

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

**November 17, 2010**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 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 Kurt M. Galitski**

**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. Thomas R. Hatch, Assistant City Manager  
Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services  
Mr. Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services  
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager  
Mr. Robert Staples, Fairview Park Plan Administrator  
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the September 22, 2010 Meeting and the October 27, 2010 Study Session**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and the October 27, 2010 Parks and Recreation Study Session.**

**5. Oral Communications**

1. David Kinkade  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Kinkade thanked staff for meeting with homeowners at Swan Drive near Fairview Park to answer questions by the residents in reference to Fairview Park. On behalf of the homeowners, Mr. Kinkade requested that the Commission consider making the surface area much softer to be more conducive to joggers and runners on the trail, along the northern edge of Fairview Park, about half way between Placentia Avenue and the Greenbelt Banning Channel as it narrows to about 18 feet where the greenery comes up to the boundary fence.
2. Dana Fischer  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Fischer voiced her concerns to the Commission, on behalf of parents at Davis School, in regards to the R.O.C.K.S Program. She requested to have the program set as a fee based program and to possibly start a pilot program next year to see if the fee based program will be successful.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Fischer ensued on her fundraising efforts for the program, and on the success of the pay per preschool program.

6. **Consent Calendar**

6a. **Youth Sports Basketball New Instructional Class Fee Proposals**

Public comment was requested by Chairman Mike Brumbaugh. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to approve the proposed Youth Sports Basketball contract class as a replacement for the City operated Youth Sports Basketball program.**

7. **Public Hearing**

No items.

8. **Old Business**

8a. **Weekend Park Tour**

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Vice Chairman Terry Shaw made a brief presentation on the last park tour that was held on October 23, 2010.

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh made a statement on how the residents overcame many obstacles that they were faced with at Shalimar Park.

9. **New Business**

9a. **Request for Creation of a Task Force to Study Homelessness in Costa Mesa**

Mr. Thomas R. Hatch presented the report.

Officer Julian Trevino, Costa Mesa Police Department, provided the Commission with a brief presentation from the Police Department's experiences in regards to the homelessness situation in Costa Mesa.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Officer Trevino took place on the number of Police Department calls for service for 2010, and on the number of calls for service in 2009; and, on whether or not Park Rangers are sent to handle the calls for Lions Park.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Officer Trevino occurred on whether or not if there is an increase of calls for service due to incidents in the parks.

Public Comments:

1. Nancy Pestige  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Pestige addressed the Commission on her safety due to transients in the area of Lions Park.
2. Judy Berry  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Berry voiced her concerns to the Commission, on behalf of homeowners and business owners, on the negative effects due to transients throughout the City.
3. Ms. Beth  
Volunteer, Historical Society  
Ms. Beth addressed the Commission on the homeless situation. She believes that the task force is a great idea and that Costa Mesa is a dumping ground for the homeless people.
4. Sandra Gennes  
Ms. Gennes voiced her concerns to the Commission in regards to the homelessness in Costa Mesa. She wished the task force "good luck" in addressing and resolving the issues.

5. Kathleen Eric  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Eric submitted a letter to the Commission to address the homeless situation in Costa Mesa as a homeowner and a business owner.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski stated that he is very passionate about being a part of the task force.

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh said that he plans to stay involved in the task force as a Commissioner and/or as a citizen of Costa Mesa.

Vice Chairman Terry Shaw stated that he would also like to be considered for the task force.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews said that he would be interested in serving on the task force.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to recommend that the City Council:**

1. **Create a task force made up of community stakeholders to study the impact of homelessness in the City of Costa Mesa; and,**
2. **Authorize the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission to appoint two Commissioners to serve on this task force.**

**9b. Orange County Model Engineers License Agreement and Project Update**

Report presented by Mr. Robert Staples.

Terry Cummings  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
President, Orange County Model Engineers  
Mr. Cummings made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Cummings ensued on the safety of the ties currently being used on the train tracks, and on the percentage accomplished for the expansion of the train tracks, which was approved by the Commission in 2004.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Cummings took place on the history of the organizations fundraising efforts for a temporary building, and on the cost for the new building project.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and Mr. Cummings occurred on clarifying the extension request for the agreement.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Cummings ensued on the organizations financial standing, and on whether or not the organization considered raising the funds first and then return to the Commission for the request.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Staples took place on whether or not the property is owned by the City, and on clarification of the lease agreement between the Orange County of Model Engineers and the City.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Cummings occurred on the exact expiration date of the license agreement.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and Mr. Cummings occurred on the status of a pledge for a model train museum.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Cummings ensued on whether or not the organization is able to cohabitate with other user groups at the facility.

Public Comment:

1. Kevin Tolan  
Past President, Orange County Model Engineers  
Mr. Tolan voiced his concerns to the Commission. He is in agreement with OCME's request.
2. Sandra Gennes  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Gennes addressed the Commission. She does not believe that this request is appropriate.

3. Ms. Bethy  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Bethy addressed her concerns to the Commission. She does not believe that this request is prudent for the City to proceed with a long term lease.
4. Larry Ogle  
Secretary, Orange County Model Engineers  
Mr. Ogle addressed his concerns to the Commission. He is in agreement with OCME's request.

