

CITY OF COSTA MESA
FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

FINAL AS AMMENDED MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Anna Vrska called meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
 - a. **Members Present:** Chair Anna Vrska, Vice Chair Andy Campbell, Members Cindy Black, Larry Courter, Kim Hendricks, Steve Smith, Alternate Cynthia McDonald
 - b. **Members Absent:** Alex Reich, Alternate Bill McCarty
 - c. **Liaisons Present:** Parks & Recreation Commissioner Chair Liz McNabb; Council Liaison Mayor Sandra Genis
 - d. **Liaisons Absent:** Parks & Recreation Commissioner Vice Chair Arlis Reynolds

2. **APPROVAL April 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Andy Campbell motions to approve minutes as amended, 2nd by Larry Courter; passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hank Castignetti advocates for more dog-leash signage at Fairview Park (FVP). He recommends that signs be placed at all park entrances, both vehicular and pedestrian.

Vice Chair Andy Campbell asks staff to provide the Committee with a map of all dog-leash signage in FVP.

Terry Koken states that he enjoyed the Fairview Park Alliance Earth Day Event.

Rick Huffman urges everyone to pay attention to, and vote for, Prop 68 which will provide state funds for clean water and open space/parks. He also mentions there will be a dedication for the new Arlington St. Bikeway on May 18th.

Phil Marsh, President of the Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club, states that the Club moved the Fish Fry event to September because U.S. Fish and Wildlife requested the event be moved out of bird nesting season at FVP. He states that the Club is a good steward of FVP and they would like to keep the Fish Fry there as long as they can. He says that he will take any recommendations about how they can improve trash removal from the event. He also states that the Club would provide a free booth at the event for the Committee, if they would like to promote anything.

Member Steve Smith recommends doubling the amount of trash cans for the Fish Fry to minimize litter and trash in FVP.

Sue Lester, member of the Lions Club, thanks the Committee for all their time and effort they put into preserving FVP. She asks for clarification of where U.S. Fish and Wildlife got the impression that the Club will be moving the Fish Fry from FVP in the future.

Member Kim Hendricks states that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has stated numerous times that they want the Fish Fry removed from Fairview Park. She states that the City will move the Fish Fry back to Lion's Park after construction is over.

Chair Anna Vrska requests that there be time set aside at a future meeting to discuss questions and concerns about public uses in FVP.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW FVP PART-TIME STAFF

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Cynthia introduces new part-time staff Matt Dimson and Maddy Letterman. She presents the current projects that Matt and Maddy are working on.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Measure AA Impacts on Existing Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's)

Chair Anna Vrska explained that there are two processes going on with regards to current CIP projects being discussed. One is that the City needs, for timing purposes, the Steering Committee to make recommendations on the CIP's compatibility with Measure AA, and two, that the Steering Committee is in process of reviewing the Master Plan to develop a clear mission and vision for FVP. To that end, the Measure AA recommendations may seem premature, but are necessary at the current time. Given this, the Chair and Vice Chair, working with staff, crafted a motion to consider, which addresses both concerns. The motion reads:

“As currently proposed, the project would (would not) require registered voters of Costa Mesa to decide whether or not the project should be implemented, *and* the Fairview Park Steering Committee does (does not) support this project being placed on a ballot as currently proposed.”

The Committee then considered each project as follows:

1. ADA walkway between parking lot and restrooms

The Committee was reminded by staff regarding a prior action that they had taken relative to Measure AA. The ADA walkway had been considered at the 11/8/2017 meeting where the Committee determined that construction of the project would require a Measure AA vote as designed.

2. Pacific Ave. Entry/Turnaround

The Committee reviewed the project overview. The motion: “As currently proposed, the project *would* require registered voters of Costa Mesa to decide whether or not the project should be implemented, and the Fairview Park Steering Committee *does not* support this project being placed on a ballot as currently proposed”, was made by Kim Hendricks, 2nd by Steve Smith, and passed unanimously.

3. Storm Drain Improvements – Canyon to Pacific Ave.

The Committee reviewed the project overview. The motion: “As currently proposed, the project *would* require registered voters of Costa Mesa to decide whether or not the project should be implemented, and the Fairview Park Steering Committee *does not* support this project being placed on a ballot as currently proposed” was made by Andy Campbell, 2nd by Kim Hendricks, and passed unanimously.

