

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2017; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by City Clerk Brenda Green at 6:00 p.m. on February 23, 2017 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Pederson
3. **Administration of Oath of Office for newly appointed Parks and Recreation Commissioners**
4. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Bogner; Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD; Commissioner McNabb; Commissioner Pederson; Commissioner Reynolds

Absent:

Staff Present: Brenda Green, City Clerk; Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director; Thom Coughran, Interim Maintenance Services Manager; Baltazar Mejia, City Engineer; Justin Martin, Recreation Manager; & Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary

5. **Parks and Recreation Commission Reorganization**

- a. Appointment of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

City Clerk Brenda Green opened nominations for Chair.

MOTION made by Commissioner McNabb to nominate Commissioner Pederson for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Bogner.

City Clerk Brenda Green asked for any other nominations for Chair. Seeing none, Ms. Green closed nominations for Chair.

MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to close nominations for Chair, seconded by Commissioner McNabb. MOTION carries 5-0.

Commissioner Reynolds proposed nominating a temporary chair for the first two or three meetings.

City Clerk Brenda Green advised that the Commission can bring forth a request to reorganize at any time.

Commissioner Pederson discussed agendaing the request at a future date.

MOTION made by Commissioner McNabb to nominate Commissioner Pederson for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Bogner. MOTION carries 5-0.

City Clerk Brenda Green opened nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION made by Chair Pederson to nominate Commissioner McNabb for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu.

City Clerk Brenda Green asked for any other nominations for Vice Chair. Seeing none, Ms. Green closed nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION made by Commissioner Pederson to close nominations for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Bogner. MOTION carries 5-0.

MOTION made by Chair Pederson to nominate Commissioner McNabb for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. MOTION carries 5-0.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2016 Meeting of the PRC.

MOTION made by Vice Chair McNabb to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bogner. MOTION carries 5-0.

7. Public Comments

1. Mark Korando, Costa Mesa, spoke on the accessibility at Lions Park and park signage.
2. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke on sober living homes, the Fairview Park Master Plan, measure AA, and her expectations of the new Commissioners.
3. Flo Martin, Costa Mesa, spoke on previous restoration of Wilson Park, removal of picnic tables and benches from Wilson Park, homelessness at Wilson Park, and requested reinstallation of picnic tables and benches at Wilson Park.
4. Ed Guilmette, Costa Mesa, spoke on urban mushing and requested to have the item agendaized.
5. Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, spoke on the PRC Agenda layout, park district assignment, and spoke on and played a video on vernal pool number four.
6. Mary Tengdin, Costa Mesa, spoke on urban mushing and requested to have the item agendaized.
7. Skieth De Wine, Costa Mesa, spoke on his involvement with the arts in the City of Santa Ana, his current Costa Mesa art projects, and park district assignment.
8. Steven Chan, Costa Mesa, spoke on park district assignment.

Chair Pederson advised Public Speaker Steven Chan that Commissioner Park District Assignments was an agenda item and public comment on this item should be held until then.

8. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Reynolds expressed her eagerness to serve, spoke on the lack of representation for the West side, and discussed the Great American Write-In community event.

Commissioner Bogner thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve, congratulated Chair Pederson and Vice Chair McNabb, spoke on the equal ground of all PRC Commissioners, expressed sympathy with Public Speaker Flo Martin and suggested revisiting homeless issues at Wilson Park, requested City Staff to research urban musing issues, requested a status update on lights at Kaiser and the lighting feasibility study, and requested a status update on trees throughout the City.

Vice Chair McNabb thanked her family, City Council, City staff, and Costa Mesa voters and spoke on her focus as potential District 2 Commissioner, spoke on community ideas, announced potential District 2 ambassador Lulu, advised looking forward to speaking with residents and is available by email, and suggested gardeners to consider planting milkweed to assist the monarch butterflies.

Commissioner Ersoylu spoke on previous park equity work in Santa Ana, future district distribution, grant opportunities, and requested urban musing to be agendized.

