

**CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Andy Campbell called meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
  
2. **ROLL CALL**
  - a. **Members Present:** Chair Andy Campbell, Vice Chair Evan Rothman, Anna Vrksa, Larry Courter, Dave Erickson, Amy Litton, Alternate Terri Fuqua, Alternate Bill McCarty
  - b. **Members Absent:** Steve Smith
  - c. **Liaisons Present:** Council Liaison Arlis Reynolds
  - d. **Liaisons Absent:** Parks, Arts, & Community Services Commissioner Chair Liz McNabb; OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti
  
3. **APPROVAL April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Cynthia D’Agosta states that minutes will be completed by staff two weeks after the meeting and DRAFT minutes will be distributed for members to review and file. The minutes will still be approved at the next regularly scheduled (two months away) meeting. In addition, Cynthia introduces the creation of action minutes for each meeting. Chair Andy Campbell calls for the approval of the minutes; passed unanimously.
  
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kim Hendricks talks about the degrading of the vernal pools through the creation of the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) fly field, and the importance of reading documents to provide correct assessment and recommendations.
  
5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER AND LIAISONS COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Evan Rothman states he went on the Earth Day event walks and they were very informative; expresses interest in the Monarch Butterfly Grant.

Terri Fuqua expresses her interest for the Monarch Butterfly Grant; speaks out on the issue of the homeless population in northern Fairview Park.

Anna Vrksa states she went to the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy fundraiser; expresses that connecting with local agencies is important in becoming more relevant throughout the area.

Councilmember Reynolds provides the non-emergency park ranger number (714-754-5252) for sightings of illegal camping in the park. Cynthia D’Agosta states that the topic of enforcement in the Park will be agenzized for next meeting.

Dave Erickson introduces himself to the committee as a new member.

Larry Courter states he is interested in seeing an interpretive center in the Park in collaboration with a non-profit organization; states he can hear people from the homeless encampments from his residence and has tried working with police.

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Chair Andy Campbell has invited past member Alex Reich to present on his work from the trails subcommittee at August's meeting; asks staff to give clarification of the work plan and master plan updates throughout the meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Multi-Year Grant Matrix**

Cynthia D'Agosta provides an example of a newly created grant matrix that tracks applicable opportunities for the next few years. The full matrix will go to the funding subcommittee for further discussion, review, and recommendation for the committee.

**b. Recommend Application for Monarch Butterfly Grant**

Cynthia D'Agosta presents a summary of the concept for the Monarch Butterfly Grant to involve both Canyon and Fairview Parks. Cynthia states that this is a pre-application to the 'Wildlife Conservation Board', and that the Board will recommend (or not) a full application to follow.

Larry Courter suggests locations for the grant in Fairview Park. Chair Andy Campbell asks if a native plant nursery could be established with the grant. Liaison Arlis Reynolds talks about the potential partnership aspect of the grant. Larry Courter motions to recommend the pre-application of the Monarch Butterfly Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Evan Rothman; passed unanimously.

**c. Review Committee Draft Annual Work Plan**

Cynthia D'Agosta explains that the annual work plan is organized around the five charges of the committee, and that the proposed subcommittees were created using the topics in the Master Plan needing review. She proposes that the sub committees meet on the off months to review and present updates for the Master Plan by the first of the year. Cynthia D'Agosta explains the objectives of the work plan.

**d. Establish Sub Committees to Support Master Plan Process and to Advance Annual Work Plan**

Discussion of subcommittees were ensued by the committee. Committee members were assigned to the following subcommittees: Communications, Partnerships/Public Use, Funding, and Land Management. Vice Chair Evan Rothman motions to approve the proposed slate of subcommittees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Litton; passed unanimously. Item was opened for public comment.

Kim Hendricks states the importance of the Master Plan and that guidelines need to be created for the public.

Anna Vrska states Steve Smith was not placed into a subcommittee. Chair Andy Campbell rescinds the previous approved motion; no opposition.

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Discussion for subcommittees was reopened. The following list is the updated proposed slate of subcommittees:

Communications: Bill McCarty, Arlis Reynolds, Steve Smith

Partnerships/Public Use: Hank Castignetti, Larry Courter, Terri Fuqua, Arlis Reynolds

Funding: Arlis Reynolds, Evan Rothman, Anna Vrska

Land Management: Andy Campbell, Dave Erickson, Amy Litton

Larry Courter motions to approve the revised proposed subcommittee slate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Evan Rothman; passed unanimously.

**7. STAFF COMMENTS**

Matt Dimson states he went to a Burrowing Owl workshop; talks about the 2019 wetlands mosquito-trapping program with a run time of June to September. Discussion was ensued by committee members and staff.

Maddy Letterman talks about the high school poster presentations on work done by three high-schools and the Institute of Conservation, Research and Education (ICRE) at Fairview Park; discusses previous and future City events at Fairview and Canyon Park. Discussion was ensued by committee members and staff.

Cynthia D'Agosta states City Council has scheduled an additional study session for the 2019/2020 City budget on June 18<sup>th</sup>, so the HSS discussion will be moved to June 25<sup>th</sup>; discusses having a Fairview Park Steering Committee booth at Concerts in the Park.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

**Next Regular Meeting: August 14, 2019 at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.**