THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JULY 28, 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 July 28, 2016 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Mercurio

3. **Roll Call**

   Present: Chairman Eckles, Vice Chairman Graham, Commissioner de Arakal, Commissioner Mercurio, Commissioner Pederson
   Absent:
   Staff Present: Tamara Letourneau, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Justin Martin, Recreation Manager, Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary, Bart Mejia, City Engineer, & Christian Hernandez, Recreation Coordinator

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 23, 2016 Meeting of the PRC.**

   MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 5-0.

5. **Public Comments**

   1. Mark Arblaster, Costa Mesa, announced his Group 3 Club Soccer Program will be creating a recreational soccer program.
   2. Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, spoke on the Military Affairs Team's ongoing clothing drive.
   3. Rocky Evans, Costa Mesa, requested an expansion to Skate Park hours.

      Discussion ensued on the next review of the Skate Park, Council allocation for study of expansion at existing park this fiscal year, potential resource issues, and safe operation.

   4. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke on vernal pools at Fairview Park and applications for the previously vacant PRC Commissioner vacancy.
   5. Mark Twain, Costa Mesa, spoke on preserving Fairview Park and Talbert Park, damaged/aging columns at Pinkley Park, and broken street lights on 19th Street.

      Commissioner Graham advised that the Pinkley Park columns being removed and replaced this year may already be planned in the FY 16/17 budget.

   6. Cindy Black, Costa Mesa, spoke on Banning Ranch, Commissioner Mercurio's qualifications, and a new Skate Park at Lion's Park.

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mercurio declined comment.

Commissioner Pederson thanked public for their comments, advised that most of the Commissioners he has worked with on the PRC over the last ten years are generally trying to do the right thing, and congratulated the Costa Mesa Pony baseball team on their winnings.

Vice Chair Graham spoke on a flag/bridge display and a painted staircase that he saw on vacation and suggested that Costa Mesa could do something similar.

Commissioner de Arakal made a formal request to post a Sergeant at Arms in future PRC meetings and spoke on qualifications for PRC Commissioners.

Chair Eckles advised he would research and report on vernal pool roping and Pinkley Park, spoke on the OC Fair and OC Fair Day with Staff, congratulated Mark Arblaster on his announcement and requested staff to work with Mr. Arblaster regarding fields and FUAP, spoke on City Council and NMUSD approved light feasibility study at Kaiser, Davis, and Parsons schools, and PRC Commissioners' experience and knowledge levels.

7. Consent Calendar

a) Instructional Class Proposals

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 5-0.

8. Old Business – No Items

9. New Business

a) Spring 2016 Field Allocation Report and Amendments to the Existing Field Use and Allocation Policy (FUAP)

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Discussion ensued on the audit process, group user feedback, which group or sport the audit process is most pertinent to, and whether there was any proof of Group 1 status users pulling players from surrounding cities.

Public Comments

1. Mark Arblaster, Costa Mesa, spoke on the FUAP residency requirement and recommended lowering the requirement, recommended investigating Group 1 status users to verify qualification, and commended City Staff.
2. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, thanked City Staff and spoke on Matt Lineart, his non-

profit status, his reimbursement to the City of Costa Mesa, Group 1 users not required to submit documentation after two years, spoke against lowering residency requirements in the FUAP, and ADA compliance.

3. Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke on FUAP document turn in process.
4. Mark Twain, Costa Mesa, spoke on differences between PRC, Planning, and City Council Meetings, lack of understanding FUAP, and the need to prioritize Costa Mesa kids.

Discussion ensued on the audit process, FUAP residency requirements, SoCal Elite payment plan, FUAP Code of Conduct changes, Group 1 document verification post season two, strike and penalty process, definitions of each user group, importance of Groups knowing their status before registration, Newport Beach's RFP process, and SoCal Elite user group status.

MOTION made by Chair Eckles to receive and file the spring 2016 field allocation report, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. MOTION carries 5-0.

Chair Eckles spoke on Group 1 document collection process and challenges and spoke in agreeance with Group 1 document verification post year season status.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve minor language changes and the addition of a code of conduct to the Field Use and Allocation Policy (FUAP) pending inclusion of language about specific behavior(s) that will result in a strike against an organization, seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 5-0.

b) Review of Talbert Regional Park Final Habitat Restoration Plan

Mr. Bart Mejia presents report.

Ms. Susan Brodeur from OC Parks discusses Talbert Regional Park Final Habitat Restoration Plan and answers questions.

Discussion ensued on applications for grants, and OC Parks strategic plan.

Public Comments

1. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke on Alternatives 1, 2, & 3 in the Talbert Regional Park Final Habitat Restoration Plan and ADA compliance.
2. Cindy Black, Costa Mesa, spoke on the Talbert Regional Park.
3. Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke on the Talbert Regional Park Final Habitat Restoration Plan, ADA compliance and parking.

Discussion ensued on ADA compliance, reconfiguration of the fence around Victoria Pond, key access points, previous water testing of Victoria Pond, and differentiation between improved access at Balboa Boulevard Alternative 1 vs Alternative 2.

Vice Chair Graham presents photo slideshow presentation on Fairview Park and Talbert Regional Park highlighting parking, access points, and current trails.

Discussion ensued on access/trail issues, improvement of native plant communities in Talbert Regional Park, tidal connectivity per Alternative 3, ADA compliance, fishing feasibility in Victoria Pond, and parking.

Commissioner Pederson spoke on support for the pier over Victoria Pond.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to partner with OC Parks to search and apply for grants and other funding opportunities; and recommend the implementation of Alternative 1 and Alternative 2, excluding the pier and boardwalk over Victoria Pond, and implementation of tidal connection salt marsh under Alternative 3, seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 5-0.

10. Recreation Manager's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Commissioner Pederson thanked staff for weekly communication emails and encouraged public to attend the Open Space Master Plan final meeting.

Chair Eckles spoke on summer camp programs, registration deadlines, thanked staff for weekly communication emails, and thanked public for attending and participation.

Vice Chair Graham commented on City Staff and camp excursions.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Eckles at 8:35 p.m.

The Next Regular Meeting Of The Parks And Recreation Commission

is Thursday, August 25, 2016

Prepared by Samantha Hall
PRC Secretary

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