

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
July 27, 2017; 6:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Pederson at 6:00 p.m. on July 27, 2017 at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Reynolds
3. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD; Vice Chair McNabb; Chair Pederson; Commissioner Reynolds

Absent: Commissioner Bogner

Staff Present: Thom Coughran, Interim Maintenance Services Manager; Justin Martin, Parks and Community Services Director; Marian Traylor, Deputy City Clerk; Allison Burch, Administrative Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 22, 2017 Meeting of the PRC**

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Reynolds moves to approve the minutes/Seconded by Chair Pederson, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD, Vice Chair McNabb, Chair Pederson, Commissioner Reynolds

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Bogner

Motion Carried: 4-0-1

5. **Public Comments**

1. Lea Lowe, Costa Mesa, thanked City staff for assistance at 2017 Concerts in the Park.
2. Kim Hendricks, Costa Mesa, spoke regarding delineating the vernal pools and of the illegally graded canyon at Fairview Park. Asked Commissioner Ersoylu to follow up with U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the vehicle invasion at Fairview Park.
3. Resident, Costa Mesa, spoke of absent east side commissioner representative. Thanked commission for inquiring about cell phone tower moratorium in parks. Spoke about wires being installed above ground in College Park neighborhood.
4. Rocky Evans, Costa Mesa, spoke about extending hours at the Costa Mesa Skate Park. Spoke regarding being interested in volunteering during skate park expansion design process.

6. Commissioner Comments

Chair Pederson – Spoke of skate park incident and requests that it would be beneficial for the local skate industry representatives to become increasingly involved with the skate community in Costa Mesa. Chair Pederson is requesting to have a study session with Bikeway and Walkability Committee and/or have a presentation be given at a Commission Meeting. Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Genis for informal park tour and meeting with City Manager Tom Hatch. Invites public to Lions Park Projects Groundbreaking Ceremony and speaks about the positive impact the project will have on the community.

Vice Chair McNabb – Thanked Costa Mesa Foundation for the Concerts in the Park series. Asked staff for a status update for the vernal pools at Fairview Park and the communication between the City and U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife. Speaks about her very positive experience at Camp Costa Mesa in Estancia Park. Thanked staff for the fast response time with Costa Mesa Connect.

Commissioner Ersoylu – Encourages the public to attend the Lions Park Projects Groundbreaking Ceremony on Friday, July 28th.

Commissioner Reynolds – Congratulated the Costa Mesa Foundation on the success of the Concerts in the Park series. Speaks about also being interested in meeting with the Bikeway and Walkability Committee. Inquired about the following items: expansion of the skate park, Fairview Park Steering Committee, frequency of which staff is visiting parks, and tree removal policies.

Chair Pederson shared an email statement written by Commission Bogner about the incident at the Costa Mesa Skate Park and asked staff for an update on Brentwood Park.

7. Consent Calendar

a) Instructional Class Proposal

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair McNabb moves to approve the Consent Calendar/Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD, Commissioner Reynolds.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Bogner

Motion Carried: 4-0-1

8. Old Business

No Items

9. New Business

a. Tree Removal Request - 3094 Murray Lane

Mr. Thom Coughran presents report.

Chair Pederson asked the commission if all were comfortable moving forward with the item since the City received the patron's notice as a return to sender (house is vacant due to remodel). The commission moved forward with the item.

Commissioner Reynolds clarified that the tree removal is a category 2, meaning the owner pays all expenses and is responsible to pay for three trees to be planted.

Public Comment

"Resident", Costa Mesa, asked for clarification on reason for tree removal request. Referenced a concern of a tree on the corner Fullerton/Orange that appears to be dying.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Pederson moves to approve the tree removal request as a category 2 removal/Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD, Commissioner Reynolds.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Bogner

Motion carried: 4-0-1

b. Tree Removal Request – 3033 Capri Lane

Mr. Thom Coughran presents report.

Public Comment

1. Ron Robertson (Tree Removal Applicant), Costa Mesa, spoke on his tree removal request.

Chair Pederson closed Public Comment.

Discussion on specific tree species not being on the "recommended" list follows, and also being classified as the type of tree that is considered to be a "nuisance".

Ron Robertson (Tree Removal Applicant) reproaches podium and clarifies that his warranty would be void if roots come into his sewer lateral.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair McNabb moves to approve tree removal request as a Category 2 at the cost of the applicant/Seconded by Chair Pederson.

Discussion ensues on city trees as assets, inclination not to remove trees and clarification of the category system.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD moves to remove the tree that impacts the resident's sewer and the tree nearest to the resident's new tree site, but to deny removal of the third tree. MOTION fails for lack of second.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair McNabb moves to approve tree removal request as a Category 2 at the cost of the applicant/Seconded by Chair Pederson. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Pederson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds.

Nays: Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD

Absent: Commissioner Bogner

Motion Carried: 3-1-1

c. Tree Removal Request – 3117 Killarney Lane

Chair Pederson recuses himself from the item and exits the Dias because he resides within 500 feet of the address.

Mr. Thom Coughran presents report.

Commissioner Reynolds asks staff if the tree is common and if it is a recommended tree. Mr. Coughran answers yes, it is both a common and recommended tree.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Vice Chair McNabb closed Public Comment

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair McNabb moves to deny the tree removal request/Seconded by Commissioner Ersoylu. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Ersoylu, PhD

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Bogner

Recuse: Chair Pederson

Motion carried: 3-0-1-1

10. Parks and Community Services Director's Report

Mr. Justin Martin presents report.

Chair Pederson thanks Justin Martin and staff for Summer programming. Asked if programs that are not offered by the City are promoted. Mr. Martin explains staff is very knowledgeable and are able to give patrons information about programs that are not offered by the City.

Commissioner Ersoylu thanks Justin Martin for the update. Asked about camp waitlist numbers. Asked about ROCKS during the school year, and if staff can look into before school care and survey program parent to gain interest level. Asked staff if there is a way to extend the hours of Summer ROCKS; similar to what is done during the school year. Justin Martin explains staff is exploring different ways to allow for extended hours, but it is difficult due to the programs being either free of charge or offered at very reasonable prices.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pederson at 7:27 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of The Parks And Recreation Commission
is on Thursday, August 24, 2017**

Prepared by Allison Burch
PRC Secretary

Submitted by Justin Martin
Parks and Community Services Director