

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

FEBRUARY 27, 2014

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. **Call to Order: Chair de Arakal**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Abernathy**
3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Dean Abernathy
Vice Chair Kim Pederson
Chair Byron de Arakal
Commissioner Donald Harper
Commissioner Robert Graham

Commissioners Absent: None

Officials Present: Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Parks and Community Serv. Supervisor
Ms. Penny Loomer, Interim Recreation Manager
Mr. Ernesto Munoz, Public Services Director
Ms. Tamara Letourneau, Asst. CEO
Mr. Christian Hernandez, Field Ambassador Supervisor

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2014, Meeting**

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2014, meeting.

a. Fire Department Presentation

Chief Stefano provided a report on the recent fires at Fairview Park.

Mr. Hartley discussed the annual maintenance program conducted at Fairview Park.

Mr. Munoz indicated the masterplan has elements associated in assisting firefighting efforts at the park.

Chief Stefano relayed fire engines were down at the location and they were able to pull lines. Furthermore, he relayed that fire apparatus was on the bike trail.

5. **Oral Communications**

1. Rocky Evans – Costa Mesa

Mr. Evans requested extending the hours of operation at Volcom Skatepark.

2. Mr. Mark Portnoy – Costa Mesa

Mr. Portnoy commended city employees for putting effort into getting the skatepark open after the strong rains. He also suggested longer open hours at the skatepark.

Chair de Arakal indicated there is a draft report with the CEO, then it goes onto the police department, with further input from residents.

6. **Consent Calendar**

No items.

7. **Public Hearing**

No items.

8. **Old Business**

Tree Removal Request – 883 Prospect Place

Mr. Hartley presented the report.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

No questions were asked.

Chair de Arakal asked if the Applicant was present.

1. Kelly Waterman, Costa Mesa

Ms. Waterman provided photos of the trees and damage caused to her property, along with evidence of pollen. Ms. Waterman is requesting the removal of four (4) trees.

Chair de Arakal reminded the Applicant that S14 was approved for removal at the January meeting.

2. Mr. Waterman, Costa Mesa

Mr. Waterman expressed concern about the current damage to their wall as well as future damage.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

No questions were asked.

Chair de Arakal called for public comment.

1. Ms. Carolyn Reyes, Costa Mesa

Ms. Reyes spoke on behalf of Ms. Kim DeBroux. Ms. Reyes provided information on the canary pine tree and requested not removing any of the trees.

Commissioner Graham inquired of Ms. DeBroux's proximity to the Waterman residence.

2. John Garabedian, Costa Mesa

Mr. Garabedian suggested that if there is damage to any property from the trees, they should be removed.

Chair de Arakal called for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Chair de Arakal asked Mr. Hartley to discuss the photo showing a crack in a wall from the inside of the yard labeled, "S9/S10 Inside Damage from base and works up".

Commissioner Graham discussed with Mr. Hartley if root pruning is an option.

Vice Chair Pederson expressed support to remove S12 and S10.

Commissioner Graham stated that S12 should be removed because it is causing damage and he suggested S10 be revisited in six (6) months.

Commissioner Abernathy shared support for the removal of S12 and S10.

Commissioner Harper recognized the fifty-nine (59) individuals who signed a petition.

Chair de Arakal expressed sensitivity to the property owners damage and the children's health concerns.

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Graham, carried five to zero, to approve the removal of two (2) City-owned trees (S12 and S10) at City expense and deny the request for the removal of two (2) City-owned trees (S9 and S11) growing in the landscape set back to the rear of 883 Prospect Place.

9 **New Business**

a. Tree Removal Request – 2928 Ellesmere Avenue

Mr. Hartley presented the report.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Harper asked if F1 was causing the sewer damage and Mr. Hartley responded yes.

Chair de Arakal asked if the Applicant was present.

The Applicant was not present.

Chair de Arakal opened for public comments and none were provided.

Vice Chair Pederson inquired about the Category 3 removal costs.

Mr. Hartley responded, \$1195 for removal and the required mitigation fee.

MOTION made by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Chair de Arakal, failed two to three with Commissioner Abernathy, Vice Chair Pederson and Commissioner Graham voting no, to defer this item until next month when the Applicant can be present.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Graham, carried four to one with Commissioner Harper voting no, to deny the request for the removal of two (2) City-owned parkway trees located in the public right-of-way at 2928 Ellesmere Avenue.

b. Field Allocation and Current Facility Outline

Report presented by Ms. Lisa McPherson

Chair de Arakal invited the commissioners to ask questions.

Vice Chair Pederson inquired about field use and Field Ambassador Supervisor Christian Hernandez was brought to the podium to facilitate those questions.

Mr. Hernandez provided data for 2013 field usage, including limitations.

Mr. Munoz offered insight into the masterplan process.

Vice Chair Pederson and Mr. Munoz discussed the value of having a study session regarding the masterplan.

Chair de Arakal stated that a long-term need is to look at capital improvement projects to provide more lit fields.

Vice Chair Pederson suggested a dialog ensue with Newport Mesa Unified School District about temporary lights for the school fields.

Mr. Hernandez indicated that all city facilities are filled to capacity.

Chair de Arakal called for public comments.

1. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa

Ms. Hendricks offered to share a binder of gathered information with the commissioners. She also inquired as to the year of the data in the report.

Chair de Arakal stated the data is from 2012/2013.

No other public comments were offered.

Commissioner Graham and Mr. Munoz spoke about Brentwood Park and Mr. Munoz informed the commission that it is a passive park.

Chair de Arakal requested that the given report be provided to the Fairview Citizens Advisory Committee in the future.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Chair de Arakal, carried five to zero, to receive and file the report.

10. Maintenance Services Manager's Report

Mr. Hartley provided the report, which included:

Proposed large and small projects in the budget.

Tree planting.

Re-staffing.

Renovation of turf in front of City Hall.

Re-working Bark Park LOU.

11. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Abernathy welcome Interim Recreation Manager, Penny Loomer, as well as the Assistant CEO, Tammy Letourneau.

Commissioner Graham thanked staff and new staff members.

Commissioner Harper expressed gratitude to all staff.

Vice Chair Pederson thanked Mr. Hernandez for fielding the Commissioner's inquiries. He shared that the commission does take tree removal issues very seriously.

Chair de Arakal welcomed Ms. Loomer and Ms. Letourneau.

Mr. Munoz thanked the commissioners for supporting him as Director of Public Services and further explained that Ms. Letourneau would now be the liaison.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **7:55 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 3A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

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