Chair Pederson thanked City Council, spoke on his employment with the City of Newport Beach, spoke on agendizing the NMUSD liaison, requested report on street trees, Fairview Park as related to Measure AA, the [Open Space] Master Plan, hearing more on urban musing issues, equal status of PRC Commissioners, and congratulated fellow Commissioners.

9. Consent Calendar

a) Instructional Class Proposal

MOTION made by Vice Chair McNabb to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Bogner. MOTION carries 5-0.

10. Old Business

No items.

11. New Business

a) Commissioner Park District Assignments

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Discussion ensued on the decision making process behind staff recommendations, ownership of Balearic Park, other park area assignments, collaboration of Commissioners regarding park district assignments, responsibilities of park district representatives, accessibility of Commissioners to assigned park districts, Commissioner ability to change existing park districts, future park district rotations, switching districts with fellow Commissioners, and a potential liaison for Fairview Park.

Commissioner Bogner advised of her proximity to Wilson Park and requested to not be in a park district with Wilson Park due to public perception, requested to not be responsible for Fairview Park, and spoke on the equal importance of all parks and her goal to increase park safety.

Public Comments

1. Julie Fowler, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of staff recommendations for Commissioner Park District Assignments.
2. Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, spoke against staff recommendations for Commissioner Park District Assignments and recommended Commissioner Reynolds for park district five.
3. Steven Chan, Costa Mesa, spoke against staff recommendations for Commissioner Park District Assignments.
4. Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, spoke in favor of staff recommendations for Commissioner Park District Assignments.
5. Mark Korando, Costa Mesa, spoke on Commissioner collaborations between park districts.

Discussion ensued on previous liaisons for Fairview Park, potential district changes in 2018, and encouragement of residents to contact Commissioners.

Commissioner Reynolds requested consideration of park assignments based on proximity, suggesting that a commissioner's proximity to his/her assigned parks enhances accessibility to the public. Commissioner Reynolds expressed interest in park district five because of her geographic location and frequent presence in those parks.

Commissioner Bogner advised she will be happy with any district.

Commissioner Ersoylu spoke on her willingness to switch districts but advised doing so would not solve the overall representation issue.

MOTION made by Vice Chair McNabb to accept staff recommendation for the Commissioner Park District Assignments, seconded by Commissioner Bogner.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION made by Commissioner Reynolds to move Commissioner Reynolds to District 5, Vice Chair McNabb remain in District 2, move Commissioner Bogner to District 1, move Chair Pederson to District 4, and move Commissioner Ersoylu to District 3. Motion fails for lack of second.

Chair Pederson asked if the maker of the motion would be willing to accept a revisit to the issue after one year.

Vice Chair McNabb said she would be happy to revisit the issue in one year.

MOTION made by Vice Chair McNabb to accept staff recommendation for the Commissioner Park District Assignments, seconded by Commissioner Bogner.

MOTION carries 4-1, with Commissioner Reynolds against.

12. Maintenance and Parks Project Manager's Report

Mr. Bart Mejia and Mr. Thom Coughran present report.

Discussion ensued on pickup for fallen trees, continuation of ['Minor Expansion of Cell Tower Tower Site at] Shiffer Park', effect of Measure AA on current and previously approved projects at Fairview Park, availability of an online public resource for current and upcoming park projects, and Costa Mesa Connect as a resource for questions.

13. Recreation Manager's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

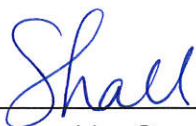
Discussion ensued on construction timeline for Lions Park and Neighborhood Community Center, expected downtime for Donald Dungan library, status of displaced groups, attendance for Presidents' Camp, facility and events revenue reporting, Senior Center Brown Bag program, joint meeting date and location with City Council and Planning Commission, Commissioner Park District reports, pool status during renovations, status request on Lions Park field closure, CPRS conference staff attendance and report, and potential Commissioner attendance at future CPRS conferences.

14. Adjournment

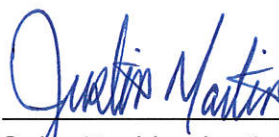
Chair Pederson thanked and congratulated new PRC Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pederson at 8:24 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting Of The Parks And Recreation Commission
is on Thursday, March 23, 2017**



Prepared by Samantha Hall
PRC Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Recreation Manager