committee:**

Current Appointee: Dan Vozenilek
Alternate: Dean Abernathy

➤ **Skate Park Committee:**

Current Appointee: Ethan Temianka
Alternate: Jeff R. Mathews

➤ **Joint Field Use Master Plan Task Force:**

Current Appointee: Dean Abernathy
Alternate: Ethan Temianka

ANALYSIS:

The City/School District Liaison Committee provides a forum for members of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board and City Council as well as designated committee members to address issues of mutual interest. This Committee meets on weekdays on a quarterly basis, alternating between City Hall and the District Offices. An agenda is prepared prior to each meeting identifying items of interest for the two agencies.

The Skate Park Committee was initially formed to explore the feasibility of a joint venture between the City and the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in developing a Skate Park. The Skate Park Committee was later redirected to the TeWinkle Park site, where a construction contractor was hired to complete the project. More recent assignments include conceptual designs for Skate Park II and Pocket Skate Parks at various City parks. Meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis, and may address operational issues in the future as they may arise.

The Joint Field Use Master Plan Task Force (Task Force) was formed as an advisory committee for the development of Master Plans for the design and construction of athletic fields and supporting facilities for certain Newport-Mesa Unified School District sites. The Task Force includes members of the City Council, School Board, user groups, Youth Sports Council, and homeowner associations. The Task Force meets on as needed basis.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Commission make appropriate appointments for each Committee. Staff also recommends that an alternate be selected to ensure commission representation, even though alternates are not required.

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