THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MAY 26, 2016; 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Eckles at 6:00 p.m. on May 26, 2016 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chair Graham

3. **Roll Call**

   Present: Chairman Eckles, Vice Chairman Graham, Commissioner de Arakal, Commissioner Pederson
   Absent: Commissioner VACANT
   Staff Present: Tamara Letourneau, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Justin Martin, Interim Recreation Manager, Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary, Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Manager, Bart Mejia, Acting City Engineer, Christian Hernandez, Recreation Coordinator & William Lund, Recreation Coordinator

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the March 24, 2016 Meeting of the PRC.**

   MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 4-0.

5. **Public Comments**

   1. Dan Goldmann, Costa Mesa, spoke on play areas for small children.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

   Commissioner de Arakal spoke on the change in water restrictions, the need to turn sprinklers on at NMUSD fields and City medians, and upcoming Open Space Master Plan workshops.

   Commissioner Pederson spoke in agreeance with Commissioner de Arakal regarding upcoming Open Space Master Plan workshops and thanked public commenter Mr. Goldmann.

   Vice Chair Graham spoke on the controversy regarding three story condos currently being built and electric bicycles.

   Chairman Eckles spoke on the recent loss of a child in Newport Heights, Costa Mesa United and their financial assistance throughout the community, NMUSD petition to approve funding for lighting feasibility study, and the upcoming Pilot Cup led by Kirk McIntosh.

7. Presentation – Playful City USA

Presentation by Recreation Coordinators William Lund and Christian Hernandez.

Commissioners congratulated and thanked staff for hard work; discussion ensued on sharing information with other designated Playful City USA® recipients and the importance of Parks and Recreation in the city.

8. Consent Calendar

a) Donation of Tree and Plaque at Lions Park

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to accept donation, seconded by Commissioner Pederson. MOTION carries 4-0.

9. Old Business – No Items

10. New Business

a) Tree Removal Request – 2069 Swan Drive

Mr. Bruce Hartley presents report.

Discussion ensued on brick walkway ownership, resident assisted removal pertaining to associated costs, previous root pruning and installation of barrier, danger and concern of additional root pruning, eventual sidewalk lift, upcoming Streetscape and Median Standards meeting, and the status of *Liquidambar* trees on Swan Drive.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to deny tree removal, seconded by Commissioner Pederson. MOTION carries 4-0.

b) Tree Removal Request – 3260 Idaho Lane

Mr. Bruce Hartley presents report.

Discussion ensued on applicant attendance, ground cover recommendations in place of grass, and the upcoming Streetscape and Median Standards meeting.

MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to deny tree removal, seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 4-0.

c) Review of proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2016-2017 through 2022-2023

Mr. Bart Mejia presents report.

Public Comment: Jim Kerins, Costa Mesa, spoke on improvements in alley at Royal

Palm Drive/Corsica Place and Nutmeg Place.

Vice Chair Graham spoke on interim measures regarding public comment.

Discussion ensued on city wide bike rack improvement for $50,000; Skate Park expansion for $20,000, replacement of parking lot spikes at Canyon Park, Lions Park scoreboard, expansion of Lindbergh Park, rehabilitation of parking lot west of Junipero/Tewinkle Park, location of Tot Lot east of Junipero, swinging gate at Wakeham Park, Estancia High sports field lighting, and Davis field design and construction.

Commissioner Pederson thanks staff for their hard work and advises most issues in his district have been addressed.

Commissioner de Arakal compliments City staff, CEO Hatch, and ACEO Letourneau for a solid budget, spoke on robust business community, modernized property tax base, left turn signal at Eastbound Baker and Coolidge, interest in community outreach for the Skate Park, CIP Project 21 [West 19th Bicycle Trail to Greenville-Banning Channel/Santa Ana River] and the intent of the $250,000, and Project # 31 [Costa Mesa High School Stadium – 1,000 Additional Bleachers] and the allotment of $625,000.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to make recommendation to City Council to remove $625,000 for additional bleachers at Costa Mesa High School Field and reallocate the funds to the addition of restroom expansion facilities at Jack Hammett, failed to receive second.

Discussion ensued on school readiness and need for budgeted funds, reallocation of funds, and the relationship between the City and NMUSD.

AMENDED MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to make recommendation to City Council to remove $625,000 for additional bleachers at Costa Mesa High School Field, seconded by Vice Chair Graham. MOTION fails 2-2.

MOTION made by Chair Eckles to make recommendation to City Council to move $625,000 for additional bleachers at Costa Mesa High School Field from FY 16/17 to FY 17/18, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 3-1.

Discussion ensued on Item # 34 [Jack Hammett Field 1 and 2 Upgrades], lit field needs, expansion of parking lot

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to make recommendation to City Council to approve Item # 34 for Field 1 and 2 upgrades including Item # 36 [Jack Hammett ADA Improvements] from the May 20th Memo $308,000 for concrete work, and approve funding expansion for South parking lot in the amount of $885,000 seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 4-0.

