

**CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Andy Campbell called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

- a. **Members Present:** Chair Andy Campbell, Larry Courter, Steve Smith, Dave Erickson, Amy Litton, Alternate Terri Fuqua, Alternate Bill McCarty
- b. **Members Absent:** Vice Chair Evan Rothman, Anna Vrska
- c. **Liaisons Present:** Councilmember Arlis Reynolds, OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti
- d. **Liaisons Absent:** Parks, Arts, & Community Services Commissioner Jim Erickson

3. **APPROVAL OF June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Chair Andy Campbell calls for the approval of the June minutes; passed unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ralph Taboada, member of the Bikeway & Walkability Committee, asks the committee and staff to work with the Bikeway & Walkability Committee to install bike racks at Goat hill Junction. Cynthia D’Agosta comments that internal conversations in regards to bike racks in the Park are being ensued.

John Anderson states he wants to work with the staff to implement aerospace recreation activities utilizing the HSS fly field in the Park. Cynthia D’Agosta comments that she would like the Public Use & Partnerships subcommittee to look into the compatibility.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER AND LIAISON COMMENTS**

Chair Andy Campbell offers to take Councilmember Reynolds and his subcommittee on a tour of the hydrology of the Park; states in the future, if other members would like a tour, he would be willing to do it without breaking the Brown Act.

Steve Smith comments on the current flying rules in the Park; asks to have a meeting with HSS to talk about their agreement and regulations. John Anderson comments to contact him directly with any questions or concerns about flyers in the Park.

Terri Fuqua comments on the lack of response and presence of enforcement throughout the Park.

Hank Castignetti states that one of the focuses of the Public Use & Partnerships subcommittee is enforcement; announces OCME will be planning an event on September 21<sup>st</sup> to unveil a new engine.

Dave Erickson states the City needs to record and map out areas in the Park where fires have occurred for future purposes.

Amy Litton reiterates Dave Erickson’s comment to record and map out areas in the Park that have been effected by fires. Cynthia D’Agosta states that her and staff have been working very

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closely with the Fire and Police departments in regards to changes in operation, response, and coordination within sensitive species.

Larry Courter talks about a negative encounter his wife had with a flyer at the Park; proposes that in the future the committee should discuss the changing of Fairview Park's name to include "preserve" in its title; comments on the importance of using the park ranger non-emergency number.

Chair Andy Campbell and John Anderson ensue conversation about an "international flyers permit." Anderson states he will research further into international permits.

Councilmember Reynolds expresses that documentation of enforcement is crucial to act on those issues in the future; asks the committee to think about ways to streamline documentation throughout the Park; states that City Council requested increased patrols by the police department; requests to have better signage placed throughout the Park in the future; talks about having a designated Costa Mesa natural resources section in the Donald Dungan Library and asks for book suggestions; states the mural and re-landscaping of Triangle Square will include native plants.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. PRESENTATION ON FAIRVIEW PARKS NATURAL RESOURCES**

Barry Nerhus of Endemic Environmental, City contract biologist, presents on the current natural resources within the Park. Discussion and questions were ensued by staff and committee members in regards to the presentation. Cynthia D'Agosta comments and presents on the current state of the wetlands and the status of a draft Dudek report.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS / UPDATES**

**i. LAND MANAGEMENT**

Dave Erickson presented on the land management subcommittee's work. Their presentation included: creating a resource management plan outline, expressing a need for mapping software, presenting various geographical/classification maps, and next steps within the subcommittee.

**ii. PUBLIC USE & PARTNERSHIPS**

Larry Courter presented on the public use & partnerships subcommittee's work. Their presentation included: existing signage, partnerships with enforcement, and the need for a non-profit partner for the City.

Chair Andy Campbell motions to extend the meeting after 8:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Courter; passed with no opposition.

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**iii. COMMUNICATIONS**

Steve Smith presented on the communications subcommittee's work. His presentation included: onsite and online visitor interaction and educational outreach. Cynthia spoke about the creation of a Vision video between herself and Bill McCarty; and Arlis reported on a pro-bono consulting assistance program, "SEED OC", that will be assisting with development of a Public Engagement Plan with the sub-committee by Thanksgiving.

**iv. FUNDING**

Funding will provide an update at the October steering committee.

**b. NEXT STEPS – PREPARATIONS FOR OCTOBER MEETING**

Cynthia D'Agosta provides a wrap up and take-away's she heard from reports; and offers to continue working with each subcommittee to effectively edit the master plan.

**8. STAFF COMMENTS**

Cynthia D'Agosta announces the dates of special events: Sept. 20-22 Fish Fry, Oct. 19-20 Scarecrow Festival; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday ICRE events in October, November and December.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

**Next Regular Meeting: October 9, 2019 at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.**