

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

January 28, 2009

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kurt M. Galitski

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Mark Harris

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Kurt M. Galitski
Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh
Commissioner Robert Graham
Commissioner Mark Harris
Commissioner Terry Shaw

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services
Mr. Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2008 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Presentation

5a. Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson's Award – Mark Harris

6. Oral Communications

Allan Roeder
City Manager
Mr. Roeder recognized and thanked Commissioner Robert Graham for his service on the Commission and to the community.

7. Consent Calendar

7a. Back Bay Youth Rugby Request for Group 1 Field User Status

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to recommend Group 1 field user status and fee waiver for the Back Bay Youth Rugby League to the City Council.

7b. Day Camp and Early Childhood Program Fee Increases

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to approve fee increases for two staff-led Recreation programs: "Camp Costa Mesa Day Camp" and "Early Childhood Program" (Attachment A).

7c. Memorial Plaque Donation at Mesa Verde Park

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to accept the donation of two memorial plaques to be installed with the memorial benches that were approved for Mesa Verde Park.

9. Old Business

No items.

10. New Business

10a. Tree Removal Request – 2968 Ceylon Drive

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

Public Comment:

William Willis
Applicant

Mr. Willis addressed the Commission on his tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Hartley took place on the scheduled Parkway Maintenance Project at this location.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not staff is able to enhance the sidewalk and curb in order to preserve the trees.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on the recommended replacement trees.

Discussion among Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Commissioner Mark Harris, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Willis ensued on the removal and replacement costs.

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried five to zero, to postpone agenda item 10a - Tree Removal Request – 2968 Ceylon Drive to the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 25, 2009.

10b. Tree Removal Request – 1052 Tulare Drive

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

Public Comment:

David Meyer
Applicant

Mr. Meyer voiced his concerns to the Commission on his tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on the approved street tree for this location.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley ensued on the vacant planting spots on this street.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not the applicant is interested in replacing the tree at this location.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Meyer occurred on whether or not a replacement tree at this location is favorable.

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw, to authorize the removal and replacement of the tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be planted at 1052 Tulare Drive and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property.

Substitute Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to authorize the removal and replacement of the tree, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, 4.0.1 Category 1 - Health and Safety Removals, with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be planted at 1052 Tulare Drive at no cost to the applicant.

8. Public Hearing

8a. Brentwood Park Master Plan

Mr. Bart Mejia made a brief power point presentation. Mr. Gary Vasquez, representative from David Volz Design, also made a power point presentation and was available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Vasquez ensued on the types of plantings to be installed in the park.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Mr. Naghavi, and Mr. Vasquez took place on the reasons for the location of the play amenities in the design plan.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Vasquez occurred on the bioswale design, and whether or not an expansive soil test was taken into consideration for this design.

Public Comments:

1. Mike Miller
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Miller addressed his concerns and the concerns of majority of the neighborhood to the Commission. As the neighborhood representative, he recommended that the Commission approve the base plan with a modification to relocate the play area to the center of Brentwood Park.
2. Leanne Talbott
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Talbott voiced her concerns to the Commission. She asked that the Commission approve the base plan for Brentwood Park and for the park to be passive.
3. Jeff Harlon
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Harlon addressed the Commission. He suggested that the Commission consider Alternative 1 for Brentwood Park.
4. Ben Amonte
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Amonte voiced his concerns to the Commission. He recommended that the Commission approve the base plan for Brentwood Park.
5. Mr. Dixson
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Dixson addressed the Commission. He suggested that the Commission approve the base plan with the playground in the center and picnic tables on each side of the play area at Brentwood Park.
6. Rachel Perez Hamilton
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Hamilton voiced her concerns to the Commission. She recommended that the Commission approve the base plan for Brentwood Park.
7. Nick
Resident, Costa Mesa
Nick addressed the Commission. He asked that the Commission approve the base plan for Brentwood Park.
8. Jeff Butcher
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Butcher voiced his concerns to the Commission. He recommended that the Commission approve Alternative 2 for Brentwood Park.
9. Luke McDaniel
Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. McDaniel addressed the Commission. He suggested that the Commission approve the base plan for Brentwood Park.

10. Chris

Resident, Costa Mesa

Chris voiced his concerns to the Commission.

11. Angela Debazio

Resident, Costa Mesa

Ms. Debazio addressed the Commission. She recommended that the Commission approve Alternative 1 and to install a bathroom at Brentwood Park.

12. Christine Patonyak

Resident, Costa Mesa

Ms. Patonyak voiced her concerns to the Commission. She suggested that the Commission approve the base plan for Brentwood Park.

13. Gerald Noon

Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Noon addressed the Commission. He recommended that the Commission approve Alternative 1 for Brentwood Park.

Commissioner Terry Shaw briefly announced some of the feedback received from the community during the task force meetings.

Commissioner Terry Shaw recommends that exercise stations, a rock climbing feature, and a second picnic area be included in the design plans for Brentwood Park.

Commissioner Robert Graham recommends that the design feature separates the walking trail from the bike trail.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Mejia occurred on whether or not the Police Department was consulted and/or provided input with the designs, especially with the location of the playground, for Brentwood Park.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski recommends that an expansive soil test be done at Brentwood Park.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski also recommends that staff consult with the Police Department on the location of the playground for Brentwood Park.

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to recommend that the City Council:

1. Approve the base plan design as the Master Plan for Brentwood Park with the following conditions:

- a. To install the playground in the center of the park and to include an additional picnic area provided that the Police Department, design team, and staff considers it feasible and safe to do so.
- b. If not, revert back to the original base plan.

2. Approve amendments to the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation (MPPR) acknowledging the expanded park boundary and the preferred use of the park to be a neighborhood park.

Substitute Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, failed for a lack of second, to recommend that the City Council approve the base plan as the Master Plan for Brentwood Park.

11. Maintenance Manager's Report

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

- Estancia Adobe Roof Improvements
- Parking Lot Re-striping at Fairview Park
- Signage for Extended Park Hours at Fairview Park
- Expanded Canyon Drive Parking Lot at Fairview Park
- Brentwood Park - Park School Property
- Police Department-Communications Center Landscape Renovation
- Smallwood Park Improvements

- Monthly Steam Cleaning Program
- Heller Park Bench Replacement
- ****In Memory of Joe Bogart****

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not there were reports of graffiti at Angels Playground.

Commissioner Robert Graham thanked staff.

12. Parks Project Manager's Report

Mr. Bart Mejia made a brief power point presentation on the following project:

- City of Costa Mesa and the Newport Mesa Unified School District Joint Field Use Master Plan for the following locations:
 - Costa Mesa High School / Davis Elementary School
 - California Elementary School / TeWinkle Middle School

13. Commissioner's Comments

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski announced that the Costa Mesa United and the Costa Mesa Youth Sports Council recognized and honored Allan Roeder, as a distinguished member of the community for his contributions to youth sports programs, during the 4th Annual Mesa Verde Classic Golf Tournament.

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced various community events in Costa Mesa.

Commissioner Terry Shaw thanked Commissioner Robert Graham and Commissioner Mark Harris for serving on the Commission.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh thanked Commissioner Mark Harris and Commissioner Robert Graham.

Commissioner Robert Graham thanked staff and his fellow Commissioners.

On behalf of staff from the Public Services and Administrative Services departments, Mr. Peter Naghavi thanked Commissioner Mark Harris and Commissioner Robert Graham for their contributions to the Commission and the community.

Commissioner Mark Harris thanked his fellow Commissioners, acknowledged his wife and friends in the audience, and made a farewell speech.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **9:40 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled Study Session on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

PETER NAGHAVI
Director of Public Services