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4. North Bluff Trail & Habitat Restoration – State Grant

The Committee reviewed the project overview. The motion: “As currently proposed, the project *would* require registered voters of Costa Mesa to decide whether or not the project should be implemented, and the Fairview Park Steering Committee *does not* support this project being placed on the ballot as currently proposed” was made by Andy Campbell, 2nd by Kim Hendricks, and passed unanimously.

A motion was made for the project alternative proposed by the Committee at the February 14, 2018 meeting, which is dependent on State funding approval, be considered. The motion: “As currently proposed *in the alternative*, the project *would not* require registered voters of Costa Mesa to decide whether or not the project should be implemented, and the Fairview Park Steering Committee *does not* support this project being placed on the ballot as currently proposed” was made by Andy Campbell, 2nd by Larry Courter and passed unanimously.

5. Placentia Ave. Connector Trails – OCTA Grant

The motion: “As currently proposed, the project *would* require registered voters of Costa Mesa to decide whether or not the project would be implemented and the Fairview Park Steering Committee *does not* support this project being placed on a ballot as currently proposed” was made by Andy Campbell, 2nd by Steve Smith, and passed unanimously.

A motion for the Committee to not take action at this time on a project alternative proposed at the February 14, 2018 meeting, which is dependent on OCTA funding approval, was made by Cindy Black, 2nd by Larry Courter, and passed unanimously.

b. Vernal Pool Fencing Subcommittee Update

Cynthia D’Agosta requests that for future meetings, slides/information being presented by Committee members during a meeting, should be sent to staff ahead of time, so that it can be included with the agenda packet.

Cindy Black provides a presentation representing the majority perspective (2 out of 3 members) of the Subcommittee’s recommendation for the fencing at the northern end of vernal pool 1. Cindy states that the proposal will protect the vernal pool along with providing access to the public. The proposal is based on a recommendation from U.S. Fish and Wildlife in a 2014 letter to Mr. Bart Mejia for fencing of the vernal pools. She illustrates with slides how the fill/debris around the vernal pool is impeding on the vernal pool’s watershed and that the natural flow has been altered.

Chair Anna Vrska motions to move the meeting beyond 8 p.m., 2nd by Vice Chair Andy Campbell with no opposition.

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Vice Chair and Subcommittee member Andy Campbell provides a presentation based on the minority perspective (1 out of 3 members) of the Subcommittee's recommendation for the fencing at the northern end of vernal pool 1. The recommendation is for subtle changes only, to the Glen Lukos Associates recommendation. Andy states that the debris surrounding the vernal pool has altered its hydrology, and that this area north of the pool is still disturbed and not in a natural condition that would remain following debris removal/site restoration. Andy presents historical slides of vernal pool 1, demonstrating the potential restoration area. He states that once the activity of removing the debris is completed, the watershed will once again drain the north area towards vernal pool 1, and the small pools indicated by the majority opinion would cease to exist.

Cynthia D'Agosta states that the current fencing determined by Glenn Lukos & Associates (GLA) and currently being used as a baseline, has been approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife in 2016-17 timeframe.

The item was continued to a future meeting for additional discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Master Plan June Panel on Restoration

Cynthia D'Agosta outlines the June 2018 Steering Committee meeting. She states that the planned restoration panel will be a part of the regularly scheduled meeting, and that the location will be moved to the City Council Chambers to accommodate more members of the public. An email describing the panel discussion will be sent by staff to respective organizations to be posted on social media.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Cynthia D'Agosta says she will do another briefing at a future meeting, to address questions and comments that have recently been asked.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Kim Hendricks states she has a few problems with the restoration plan for vernal pools 5 & 6 created by Glenn Lukos and Associates (GLA). She asks why GLA declassified vernal pool 7; and says she is currently contacting U.S. Fish and Wildlife about the previous parking lot in pool 7. She also states that she unhappy with the City for not finding more accommodating locations for the Fish Fry.

Larry Courter expresses the need to identify a non-profit that supports FVP in the way that is successful at Madrone Marsh in Torrance, which will get more public involved. He asks for Cynthia to share her experience with the City of Torrance and Madrone Marsh at a future meeting.

Cynthia McDonald shares that at the last meeting of the Bike and Walkability Committee the feasible of turning the stairs located on Canary Dr. into a ramp was **taken off the map**. Based on

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the City's initial analysis, if that were to take place, there would be encroachment into Fairview Park.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 p.m. by Chair Anna Vrska.

Next Regular Meeting: June 13, 2018 6:00 p.m. Costa Mesa City Hall Chambers.