THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 23, 2016; 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Graham at 6:00 p.m. on June 23, 2016 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Kim Pederson

3. **Roll Call**

   Present: Vice Chairman Graham, Commissioner de Arakal, Commissioner Mercurio, Commissioner Pederson
   Absent: Chairman Eckles
   Staff Present: Tamara Letourneau, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary, Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Manager, Bart Mejia, City Engineer

4. **Administration of Oath of Office for newly appointed Parks and Recreation Commissioner**

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 26, 2016 Meeting of the PRC.**

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

6. **Public Comments**

   1. Jim Fisler, Costa Mesa, congratulated Commissioner Mercurio on her appointment, spoke on his time on PRC Commission, invited public to MesaWater District 'Water Issues Study Group', and Independent Special Districts of Orange County quarterly meeting, also spoke on not having a conservation target due to the 3-year water reserve and current watering guidelines.
   2. Alex Reich, Costa Mesa, spoke on open social media/websites, qualifications of Commissioner Mercurio, job duties of PRC Commissioners, and the usage of parks by all residents.
   3. Rob Dickson, Costa Mesa, congratulated Commissioner Mercurio on her appointment, spoke on his Planning Commission appointment and process, Commissioner Mercurio's integrity, passion, and desire for the community, and encourages use of extraordinary staff for guidance.
   4. Jim Fitzpatrick, Costa Mesa, thanked PRC Commission for their thoughtful deliberations on important issues for the City, congratulated Commissioner Mercurio on her appointment, and advises Commissioner Mercurio about the great staff.
   5. Rich Russell, Costa Mesa, spoke on his disappointment over the length of time it has taken Commissioner Mercurio to become politically involved in the City, Costa

Mesa Public Square, and thanks Commissioner Mercurio.

7. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner de Arakal welcomed Commissioner Mercurio and spoke on the upcoming 4th of July holiday, safe and sane fireworks, and fundraising firework booths.

Commissioner Mercurio declined comment.

Commissioner Pederson welcomed Commissioner Mercurio, spoke in agreeance with public commenters regarding City Staff, thanked public commenter Jim Fisler and spoke on the importance of water issues, encouraged everyone to go the MesaWater District 'Water Issues Study Group', and reminded everyone about the upcoming OC Fair.

Vice Chair Graham welcomed Commissioner Mercurio.

8. Consent Calendar – No Items

9. Old Business – No Items

10. New Business

a) Tree Removal Request – 883 Prospect Place

Mr. Bruce Hartley presents report.

Discussion ensued on the whether the roots are active and healthy.

Public Comments

1. Kelly Waterman, Costa Mesa, applicant of tree removal request, spoke on current and potential damage.

   Discussion ensued on whether applicant would consider paying for removal of the tree.

2. Scott Waterman, Costa Mesa, applicant of tree removal request, spoke on current and potential damage.

   Discussion ensued on cost of tree removal by applicant.

3. George Berg, Costa Mesa, welcomed Commissioner Mercurio on her appointment, spoke on a root barrier for the tree and the lack of notification to neighbors.

   Discussion ensued on notifications for tree removal requests, government request vs. homeowner request, precautionary measures and the continued eventual damage, planting of a replacement tree, and plants that could be grown along the private property/barrier wall.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve tree removal under Category 2 accelerated removal with the cost of the tree removal to be borne by the applicant, seconded by Commissioner Pederson. MOTION carries 4-0.

b) Proposed Landscape Palette for Fire Station No. 1

Presentation by Mr. Arash Rahimian and WLC Architects.

Discussion ensued on landscape trees scheduled to remain, drip irrigation, good use of boulders, sightline and safety leaving the fire station, the process of reviewing tree removals as part of construction projects on previously approved Council projects, and lack of aesthetic appeal.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve the removal of 16 trees growing on-site at Fire Station No. 1 located at 2803 Royal Palm Drive and approve planting plan and palette for the proposed landscape improvements at Fire Station No. 1., seconded by Commissioner Mercurio. MOTION carries 3-1.

11. Parks Project Manager's Report

Mr. Bart Mejia presents report.

Discussion ensued on feasibility of security cameras for Skate Park expansion, Open Space Master Plan Workshop, and construction at Smallwood Park.

12. Recreation Manager's Report

Mrs. Tamara Letourneau presents report.

Commissioner de Arakal welcomed Justin Martin in his official Recreation Manager position, spoke on ICRE Workshops, a photography based art show, and expansion of Movies in The Park to include live entertainment.

Vice Chair Graham spoke in agreeance of adding live entertainment at Movies in The Park.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Graham at 7:27 p.m.

The Next Regular Meeting Of The Parks And Recreation Commission

is Thursday, July 28, 2016

Prepared by Samantha Hall
PRC Secretary

Submitted by Justin Martin
Recreation Manager