

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
October 24, 2019; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 6:05 p.m. on October 24, 2019 in the Costa Mesa Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Frager

3. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Yvette Aguilar, Acting Parks & Community Services Director; Bruce Lindemann, Maintenance Services Manager; Cynthia D'Agosta, Fairview Park Administrator; Mino Ashabi, Principal Planner; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 2019 Meeting of the PACS Commission**

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Ashendorf moves to approve the minutes/Seconded by Commissioner Fahy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Chair Erickson, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Vice Chair McNabb

**Absent:** None

**Motion Carried:** 6-0-1

5. **Public Comments**

1. Amy Senger, Costa Mesa resident, spoke about Brentwood Park not having seating structures and an age-appropriate play structure for toddlers.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Chair Erickson – Reviewed the Park Ranger report and spoke about anti-encampment violations being enforced; spoke about the MyCostaMesa app, and an all-ages bike race that will be taking place at Balearic Park in November.

Vice Chair McNabb – Recognized Acting Assistant City Manager, Justin Martin, for his dedication to the City of Costa Mesa by presenting him with a certificate from the State

Assembly; spoke about her experience riding along with a Park Ranger; and thanked staff for the Scarecrow Festival.

Commissioner Ashendorf – Thanked staff for the Scarecrow Festival event and acknowledged the Cultural Art Committee’s scarecrow for winning first place; spoke about her experience riding along with a Park Ranger; announced upcoming events at the Senior Center; and congratulated the Parks & Community Services Department on winning the Helen Putnam award for SMART Camp.

Commissioner DeCicco – Spoke about donations for recreational opportunities, wanting to see a standard policy regarding dynamic stretching for contract classes, and wanted to see a long-term plan for problem trees within the City.

Commissioner Fahy – Thanked Justin Martin for his time with the City; spoke about learning more about the skate park, upcoming events, Brentwood Park, and wanting to prioritize projects that make amenities more accessible; and reminded the community about the dangers of fire season.

Commissioner Rutherford – Spoke about attending the regional housing needs study session, the ArtVenture event and the Newport Blvd. widening outreach session, and wanting to see walkability and bikeability alternatives; spoke about his experience riding along with a Park Ranger; and addressed a public comment from the previous Commission meeting.

## 7. Consent Calendar

### a) Instructional Class Proposals

Vice Chair McNabb pulled Consent Calendar item 7a.

Vice Chair McNabb spoke about her concern regarding the large fee percentage increase for Kids Love Soccer, and moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment that Kids Love Soccer’s new fee be capped at a 12% increase (\$110.00).

Chair Erickson opened Public Comment.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comment.

Commissioner Fahy spoke about the 12% fee increase for Adult Watercolor and Painting, and the 15% fee increase for Beginning Sailing, and asked Vice Chair McNabb if she would be willing to amend her motion to include a fee cap for both of the aforementioned classes at 10%.

Vice Chair McNabb accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked if the fee increases are staff driven, or instructor driven.

Commissioner DeCicco asked if the reason for the specific fee increase for Kids Love Soccer is due to the fees not being raised since 2017.

Vice Chair McNabb calculated the new fees, proposed by Commissioner Fahy, based on a 10% fee increase cap: Adult Watercolor and Painting would increase to \$360 (rounding to make it an even number), Adult Sailing would increase to \$170.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Vice Chair McNabb moves to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment that the fee increase for Kids Love Soccer, Adult Watercolor and Painting, & Beginning Sailing classes be capped at a 10% fee increase, rounding to the nearest \$5 increment/Seconded by Commissioner Rutherford. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: Chair Erickson, Commissioner DeCicco

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

## 8. Old Business

No items

## 9. New Business

a) Fairview Park Annual Report

Ms. Cynthia D'Agosta presents.

Commissioner Rutherford asked if there was an opportunity for location signage in Fairview Park to aid in the reporting and enforcement of incidents.

Commissioner Fahy commended staff and the Steering Committee for focusing on marketing and funding as a priority as part of the Fairview Park Master Plan.

Commissioner Ashendorf commended staff and the Steering Committee for partnering with the Orange County Model Engineers and inviting them to be part of the Fairview Park community, and asked staff about a specific species of mosquito.

Commissioner DeCicco asked if the emergency erosion project was a long-term fix, or an urgent temporary fix, thanked staff for moving forward with an aesthetics policy on fencing within the park, and expressed interest in educational signage on biological and historical significances.

