

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

March 26, 2008

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on March 26, 2008 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh.

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Robert Graham

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh
Commissioner Robert Graham
Commissioner Mark Harris
Commissioner Terry Shaw

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Kurt M. Galitski

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2008 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Oral Communications

No items.

6. Consent Calendar

6a. New Instructional Class Fee Proposals and Increases

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to approve fee increases for four (4) existing instructional classes as proposed in Attachment "A", and approve fees for seven (7) new contract instructional classes as proposed in Attachment "B".

6b. Proposed New Specialty Summer Programs for Summer 2008

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to approve fees for five (5) new staff led recreation programs.

6c. Donation of Tree and Memorial Plaque at Wilson Park

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to accept the donation of a tree and memorial plaque at Wilson Park.

7. Public Hearing

No items.

8. Old Business

8a. Park Tour

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report.

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

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to schedule a Study Session for Saturday, April 19, at 9:00 a.m. to meet at City Hall before touring the following City parks: Heller, Tanager, Estancia, Vista, and Wakeham.

9. New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to move item 9b (Tree Removal Request - 814 Jennifer Lane) ahead of item 9a (Review of Possible Pocket Skate Parks at Various City Parks) on the agenda for discussion.

9b. Tree Removal Request - 814 Jennifer Lane

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

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not there was consent for the tree removal request from the property owner, property manager, and residents.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley ensued on the location of the public right-of-way, and on whether or not the trees and tree stumps are on City property.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Hartley occurred on the City's tree trimming/topping practice.

Public Comment:

- 1) Jaime Tekin
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Tekin addressed the Commission on the tree removal request. She wanted to dispute the tree removal request at 814 Jennifer Lane.
- 2) Mike Mahede
Property Owner
Mr. Mahede addressed the Commission on the tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on who will be responsible for the tree removal costs.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Hartley ensued on the beetle problem and on improper tree trimming.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not trees will be replanted in the same location, and on what will be done with the adjacent tree stumps.

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to authorize the removal of the two diseased Manna Gum trees located in the public right-of-way at 814 Jennifer Lane, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.1 - Health and Safety-Removals, at no cost to the applicant; the third tree, Silk Oak, to remain in place.

9a. Review of Possible Pocket Skate Parks at Various City Parks

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on Estancia Park. Mr. Peter Naghavi was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Mejia ensued on the size of skateable area for Estancia Park.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia took place on the conceptual design for the skating bowl area.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Mejia occurred on the proximity of the proposed pocket skate park to the Estancia Adobe, and on whether or not additional access will be installed from the parking lot to the proposed pocket skate park at Estancia Park.

Public Comment for Estancia Park:

- 1) David Brooks
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Brooks addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Estancia Park. He recommends that the Commission leave Estancia Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks provided that the proposed location be reconsidered and, for added security, to enforce no park use after dark.
- 2) Norman Ablick
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Ablick voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Estancia Park. He is opposed to having a pocket skate park installed at Estancia Park.
- 3) Jim Gray
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Gray addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Estancia Park. He suggested that the Commission leave Estancia Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 4) Brian Moore
Representative, SITE Design Group, Inc.
Mr. Moore voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Estancia Park. He recommends that the Commission leave Estancia Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to have Estancia Park remain on the short list of possible pocket skate parks.

Commissioner Terry Shaw recused himself from the meeting for the discussion on Pinkley Park.

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on Pinkley Park. Mr. Peter Naghavi was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Mejia occurred on whether or not trees will be removed at Pinkley Park, and on the estimated cost to install an approved Americans with Disability Act (ADA) restroom at Pinkley Park.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia ensued on parking access at Pinkley Park.

Public Comment for Pinkley Park:

- 1) Jim Gray
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Gray voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Pinkley Park. He does not recommend Pinkley Park as a possible site to install a pocket skate park.
- 2) Trabeca Alcom
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Alcom addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Pinkley Park. She suggested that the Commission remove Pinkley Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 3) Mark Herschthal
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Herschtahal voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park a Pinkley Park. He recommends that the Commission remove Pinkley Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried two to one with Commissioner Robert Graham voting "No", Commissioner Terry Shaw being recused and Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to remove Pinkley Park from the short list of possible pocket skate parks.

