

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2016; 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Graham at 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2016 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Mercurio

3. Roll Call

Present: Vice Chairman Graham, Commissioner de Arakal, Commissioner Mercurio, Commissioner Pederson

Absent: Chairman Eckles

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director, Thom Coughran, Interim Maintenance Services Manager, Baltazar Mejia, City Engineer, Justin Martin, Recreation Manager, Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary & Allison Burch, Office Specialist II

4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 27, 2016 Meeting of the PRC.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pederson. MOTION carries 4-0, due to Chair Eckles being absent.

5. Public Comments

1. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke on the canyon and arroyo in Fairview Park.

Vice Chair Graham requested Kim Hendricks to provide her options and recommendations at a future date.

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner de Arakal congratulated Council Member Genis, John Stephens, and Allan Mansoor and thanked Mayor Steve Mensinger and Gary Monahan for their service.

Commissioner Mercurio thanked ACEO Rick Francis for his assistance regarding a planned protest and thanked the community for reaching out.

Commissioner Pederson congratulated Mr. Mansoor, Mr. Stephens, and Ms. Genis, spoke on resident respect for Council Members despite stance on issues, thanked Gary Monahan and Mayor Steve Mensinger for their service and reminded everyone to be safe and sane during the holiday.

Vice Chair Graham thanked past Council Members for their work, thanked Commissioner Mercurio for mentioning ACEO Rick Francis, said we have a lot of talented people working for the City, and recited an English statement regarding power shifts, "The King is dead, long live the King."

7. Consent Calendar – No Items

8. Old Business

b) Shiffer Park Cell Site Upgrades

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to continue Shiffer Park Cell Site Upgrades to January PRC Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pederson. MOTION carries 4-0, due to Chair Eckles being absent.

a) Tree Removal Request - 360 Bucknell Road

Mr. Thom Coughran presents report.

Discussion ensued on alternative treatments such as growth regulators, previous tree that was in this tree's location, and number of years the tree has been in current location.

Public Comments

1. Helen Vidal Humphreys (Tree Removal Applicant), Costa Mesa, spoke on her tree removal request.

Discussion ensued on chemicals that may be helpful, previous, current, and future trimming, future staff meeting with applicant, and previous tree maintenance.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to deny tree removal request and direct staff to work with the applicant on an alternative trimming schedule and to control the problem, seconded by Commissioner Pederson. MOTION carries 4-0, due to Chair Eckles being absent.

9. New Business

a) Fairview Park Annual Report

Commissioner de Arakal advises that he will be making a motion to continue this item to the January 2017 PRC Meeting due to the passing of Measure AA and its effect on pending projects.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to continue the Fairview Park Annual Report to the January 2017 PRC Meeting, recommend to City Council that the Council ask the City Attorney to provide a legal opinion on the impact of

Measure AA relative to the projects listed in the Fairview Park Annual Report and have that legal opinion reported back to the PRC for the January 2017 PRC Meeting, and reconvene the Fairview Park Citizen's Advisory Committee as soon as possible to evaluate the provisions of Measure AA with respect to the work they've done to date and the remaining quadrant they need to do and to provide a report on their recommendations at the April 2017 PRC Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mercurio.

Public Comments

1. Bill Bowman, Costa Mesa, spoke on the Fairview Park Bluffs and erosion problem.

Discussion ensued on the house location relative to Talbert Park and Fairview Park, Fairview Park West Bluff Repair project, advised Mr. Bowman PRC is the proper forum for his issue, planned RFP's for this project to be accepted beginning January 2017, advised to bring pictures and continue to attend PRC Meetings, and discussed if staff had visited the area.

2. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, displayed PDF's, spoke on Fairview Park and monetary grants.

Discussion ensued on current grants.

MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to continue the Fairview Park Annual Report to the January 2017 PRC Meeting, recommend to City Council that the Council ask the City Attorney to provide a legal opinion on the impact of Measure AA relative to the projects listed in the Fairview Park Annual Report dated November 10, 2016 and have that legal opinion reported back to the PRC for the January 2017 PRC Meeting, and reconvene the Fairview Park Citizen's Advisory Committee as soon as possible to evaluate the provisions of Measure AA with respect to the work they've done to date and the remaining quadrant they need to do and to provide a report on their recommendations at the April 2017 PRC Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mercurio.

Commissioner Pederson commented on necessity of legal opinion and reminded public to remember they are commenting on their behalf and not necessarily the behalf of all residents of Costa Mesa.

Commissioner Mercurio asked fellow Commissioners if public commenter Bill Bowman's issue could be placed at the top of the list for the City Attorney to review.

Commissioner de Arakal advised he anticipates an answer for public commenter Bill Bowman in January.

MOTION carries 4-0, due to Chair Eckles being absent.

10. Maintenance and Parks Project Manager's Report

Mr. Bart Mejia and Mr. Thom Coughran present report.

Discussion ensued on structure top at Tewinkle Park, pesticide trials for California Sycamore trees, and request for additional lighting at Wilson Park and Ketchum-Libolt Park.

11. Recreation Manager's Report

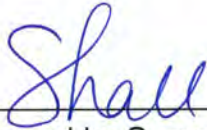
Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

12. Adjournment

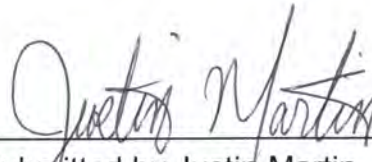
Commissioner Mercurio wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Graham at 7:10 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting Of The Parks And Recreation Commission
is on Thursday, January 26, 2017**



Prepared by Samantha Hall
PRC Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Recreation Manager