Chair Erickson asked if Ice plant serves as a means of a firebreak and would like to know what the plan for the plant is in Canyon Park, and asked staff to consider the future of cycling in Fairview Park.

**Procedural Motion:** Commissioner Rutherford moves to hear item 9b at the end of New Business/Seconded by Commissioner Fahy.

Ayes: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: Chair Erickson

Motion Carried: 6-1

b) Tree Removal Request – 3350 Avenue of the Arts

Vice Chair McNabb and Commissioner Frager recused themselves from this item.

Mr. Bruce Lindemann, Mr. Adam Lindermann & Ms. Minoo Ashabi present.

Commissioner Fahy asked if there will be a creation of open space and shade accessible to the community.

Commissioner DeCicco asked why none of the existing trees are being kept in the presented plan, and asked for clarification on the TAT agreement and the management of ensuring that the donated trees will be planted on City property.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked if the placement of the donated trees will be coming back to the Commission for location recommendations.

Commissioner Fahy asked if the space in the presented plan went through an evaluation process to look at whether or not it would be a good candidate for community open space.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rutherford asked what consideration was given, during the planning phase, to the existing trees.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Erickson moves to approve the tree removal request, seconded by Commissioner DeCicco.

Public Comment:

1: Paul Sanford, CEO of Wincome Hospitality, spoke in favor of the tree removal and to the accessibility and activation of the hotel outdoor space.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Erickson moves to approve the tree removal request/Seconded by Commissioner DeCicco. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Recused: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Frager

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

c) Tree Removal Request – 2069 Swan Drive

Mr. Brue Lindemann presents.

Public Comment:

1: Art Reese, tree removal request applicant, spoke in favor of the tree removal.

2: Speaker, tree removal request applicant, spoke in favor of the tree removal.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comment.

Commissioner DeCicco addressed Public Comment speakers and asked staff when the tree had last been root pruned, and if pruned again, or installing a root barrier would mitigate the applicant's issue with the tree.

Chair Erickson moves to approve the tree removal as a Category 2 removal, seconded by Commissioner DeCicco.

Commissioner Ashendorf asks for clarification on the financial responsibility of the applicant and the details of the work done, when removing the tree.

Vice Chair McNabb asked staff to clarify the difference between a Category 1 and a Category 2 tree removal for the applicant, and spoke to the value of the tree.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Erickson moves to approve the tree removal as a Category 2 removal /Seconded by Commissioner DeCicco. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy, Commissioner Frager

Nays: Commissioner Rutherford

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 6-1

d) Tree Removal Request – 355 Costa Mesa Street

Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

Public Comment:

1: Jim Kuhlman, tree removal request applicant, spoke in favor of the tree removal.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comment.

Commissioner DeCicco asked staff when the tree had last been root pruned, and if pruned again, or installing a root barrier, would mitigate the applicant's issue with the tree.

Commissioner DeCicco asked staff if there is a way to eliminate the amount of seed pods that drop from the tree.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked if this tree had been previously brought to the Commission for review and who planted the tree.

Commissioner Rutherford asked if a retaining wall, or similar mitigating measures, have been implemented, and spoke to the importance of green infrastructure.

Commissioner Rutherford asked staff what their recommendation would be to best preserve the tree.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Rutherford moves to deny the tree removal request and direct staff to work with the applicant for alternate options/Seconded by Commissioner DeCicco. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: Commissioner Fahy

Recused: None

e) Tree Removal Request – 468 Ogle Street

Removed from the agenda.

## 10. Maintenance Manager's Report

Mr. Bruce Lindemann presents.

Commissioner DeCicco asked for clarification regarding the determination process of annual maintenance on the baseball fields.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rutherford asked what improvements can be made to seating at Wilson Park.

**11. Parks and Community Services Director's Report**

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

Commissioner Ashendorf spoke to the importance of the LEAP and Mobile Recreation programs, being a liaison to the NMUSD, and highlighted Senior Center events.

Vice Chair McNabb asked staff when Commissioner park reports would be presented.

**12. Adjournment**

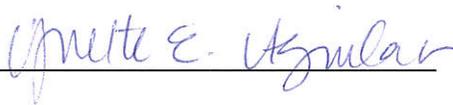
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 8:27 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission  
is on Thursday, November 21, 2019**



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Prepared by Allison Burch  
PACS Commission Secretary



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Submitted by Yvette E. Aguilar  
Acting Parks and Community Services Director