

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

**July 28, 2010**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

**1. Call to Order: Chairman Mike Brumbaugh**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Kim Pederson**

**3. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Mike Brumbaugh  
Vice Chairman Terry Shaw  
Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski  
Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews  
Commissioner Kim Pederson

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services  
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager  
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager  
Mr. Robby Waite, Assistant Recreation Supervisor

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 26, 2010 Meeting**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

**5. Oral Communications**

**6. Consent Calendar**

No items.

**7. Public Hearing**

**7a. Request for Temporary Lighting at Sonora Elementary School**

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report with Mr. Robby Waite present to answer questions by the Commission.

Mr. Mark Arblaster, President, Newport Mesa Soccer Club, made a brief power point presentation to the Commission.

Discussion among Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Arblaster occurred on the use of Field 4 at The Farm Sports Complex and on the age group of the participants.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Arblaster took place on whether or not the organization will purchase or rent the necessary portable light units required for their request.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not the City will rent portable light units for this request.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom occurred on the rental fees for the portable light units.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and Ms. Ransom took place on the process for setting up and storage of the portable light units, on the rental arrangement and/or agreement for the use of the portable light units, and on whether or not the rental portable light units will be comparable to the City's equipment.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom ensued on the field rental fees.

Public Comment:

Jay Litvak  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Litvak voiced his concerns and suggestions to the Commission for consideration.

Discussion among Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Arblaster occurred on whether or not different orientations of the field were considered, and on installing signage to notice the spectators.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Waite ensued on the general consensus from the light demonstration held on July 13, 2010.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom occurred on whether or not the organization will be subject to the disciplinary policy and procedures (three strikes rule) under the Joint Use Agreement.

**Motion made by Commissioner Kim Pederson, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to approve the use of portable light units at Sonora Elementary School with the following conditions:**

- from November 22, 2010 to March 11, 2011
- not to go later than 7:15 p.m.
- from Monday to Thursday
- per light location, Option #2 (from light demonstration held on July 13, 2010)
- for use by participants age 14 and under only
- with review of this arrangement as part of the Joint Use Agreement during the March 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

**8. Old Business**

**8a. Davis Field Presentation**

Ms. Diana Walker and Mr. Bobby Gamboa made their individual presentations to the Commission.

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on the trajectory study that was conducted at the Luke Davis Field.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia took place on the netting cost.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Mejia ensued on whether or not the anticipated depreciation of the homes located within the vicinity of the field was considered.

Public Comment:

Max  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Max voiced his concerns to the Commission.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and Max took place on the frequency of use of the Luke Davis Field, and on whether or not he was ever asked to leave the field by a City authority.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Ms. Ransom occurred on the hours of operation for the use of the field, and on clarifying the difference between obtaining a permit for exclusive use of the field and on open use of the field.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom took place on signage for rest and renovation of the field.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom ensued on clarifying the allowable use of the field without obtaining a permit for exclusive use.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia occurred on the timing for the proposed renovation of the picnic area at Lions Park.

Discussion among Commissioner Kim Pederson, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Waite took place on whether or not there are illicit use of City fields and if they are common.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not the user group is subject to the three strikes rule, under the Joint Use Agreement, in the event the user group does not secure the field after use.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley occurred on the condition of the fencing at Luke Davis Field.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski recommended that the Commission file this agenda item and bring it back for review at a future date.

Discussion among Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, Mr. Mejia, and Mr. Hartley took place on possibly moving the home plate back several feet, and on whether or not the impacts will affect the trajectory study.

Commissioner Kim Pederson encouraged City staff to communicate with the Newport Harbor Baseball league on whether or not the league will be relocating to the new athletic field that is being built in the City of Newport Beach.

**Motion made by Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to continue this agenda item to the next Commission meeting on September 22, 2010 so that staff may provide more information on the effectiveness of installing additional netting.**

**8b. Weekend Park Tour**

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh made a brief presentation from the park tour held on June 26, 2010 in which he and Commissioner Kim Pederson attended.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski volunteered for the second park tour.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski suggested the following locations for the tour:

- Downtown Recreation Center
- Neighborhood Community Center
- Lions Park & Davis Field
- The Farm Sports Complex
- Volcom Skatepark
- Bark Park
- Costa Mesa Tennis Center

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews suggested holding the tour mid-August.

Once the date and times have been determined by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski, staff will post the information on the City's website.

**9. New Business**

**9a. Tree Removal Request – 2004 N. Capella Court**

At 7:40 p.m., Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski recused himself from the meeting for this agenda item.

Mr. Bruce A. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Public Comment:

John Stevens  
Applicant

Mr. Stevens addressed his concerns to the Commission on his tree removal request.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski being recused from the meeting for this agenda item, to approve the removal and replacement of the tree at 2004 N. Capella Court, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the tree with two (2) twenty-four inch box-size trees to be planted at the same address. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.**

**The tree must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.**

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski returned to the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**9b. Tree Removal Request – 2010 N. Capella Court**

Mr. Bruce A. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the Lemon Bottlebrush tree is currently on the City approved tree species inventory list, and on the type of tree species that were recently planted on the same street.