Discussion ensued on additional lighting at Wilson Park.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to add Wilson Park Lighting FY 18/19 in 7 year CIP, seconded by Commissioner Pederson. MOTION carries 4-0.

Discussion ensued on wall closings in various locations.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Graham to look at total effect of Item # 1 [Close Off Wall Openings – Various Locations], failed to receive second.

Discussion ensued on previous public outreach and City Council approval to close seven of nine wall openings around Victoria Street.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Graham to make Item # 1 [Close Off Wall Openings – Various Locations] temporary until ramifications are known, failed to receive second.

Discussion ensued on Item # 2 [Fairview Park - Fence Along Placentia Avenue], lack of recommended funding, and priority level.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Graham to fund Item # 2 [Fairview Park – Fence Along Placentia Ave], failed to receive second.

Discussion ensued on funding and surplus for Items # 10 [New Sidewalk/Missing Link Program], # 11 [Parkway Improvement Program], and # 12 [Priority Sidewalk Repair].

Discussion ensued on prioritizing Veteran's Memorial at Vista Park in FY 18/19.

MOTION made by Chair Eckles to move funding for Vista Park Veteran's Memorial from FY 18/19 to FY 17/18, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 4-0.

Discussion ensued on 7-Year CIP FY 17/18 for Davis, Kaiser, and Parsons Lighting and Turf, and communication from A/CEO's office regarding feasibility, correspondence, and next steps.

Discussion ensued on 7-Year CIP FY 17/18 Lions Park (Davis Field) Scoreboard.

MOTION made by Chair Eckles to remove 7-Year CIP FY 17/18 Lions Park (Davis Field) Scoreboard, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 4-0.

1. Move Item # 31, Costa Mesa High School Stadium – 1,000 Additional Bleachers - $625,000 to Fiscal Year 2017-2018
2. Items #34 and 36, Jack Hammett Fields 1 and 2 Upgrades – Approve Item Numbers 1, 2, and 3 from the memorandum from the Public Services Director (Attachment 1). The revised amount for Item #34 is $2,666,000.
3. Add Item to 7-Year CIP under FY 2018-2019: Safety Lighting at Wilson Park

4. Move up Item in 7-Year CIP: Move Vista Park Veteran's Memorial from FY 18-19 to FY 17-18
5. Remove Item from 7-Year CIP: Lions Park (Davis Field) Scoreboard

MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it relates to Parkway Median Improvements, Fairview Park, Curbs and Sidewalks, Park Maintenance, and Park Development with amendments, seconded by Vice Chair Graham. MOTION carries 4-0.

MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to approve the proposed 7-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it pertains to the categories of Curbs and Sidewalks, and Community Health and Environment with amendments, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 4-0.

d) Proposed Landscape Palette for Arlington Drive

Presentation by Leah Kabbara of Kabbara Engineering and Roger Kobata of Kobata Associates, Inc.

Discussion ensued on plant and tree selection, drainage, and flow control.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve removal of 118 trees growing in the parkway along the south side of Arlington Drive between Fairview Rd. and Newport Blvd., seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 4-0.

MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to approve the proposed planting plan and palette for the proposed landscape improvements along the south side of Arlington Dr. between Fairview Rd. and Newport Blvd., with recommendations from Mr. Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager, seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 4-0.

e) Assembly Bill 2496 Potential Impact on Costa Mesa Sports Groups

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Discussion ensued on the overall percentage of lost hours, related cost increase due to passage of AB 2496, effects on youth sports, current legislative support, and PRC opposition.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal for PRC Commission to express opposition against AB 2496, request Legislative Review team review AB 2496 and recommend to City Council to write a letter of opposition and include lighting analysis to Assemblyman Harper, Senator Moorlach, Assemblyman Chu, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the Assembly, as well as request City Council communicate with the League of California Cities and request they

review AB 2496 and communicate their opposition to Sacramento, seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 4-0.

f) Appointments to the Streetscape & Median Development Standards Committee

Mr. Bruce Hartley presents report.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to nominate Commissioner Pederson, seconded by Vice Chair Graham. MOTION made by Chair Eckles to nominate Vice Chair Graham, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 4-0.

11. Maintenance Manager's Report

Mr. Bruce Hartley presents report.

Discussion ensued on median watering system, dog park renovations, summer maintenance at FDC, and possibilities with outside funding for FDC and BCC.

12. Recreation Manager's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Discussion ensued on email communication, Fairview Park Workshop, thanks for update on youth basketball and cheer numbers, and start process for Vista Park Veteran's Memorial.

Chair Eckles wishes everyone a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Eckles at 9:20 p.m.

The Next Regular Meeting Of The Parks And Recreation Commission is Thursday, June 23, 2016

Prepared by Samantha Hall
PRC Secretary

Submitted by Justin Martin
Interim Recreation Manager