Commissioner Mark Harris recused himself from the meeting for the discussion on Shiffer Park.

Commissioner Terry Shaw returned to the meeting.

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on Shiffer Park. Mr. Peter Naghavi was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Public Comment for Shiffer Park:

- 1) Darin Ferriola
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Ferriola addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He recommends that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 2) Dean Dosdall
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Dosdall voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He asked that the Commission consider removing Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 3) Jessica Harris
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Harris addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. She recommends that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 4) Duane Petersen
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Petersen voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He suggested that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 5) Harry Baddon
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Baddon addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He asked that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 6) Brendan Owens
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Owens voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He recommended that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.

- 7) David Stiller
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Stiller addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He suggested that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 8) Phil McCrea
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. McCrea voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He recommends that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 9) Paul Krieger
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Krieger addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He suggested that the Commission build another skate park and not several pocket skate parks throughout the city.
- 10) Patti Shambrook
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Shambrook voiced her concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. She asked that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 11) George Berg
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Berg addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He recommends that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 12) Don Andrews
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Andrews voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He suggested that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 13) Mark Sato
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Sato addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He asked that the Commission consider removing Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 14) Jeff Jones
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Jones voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He recommended that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 15) Marti Hidden
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Hidden addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. She suggested that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 16) Bus Cornelius
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Cornelius voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He asked that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 17) Mark Sharelli
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Sharelli addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He recommends that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.

- 18) Brian Moore
 Representative, SITE Design Group, Inc.
 Mr. Moore addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He recommended that the Commission leave Shiffer Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 19) Harry Batten
 Resident, Costa Mesa
 Mr. Batten voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He suggested that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 20) Jennifer Buran
 Resident, Costa Mesa
 Ms. Buran addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. She asked that the Commission remove Shiffer Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 21) Jim Gray
 Resident, Costa Mesa
 Mr. Gray voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Shiffer Park. He suggested that the Commission leave Shiffer Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 22) Ceci McCrea
 Resident, Costa Mesa
 Ms. McCrea believes that Shiffer Park should be removed from the list of possible pocket skate parks.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried three to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris being recused and Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to remove Shiffer Park from the short list of possible pocket skate parks.

Commissioner Mark Harris returned to the meeting.

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on Vista Park. Mr. Peter Naghavi was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Public Comments for Vista Park:

- 1) Jim Gray
 Resident, Costa Mesa
 Mr. Gray voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Vista Park. He recommends that the Commission considers leaving Vista Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.

 Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Gray took place on the types of skate park elements to be installed at Vista Park.
- 2) Brian Moore
 Representative, SITE Design Group, Inc.
 Mr. Moore addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Vista Park. He suggested that the Commission have Vista Park remain on the list of possible pocket skate parks.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Naghavi ensued on the conceptual designs for the pocket skate parks.

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to have Vista Park remain on the short list of possible pocket skate parks.

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on Heller Park. Mr. Peter Naghavi was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Mejia took place on the distance from Heller Park to the residents near 16th Street, and on the noise impact level conducted at Heller Park.

Public Comments for Heller Park:

- 1) Gary Smith
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Smith voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He suggested that the Commission remove Heller Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 2) Duvall Hecht
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Hecht addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He recommended that the Commission remove Heller Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 3) Jason Coulston
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Coulston voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He asked that the Commission leave Heller Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Coulston occurred on the method of communication skaters have among each other.

- 4) Gary Hayden
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Hayden addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He suggested that the Commission leave Heller Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 5) Holly Roberts
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Roberts voiced her concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. She recommended that the Commission leave Heller Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 6) Kathy Murphay
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Murphay addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. She asked that the Commission remove Heller Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 7) Jennifer Coulston
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Coulston voiced her concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. She suggested that the Commission leave Heller Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 8) Joli Osborn
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Osborn addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. She recommended that the Commission remove Heller Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Mr. Naghavi and Mr. Mejia took place on the City's notification process for residents.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Mejia occurred on whether or not notices were posted at each City park that is being discussed at this meeting.

