

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

June 24, 2009

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kurt M. Galitski

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh

3. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services
Mr. Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Robby Waite, Acting Recreation Supervisor
Ms. Ivy M. Tsai, Legal Counsel

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2009 Meeting

Commissioner Terry Shaw requested that the following corrections be made to the minutes of the May 27, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting:

1. Under agenda item 5a-Chairperson's Award on page 1, to acknowledge the recipient(s) of the award.
2. Under agenda item 10b-Request for Facility Use Permit for the Downtown Recreation Center Gymnasium on page 3, to indicate the discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Ms. Ransom on whether or not the applicant was present at the meeting. To also note that the applicant was not present.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with the following corrections:

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5. Presentation

5a. Chairperson's Awards

No award was presented.

5b. "July is Recreation and Parks Month"

6. Oral Communications

Martin Millard

Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Millard voiced his concerns to the Commission. He also questioned Chairman Kurt M. Galitski on facts mentioned in an article in the Daily Pilot newspaper.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski deferred Mr. Millard's inquiry to Ms. Ivy Tsai, Legal Counsel.

7. Consent Calendar

No items.

8. Public Hearing

No items.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to move agenda item 10a-Tree Removal Request – 2904 Jacaranda Avenue ahead of agenda item 9-Old Business.

10. New Business

10a. Tree Removal Request – 2904 Jacaranda Avenue

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

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley occurred on the replacement and relocation of the fire hydrant at the location.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley ensued on the guidelines for planting widths on City parkways.

Public Comment:

1. Billye Troke

Applicant

Ms. Troke voiced her concerns to the Commission in regards to her tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Troke occurred on whether or not the Water District documented the cause for the relocation of the fire hydrant.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Troke took place on whether or not the plumber had video documentation of the pipe.

2. Mario Conte

Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Conte addressed the Commission on the tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Ms. Troke ensued on the replacement of the pipes by the plumber.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski recommended that Ms. Troke submit her receipts for reimbursement to the Sanitation District for the clean-out expense.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Troke occurred on the tree removal and replacement policy.

Discussion among Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Mr. Hartley, and Ms. Troke took place on the tree removal and replacement costs.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Ms. Troke ensued on the location of the second Magnolia tree at her residence.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried four to one with Commissioner Terry Shaw voting "No", to approve the tree removal request in the public right-of-way at 2904 Jacaranda Avenue, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.1 Category 1 – Health and Safety Removals, which will be at the City's expense. To also grind the lift on the driveway approach.

9. Old Business

9a. Facility Use Permit for Downtown Recreation Center

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report. Mr. Robby Waite, Acting Recreation Supervisor, and Mr. Rigoberto Bautista, applicant, were also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Ransom occurred on available options during the interim.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not a community outreach was conducted with the groups and/or individuals currently using the facility.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not individuals that use the facility were notified about this agenda item.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom occurred on the average number of residents that use the facility per day, and on whether or not there are available facilities for volleyball and/or basketball pick-up games as an alternate site.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom ensued on the group status for the adult play at the Davis Softball Fields, and on the comparison between that group and the Aztec Basketball League.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not there are any problems that is of concern with the current adult groups, and on the deposit policy and liability insurance requirements for the adult groups.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Ms. Ransom occurred on whether or not there are available days, aside from Sunday, for the adult drop-in basketball and volleyball programs.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Waite ensued on the popularity of Sunday use versus other days for the adult drop-in basketball and volleyball programs.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not there were efforts made to promote the drop-in programs for residents on Sundays, and on whether or not there is a need to promote the drop-in programs at the facility.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom occurred on the method to provide the existing adult drop-in basketball and volleyball user's proper notice, if the Commission considers granting a facility use permit, and to offer the adult users other available program schedules.

Rigoberto Bautista

President, Aztec Basketball League

Mr. Bautista addressed the Commission on the leagues request for a facility use permit for the Downtown Recreation Center gymnasium.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Bautista ensued on whether or not the league is interested in using the facility on a permanent or temporary basis.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Bautista took place on the organizational structure of the league, and on whether or not the league is a non-profit or profit organization.

Discussion among Commissioner Terry Shaw, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Bautista occurred on how option three, under Alternatives Considered on the agenda report, will affect the league.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Bautista ensued on the age limit for members in the league, and on the number of teams that are residents of Costa Mesa.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Bautista took place on the number of teams that are Costa Mesa residents in the league.

Discussion among Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Bautista occurred on the number of teams and games that the facility will accommodate on a Sunday.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Bautista ensued on the number of teams that will be using the facility, if the Commission decides to grant the request.

Public Comments:

1. Martin Millard
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Millard voiced his concerns to the Commission on parking accommodations at the site.
2. David Stiller
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Stiller addressed the Commission. He encouraged the Commission to approve the Aztec Basketball League's request.
3. Robert Graham
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Graham voiced his concerns to the Commission on the ethnic make-up of the league.

Mr. Bautista said that the league welcomes everyone and that the league does not discriminate against anyone.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Ransom took place on clarifying option number three, under Alternatives Considered, on the agenda report.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Bautista ensued on the leagues preference under Alternatives Considered on the report.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom occurred on the potential parking issues at the location.

