THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 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 August 25, 2016 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner de Arakal

3. **Roll Call**

   Present: Chairman Eckles, Vice Chairman Graham, Commissioner de Arakal, Commissioner Mercurio, Commissioner Pederson
   Absent:
   Staff Present: Justin Martin, Recreation Manager, Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Manager, Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary, & Allison Burch, Office Specialist II

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Meeting of the PRC.**

   MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Graham. MOTION carries 5-0.

5. **Public Comments**

   1. Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, spoke on the Military Affairs Team's ongoing clothing drive and the upcoming Trunk or Treat candy drive.

      Discussion ensued on website and information regarding the Military Affairs Team.

   2. Resident 47, Costa Mesa, spoke on local Olympic participants and Banning Ranch.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

   Commissioner de Arakal spoke on AB 385 and thanked colleagues, Senator Moorlach, Assembly Member Harper, and City Council for their letter of support; spoke in favor of alternate legislation AJR 28 which would allow California to keep Daylight Savings Time year round; spoke on previous legislation AB49 and Prop 47 and current legislation Prop 57; commended OC County Fair staff and law enforcement; and congratulated local Olympic participants.

   Commissioner Mercurio declined comment.

   Commissioner Pederson thanked staff and public that attended the Open Space Masterplan Workshops; spoke on the Harbor Boulevard plant palette project; and

commended Commissioner de Arakal, City Council, staff, and NMUSD Board of Trustees for light feasibility study approval.

Vice Chair Graham thanked Commissioner de Arakal for bringing up Prop 57; and presented photos and recommended adding fencing at Victoria Park.

Discussion ensued on previous budget requests to fence the park, whether emergency funds could be used, and the budget process for these types of requests.

Vice Chair Graham continued photo presentation and spoke on the trail around the golf course and overgrown trees.

Discussion ensued on tree trimming and responsible entities. Mr. Bruce Hartley advised that his staff could trim them.

Chair Eckles spoke of local Olympic participants; spoke on focus and attention to parks in recent years by City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, city staff, and NMUSD; spoke on lighting feasibility study and thanked NMUSD; spoke on Veteran's Memorial on the two year CIP and would like to see it brought to PRC for review; and spoke on the Open Space Masterplan Workshops.

Vice Chair Graham spoke on purchasing naming rights to rename Huntington State Beach as Costa Mesa State Beach.

7. **Consent Calendar**

   a) Donation of Bench and Plaque at Bark Park

   b) Instructional Class and Fee Increase 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) Tree Removal Request - 3081 Klondike Avenue

   Mr. Bruce Hartley presents report.

   Discussion ensued on the various cracks in the wall, potential causes of the cracks in the wall, and prior tree trimming.

Public Comments

1. Gabriella Oseguera (Tree Removal Applicant), Costa Mesa, spoke on her tree removal request.

   Discussion ensued on the various cracks in the wall, potential causes of the

cracks in the wall, applicant's pool repairs, previous unrelated tree removal on Adams Avenue, applicant's installation of pool and disturbed footing to the wall, one foot footing on the wall, and Cypress trees planted by applicant.

2. Scott Waterman, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of tree removals.
3. George Berg, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of S-1 tree removal, but was neutral on other tree removal requests.
4. Anne Mink, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of tree removals.
5. Claire Li, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of tree removals and on previous tree removal request.

Discussion ensued on Claire Li's previous tree removal request.

6. Don Andrews, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of S-1 tree removal, but against other tree removal requests.
7. John Garabedian, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of tree removals.
8. Stephen Li, Costa Mesa, spoke on previous tree removal request and in favor of tree removals.

Discussion ensued on measurement of aerial setback on a tree, trees as city assets, upcoming street tree study, Commissioner Pederson's support of S-1 tree removal and lack of support for F-3 and F-4 tree removals, recent fires and loss of trees, urban landscape within housing tracts, ways to soften the private property wall, lack of immediate proof of the trees causing damage, and certainty that damage will occur due to the trees in the next five years.

Gabriella Oseguera (Tree Removal Applicant) was recalled to speaker podium.

Discussion ensued on previous petition, ages of applicant's children, whether public commenter George Berg was the writer of the petition, applicant's vision for the tree removal locations, clean-up efforts, noticing of residents in the area, sidewalk cracking, property damage caused by S-1, same trees would not be planted in the same area today, and F-3 and F-4 trees not part of entry statement.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve removal of tree S-1 as Category 1 and to approve removal of trees F-3 and F-4 as Category 2 accelerated removal with requirement of applicant to replace 2:1 at another location or hold in inventory, seconded by Chair Eckles. MOTION carries 5-0.

10. Maintenance Manager's Report

Mr. Bruce Hartley presents report.

Discussion ensued on the impact of the homeless population on the Public Services Department, potential press release/communication regarding watering and parkways, recent Fairview Development Center maintenance, incredible and immaculate field maintenance, and grass length at Lions Park.

11. Recreation Manager's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Commissioner Mercurio inquired about the Senior Center Luau and what it entailed.

Chair Eckles thanked Mr. Martin on updating the registration window for Costa Mesa residents, advised the public to contact Commissioners and Council Members because staff is very responsive, and discussed adult futsal and basketball.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Eckles at 8:17 p.m.

The Next Regular Meeting Of The Parks And Recreation Commission is Thursday, September 22, 2016

Prepared by Samantha Hall
PRC Secretary

Submitted by Justin Martin
Recreation Manager