- 9) Jim Gray
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Gray voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He asked for the Commission to consider leaving Heller Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.
- 10) John
Resident, Costa Mesa
John addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He suggested that the Commission remove Heller Park from the list of possible pocket skate parks.

11) Paul Schmit

Business Owner, Costa Mesa

Mr. Schmit voiced his concerns to the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He recommended that the Commission leave Heller Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.

12) Brian Moore

Representative, SITE Design Group, Inc.

Mr. Moore addressed the Commission on installing a pocket skate park at Heller Park. He asked the Commission to consider leaving Heller Park on the list of possible pocket skate parks.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to have Heller Park remain on the short list of possible pocket skate parks.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried four to zero with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to continue staff recommendation #3, which is to Establish a priority list of City parks for the construction of "pocket" skate parks and recommend to the City Council to approve the list, for this agenda item to the April 23, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

At 9:32 p.m., Commissioner Mark Harris excused himself from the meeting due to the earthquake that occurred.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried three to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris and Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, for staff to report back to the Commission at the April 23, 2008 meeting the following parks to be considered as a possible "pocket" skate park: Canyon, Tanager, Wakeham, Fairview, and Lions.

9c. Consideration of an Amendment to the Streetscape and Median Development Standards Regarding Maximum Mature Height of Shrubberies

Mr. Peter Naghavi presented the report.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Naghavi on whether or not public or private properties will be affected in any manner.

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

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried three to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris and Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to amend the Streetscape and Median Development Standards Section 3.0-Public Rights-Of-Way and Parkways - General Criteria to modify the language to allow landscape material that exceed 18" in height where line of sight is not an issue.

9d. Committee Assignments

Mr. Peter Naghavi presented the report.

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

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried three to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris and Chairman Kurt M. Galitski being absent, to keep the current committee assignments, which follows:

- **City/School District Liaison:**
 - Current Appointee – Kurt M. Galitski**
 - Alternate – Mike Brumbaugh**

- **Skate Park:**
 Current Appointee – Mark Harris
 Alternate – Terry Shaw

- **Fairview Park Friends:**
 Current Appointee – Terry Shaw
 Alternate – Robert Graham

10. Recreation Manager's Report

Ms. Jana M. Ransom made a power point presentation on the following items:

- Recreation Division Mission Statement
- Recreation Programs Overview
- Recreation Facilities:
 - Neighborhood Community Center
 - Downtown Recreation Center
 - Balearic Community Center
- Recreation Events, Contracts and Committees
- Adult Softball Program
- Recreation Leaders In Training Program
- R.O.C.K.s Stars Program
- Mobile Recreation Program
- Youth Skate Camp Program
- Youth in Government Program

11. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced the following:

- The Costa Mesa Community News & Recreation Review is available for the period covering March-June 2008
- The Spring Wildflower Walk at Fairview Park will be on Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 a.m. The tour will be conducted by Orange County Native Plant Society Member Sarah Jayne, and for more information contact the Fairview Park Friends hotline at (714) 754-5698
- On April 12, the Annual "Neighbors for Neighbors" Neighborhood & Fairview Park Spring Clean-Up event is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. For additional information or to sign up, call (714) 754-4892 or email Jyreeves@ci.costamesa.ca.us
- The Costa Mesa Historical Society (1870 Anaheim Avenue, Costa Mesa) presents 'Bigfoot comes to Costa Mesa' by Daniel Perez on Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the website at www.costamesahistory.org
- The Arbor Day event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at TeWinkle Park where trees will be planted around the Volcom Skate Park and around the lake
- 2008 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange; registration begins March 18, 2008. For details or to make a reservation, call (888) 425-6247 or visit www.aqmd.gov or www.ci.costamesa.ca.us

Commissioner Robert Graham said that he is happy that the City Council resolved the issue with the Pacific Coast Girls Fast Pitch Softball League. He also thanked staff for their hard work.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh thanked staff for their hard work. He also mentioned that the Commission does their best to enhance recreation within the city.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **10:10 p.m.** to the Study Session on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 1A at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.

The next regular scheduled Study Session is on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 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