Commissioner Terry Shaw provided the Commission with information on the Costa Mesa Historical Society's meeting schedule.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom ensued on the fees charged for non-profit and profit organizations, and on the potential income for the City.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Ms. Ransom took place on available provisions for patrons with punch cards to use the facility on a Sunday, if the Commission grants the request.

Motion made by Commissioner Kim Pederson, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried five to zero, to approve a month to month facility use permit for the Aztec Basketball Leagues on Sundays until the City is able to operate a City basketball league on Sundays under a management contract, which may or may not be with the Aztec Basketball Leagues/Rigoberto Bautista.

10. New Business (continued)

10b. Tree Removal Request – 3159 Sharon Lane

At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Kim Pederson recused himself from the meeting for this agenda item because he resides within the 500' radius of 3159 Sharon Lane.

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

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley ensued on the records for the root barrier, and on whether or not there is a remedy for the gutter.

Public Comment:

Robert Graham
Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Graham voiced his concerns to the Commission. He suggested that the Commission keep the tree at 3159 Sharon Lane.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, failed for a lack of second, to install a root barrier on the sidewalk side, if deem appropriate, and to look into the gutter situation at 3159 Sharon Lane.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not the option to install a root barrier and gutter for the tree at the location was considered, and on the cost to install a root barrier.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley occurred on the installation of a root barrier for the tree, and on whether or not there is a preventative program currently in place.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and carried four to one with Commissioner Kim Pederson being recused, to deny the request for the removal of one City owned parkway tree located at 3159 Sharon Lane.

At 7:46 p.m., Commissioner Kim Pederson returned to the meeting.

10c. Tree Removal Request – 1801 Tanager Drive

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

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley ensued on alternatives to remedy the situation caused by the tree at the location.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on the documentation of work performed and on issues related to the tree at the location, and on preventive measures for the tree.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not the removal of the tree is possible without damaging the curb and gutter, and sidewalk.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Hartley ensued on the responsibility for the brick pavers at the location.

Karen Koder
Applicant

Ms. Koder voiced her concerns to the Commission on her tree removal request. She also provided pictures of the dig site and an overall expense summary for the Commission.

Discussion among Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Mr. Hartley, and Ms. Koder ensued on the video documentation and on the findings of the roots in the pipes.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Koder took place on the tree removal and replacement costs.

Public Comment:

Robert Graham
Resident, Costa Mesa

Mr. Graham addressed the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley occurred on the tree removal and replacement costs.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on additional costs that the applicant may have for the removal and replacement of the tree.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Kim Pederson and carried five to zero, to authorize the tree removal request that is located in the public right-of-way at 1801 Tanager Drive, per the Streetscape and Median

Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals. The applicant would pay the removal costs and any incidental costs for the removal of the brick pavers.

The tree must be removed within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.

10d. Request by Historic Preservation Committee to Exhibit Photos of Old Town Costa Mesa at the Neighborhood Community Center

Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews presented the report.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh believes that this is a good idea. He also said that he would like the Commission to be involved in the final design phase of the project.

Commissioner Terry Shaw stated that it is an excellent idea.

Commissioner Kim Pederson also believes that it is an excellent idea.

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Commissioner Jeff R. Mathews occurred on whether or not the Downtown Recreation Center was also considered as an option for this project.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski stated that the concept is a great idea.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski suggested that the Historic Preservation Committee consider a sports theme for the athletic complex, and to have a community oriented theme for the community center.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski. No public comments were received.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and carried five to zero, to encourage the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to move forward with the concept, and for the HPC to come back to the Commission for approval of the final designs.

11. Park Project Manager's Report

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on the highlights of the following projects:

- Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project
- Fairview Park Master Plan with Phasing Areas: Area D Improvements

Discussion between Commissioner Kim Pederson and Mr. Mejia ensued on the biological monitoring of the wetlands planting program, and on the consultant who is responsible for the biological monitoring.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Mejia took place on the status of the BMX attraction site at Fairview Park.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Mejia ensued on the funding status of the grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

12. Commissioner's Comments

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh requested that the Streetscape Standards information be available as an informational item at the next Commission meeting.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh made a statement, which he said are based on his own views and not necessarily the views of the Commission, to the community.

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced several Costa Mesa community events that are scheduled.

Commissioner Kim Pederson congratulated the graduates from all the Costa Mesa schools.

Commissioner Kim Pederson shared information with the Commission from the last City/School District Liaison Committee meeting on the following topics:

- The Costa Mesa Youth Council
- Update on the Master Plan for Fields
- Site Specific Plan for the Scott Stadium Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement
- Playing Fields Trash/Litter
- Creating Costa Mesa TV Program at each Costa Mesa School
- Costa Mesa Community Classic Overview
- First Year Civil War Reenactment

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Commissioner Kim Pederson took place on the master planning of athletic fields.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski believes that, once the Newport Mesa Unified School District and the City are able to work together on the master planning of athletic fields, the project will benefit the whole community in a positive way.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski welcomes and encourages the community to attend a meeting and speak about their concerns to the Commission.

Ms. Ransom announced that the first three Summer Concert Series, which are scheduled for July 7, 14, and 21, that are held at Fairview Park have been cancelled. More information on the remaining scheduled concert dates will be available after the July 7, 2009 City Council meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **9:06 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 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:

PETER NAGHAVI
Director of Public Services