Public Comment:

Suzanne Walburger  
Applicant

Ms. Walburger addressed her concerns to the Commission on her tree removal request.

**Motion made by Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to authorize the removal and replacement of the tree at 2010 N. Capella Court, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be planted at the same address and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.**

**The tree must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.**

**9c. Tree Removal Request – 244 E. 22nd Street**

Mr. Bruce A. Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley occurred on the current tree location and on the proposed landscape plan.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley took place on the appropriate tree species for this location.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on possibly installing a root barrier for the replacement tree.

Public Comment:

Allison Seeseman  
Applicant

Ms. Seeseman voiced her concerns to the Commission on her tree removal request.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to authorize the removal and replacement of the tree at 244 E. 22nd Street, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be planted at the same address; the precise location to be determined by the applicant and City staff, and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be**

planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

The tree must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.

**9d. Request for Group 1 Field User Status–California Youth Soccer League–Costa Mesa Chapter**

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report with Mr. Robby Waite present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Ransom occurred on whether or not this request will impact the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Regions 120 and 97.

Discussion among Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Waite took place on whether or not the organization has looked at the Whittier School field, and on the field review report for the Whittier School field.

Public Comment:

Arturo Saucedo  
President  
California Youth Soccer League – Costa Mesa Chapter

Mr. Saucedo addressed the Commission on the leagues' request.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Saucedo ensued on the history of the league, and on whether or not the league contributes back into the community.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom occurred on the differences between each user groups' status.

Discussion among Commissioner Kim Pederson, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Saucedo took place on the leagues' philosophy.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews said that he believes that the Victoria School field is not safe, and he recommended that a safety study be conducted to determine the field safety before it can be permitted for use. He also stated that he will not recommend a waiver of field rental fees for the California Youth Soccer League because of the current City budget.

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw, failed for a lack of second, to approve the Group 1 field user status for the California Youth Soccer League-Costa Mesa Division and recommend City Council waive field rental fees, per the Field Use and Allocation Policy.**

**Substitute Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and carried five to zero, to grant the California Youth Soccer League-Costa Mesa Division with Group 1 field user status with no recommendation to City Council for waiver of field rental fees.**

**Also, no permits may be issued for the use of the Victoria School field until a complete report and study has been conducted to determine the safety of the field.**

**10. Maintenance Services Manager's Report**

Mr. Bruce A. Hartley made a power point presentation on the following projects:

- 'Battle of the Brush' volunteer project with Estancia High School and Costa Mesa High School booster spirit competition between both football teams:
  - The Renovation of Canyon Park
  - Sign Planter Renovation
  - Brush Clearing and Mulch Spreading
- Canyon Park - Fire Risk Reduction
- 'The Farm' Cooperative Turf Renovation Project
- 'Japan Art of Trimming Club' Annual Volunteer Project
- TeWinkle Park Lake Repairs

Commissioner Kim Pederson thanked Mr. Mensinger, Mr. Hatch, and staff for their efforts on the volunteer project with Estancia High and Costa Mesa High Schools. He believes that this type of project offers a positive experience for everyone and as well as for the community.

## 11. Commissioner's Comments

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh thanked Park Rangers Matt Pallo, Lorna Lyttle, and Patricia Lara for their support and for a great job done over the years.

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh pledged to re-invest his payment as a Commissioner into the City's Community Foundation.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews requested to agendaize the following items for the September 22, 2010 meeting:

1. A safety study to be conducted on the Victoria School field; and,
2. A financial review of the current Group 1 field users

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski apologized for not attending the last Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski extended an invitation for the community to attend the August 17, 2010 City Council meeting to support and save the R.O.C.K.S program. He also believes that the program is a great asset for the community of Costa Mesa.

Commissioner Kim Pederson had no comments.

Vice Chairman Terry Shaw asked Ms. Ransom to clarify the publication and distribution of the Recreation Guide and the Community News, which follows:

- the Recreation Guide will be printed and distributed three times a year, and it is also available on the City's website at [www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us](http://www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us)
- the Community News will be made available on the City's website

Vice Chairman Terry Shaw also announced several of the following upcoming community events:

- National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3. For additional information, call (714) 754-4876
- Costa Mesa Historical Society's Annual Estancia Adobe Open House event will be on Saturday, September 18. For information call (949) 631-5918 or visit the website at [www.costamesahistory.org](http://www.costamesahistory.org)
- The Orange County Fair is on-going thru August 15
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Halecrest & Hall of Fame Community Association, will be held on Sunday, August 29, at Halecrest Park (3107 Killybrooke Lane). For more information, contact Jennifer Christ at (714) 557-2606 or E-mail her at [jennifer@theocchrists.com](mailto:jennifer@theocchrists.com)

Vice Chairman Terry Shaw, along with the other members of the Commission, thanked Ms. Ransom for her years of service to the City and wished her well on her new endeavors with the City of Irvine.

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **9:05 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

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**PETER NAGHAVI**  
Director of Public Services