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh stated that the Orange County of Model Engineers request is premature at this time. He said that he does not believe in approving the request for a 50 year lease agreement.

Commissioner Kim Pederson agreed with Chairman Mike Brumbaugh's statement. He suggested that the organization establish an outreach community meeting, and he also recommends that the Commission receive and file this report.

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews said that he believes that there are several unanswered issues that should be looked into, and that a 25 year or 50 year lease extension is excessive especially if it locks in the use of the land. Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews offered several options for the organization to consider. Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews said that he will not offer any support to extend the agreement at this time for the term requested.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Staples took place on whether or not this report will be submitted to the City Council after this meeting.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski suggested that the organization consider possibly cohabitating with field user groups. Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski recommended that the Commission revisit the organizations request in the future when more funds have been raised by the organization, and for the organization to address several of the questions brought forth by the Commission.

**Motion made by Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to receive and file the proposed extension of the License Agreement with the Orange County Model Engineers (OCME) for a six month period before/until the contract ends with on-going dialogue with the OCME, the City, and the community.**

**Motion made by Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to approve the confirmation of the proposed improvements to the model train facility at Fairview Park conform to the Fairview Park Master Plan.**

**9c. Fairview Park Annual Report**

Mr. Robert Staples presented the report.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Staples took place on the width of the concrete trail, south of Swan Drive and the lake.

Discussion among Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski, Mr. Staples, and Mr. Mejia occurred on the grant status for various projects at Fairview Park, and on whether or not there are provisions within the grant that will allow for adjustments or changes to be made to the project.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Mike Brumbaugh. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski, seconded by Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to**

1. Approve the Fairview Park Master Plan goals for 2011.
2. Recommend approval to delete the requirement to submit annual reports from Council Policy 500-11.

**9d. Costa Mesa High School Utility Field Rest and Renovation Period**

Report presented by Ms. Lisa McPherson.

Discussion between Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. McPherson ensued on the impact on the fields by current user groups that are permitted at Costa Mesa High School and Estancia High School, and on the length of time that the user groups will be displaced.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Terry Shaw and Ms. McPherson took place on whether or not there are any other plans for the City during the additional rest and renovation period.

Discussion between Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. McPherson occurred on whether or not there are scheduled planned field improvements by the City or the Newport Mesa Unified School District during the rest and renovation period.

Commissioner Kim Pederson stated that he will bring this topic up during the upcoming City and School District meeting scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2010.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Mike Brumbaugh. No public comments were received.

**Motion made by Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to continue this agenda item to the January 26, 2011 meeting, and until then, for dialogue between staff, the adult soccer groups that rents the Costa Mesa and Estancia High School utility fields, and other user groups to discuss the rest and renovation of the utility fields.**

**10. Recreation Division Report**

Ms. Lisa McPherson made a power point presentation on the following:

- R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program
- Teen Center -Early Childhood Program
- Winter Day Camp
- Contract Classes
- Aquatics Programs
- Open Gym Program
- Adult Basketball Program
- Adult Softball Program
- Facility Update: Neighborhood Community Center, Downtown Recreation Center, Balearic Community Center, and the Community Gardens
- Park Rental Information

**11. Commissioner's Comments**

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh requested that staff agendize the following items for the upcoming Commission meeting:

- A park rental review of the guidelines
- A review of the distribution of funds from the sports teams
- A review of the Fairview Park Master Plan

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews wished everyone a good Thanksgiving celebration. He also congratulated Mayor Allan R. Mansoor on his election to the California State Assembly, Wendy Leece on her re-election to the City Council, Planning Commissioner Jim Righeimer on his election to the City Council, Katrina Foley on her election to the Newport-Mesa School Board, Planning Commissioner Jim Fitzpatrick on his election to the Sanitary District, and Jim Fisler on his election to the Water District.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski requested staff to agendize a review of the R.O.C.K.S Program and on the possible options for a pay per program.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski stated that Huntington Beach closed off the Santa Ana Riverbed bike trail from Victoria South and that traffic has been diverted to the eastside at Victoria/Hamilton, and he requested that staff look into contacting the appropriate office to have the debris and trash cleaned up in the area.

Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski invited the community to the upcoming Polar Express event on December 4, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., which will be held at the Goat Hill Junction/Fairview Park.

Commissioner Kim Pederson requested for information from the members of the Commission for the upcoming November 19, 2010 City and School District meeting.

Commissioner Kim Pederson thanked the Commission, and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Vice Chairman Terry Shaw announced the following:

- Recreation Guide for events scheduled throughout the City
- Costa Mesa Historical Society (1870 Anaheim Avenue) presents Captain Robert "Bob" Meyer to speak on 'Down and Go - the story of WWII Glider Pilots' on November 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., admission is free. For more information call (949) 631-5918 or visit the website at [www.costamesahistory.org](http://www.costamesahistory.org).
- Vice Chairman Terry Shaw wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Chairman Mike Brumbaugh also wished the community a happy holiday season.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **9:00 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall.

Submitted by:

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**PETER NAGHAVI**  
Director of Public Services