

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FAIRVIEW PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 6, 2013

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The Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013, in the Conference Room 1a at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

- 1. Call to Order: Ernesto Munoz**
- 2. Roll Call**

Committee members provided individual introductions in lieu of roll call.

Voting Members Present: Ron Amburgey
 Terry Cummings
 Brett Eckles
 Richard Mehren
 Dennis Popp
 Lee Ramos
 Steve Smith
 David Stiller
 Anna Vrska

Officials Present: Stephen Mensinger, City Council Liaison
 Sandra Genis, Alternate City Council Liaison
 Dean Abernathy, Parks and Recreation
 Commission Liaison
 Robert Graham, Parks and Recreation
 Commission Liaison

Staff/Consultants Present: Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director
 Fariba Fazeli, Interim City Engineer
 Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
 Alfa Lopez, Management Analyst
 Denise Cedillos, Administrative Secretary

3. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Member, Terry Cummings nominated Dr. Richard Mehren for the Committee Chair; second by David Stiller. Dr. Mehren received 4 votes. Lee Ramos nominated Steve Smith; second by Ron Amburgey. Member Smith received 3 votes. Brett Eckles nominated Ron Amburgey; second by Dennis Popp. Member Amburgey received 2 votes. With the majority of the votes, Dr. Mehren was elected Committee Chair.

Member Lee Ramos nominated Steve Smith as Vice Chair; Ron Amburgey second, and Mr. Smith was elected Vice Chair.

4a. Fairview Park Master Plan Overview

The report was presented by Mr. Mejia.

Committee members were provided an informational CD prior to the meeting which included the Master Plan composed of a document booklet containing the background, history, and intent for each section of the park.

4b. Review of Completed Projects, Current Projects and Proposed Project for FY 2013- 14

Mr. Mejia provided a PowerPoint presentation on this report.

Council Member Genis requested clarification on the lighting of the parking lots, commented that the proposed lights may not be in compliance with the Fairview Park Master Plan, and that it has not been approved in the budget. Mr. Munoz confirmed that the project has not been approved in the budget but indicated that it is being proposed to the Council for safety reasons. This item is to be considered by the Committee at a later time.

Discussion took place regarding the storm drain improvements and the proposed alignment of the pipes. Chairman Mehren asked if there is a vernal pool near the culvert on Canyon. Mr. Mejia pointed to the vernal pool shown on the master plan that is located west of Canyon and indicated that the storm drain will not affect it. Council Member Genis questioned if the storm drain improvements would modify the hydrology for the vernal pools. Mr. Munoz explained that the storm drain will be designed to address drainage issues at the south end of the park where water will be collected and piped to the uppermost pond in the wetlands area, and will not take water that is tributary to the vernal pools.

The proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects for Fairview Park were discussed and Chairman Mehren encouraged that input be provided to the City Council.

4c. Opportunities and Constraints

The report was presented by Mr. Mejia.

Council Member Genis commented that if Fairview Channel were to be modified, Fish and Game and Army Corp would get involved in any approvals; and that typical mitigation usually requires 3 to 1 replacement ratio.

4d. Develop goals, action items and schedule

Chairman Mehren requested committee members create a list of what they envision for the future of Fairview Park to bring to the next meeting.

5. Open Discussion

Council Member Genis stated one of the tasks of the committee is to evaluate Fairview Park relative to community needs and inquired how those needs will be determined.

Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger commented also that the purpose of the Committee is to evaluate current uses of the park and to discuss items like structured or unstructured (as opposed to active and passive) activities, and to answer questions like: are there enough bike paths, walking paths, and do we want sports fields, amphitheater, community garden, etc. He also suggested that the Committee evaluate existing and proposed uses of the park before any leases are extended.

Further discussion took place regarding the proposed CIP. After discussing the item with Chairman Mehren, Mr. Munoz, Council Member Genis and Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger, it was agreed that comments can be provided to the City Council on any items on the proposed budget as individuals but not as a Committee action. Comments may be sent to Mr. Munoz.

Chairman Mehren stated that the leases with Orange County Model Engineers (OCME) and Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) should be one of the first things approached so those user groups know where they are going. HSS has a one-year extension that is up in December. OCME has a big investment in equipment and he does not know the status of their lease. He thinks the two (2) user groups should be allowed to make some recommendation to City Council as to what should be done.

Member Stiller suggested inviting representatives of the Harbor Soaring Society and Orange County Model Engineers to make a presentation to the committee.

Member Cummings commented that the Orange County Model Engineers have requested a renewal of the agreement which will go to the Parks and Recreation Commission on June 27, 2013.

Member Vrska requested that data be provided to the committee on related issues and that it be agendized.

Member Amburgey stated the community needs more sports fields; fields are currently overused and on school properties with City funding, and suggested that the members familiarized themselves with the Joint Use Agreement between the City and the School District.

Vice Chair Smith suggested meeting at Fairview Park on a Saturday morning to take a guided tour of the park.

Council Member Genis suggested that staff add an item to the next meeting to make a presentation regarding the Brown Act and to develop a work plan to be presented to the Committee.

A sign up sheet was passed around. Any member of the public who wants information should e-mail Alfa Lopez at Alfa.Lopez@costamesaca.gov to be added to the distribution list.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

7. **Next Regular Meeting**

Mr. Munoz shared there is an existing time conflict with the previously set date of Wednesday July 10, 2013. A new date will be forthcoming.

Submitted by:



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