

**CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Vice Chair Andy Campbell called meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.**
  - a. Members Present:** Chair Anna Vrska, Vice Chair Andy Campbell, Members Cindy Black, Kim Hendricks, Alex Reich, Steve Smith, Alternate Cynthia McDonald, Alternate Bill McCarty
  - b. Members Absent:** Larry Courter
  - c. Liaisons Present:** Parks & Recreation Commissioner Vice Chair Arlis Reynolds; Council Liaison Mayor Sandra Genis
  - d. Liaisons Absent:** Parks & Recreation Commissioner Liz McNabb
  
- 2. APPROVAL June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Alex Reich motions to approve minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Smith; passed unanimously.
  
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Terry Russ, a Mesa Verde resident, states she wants the cattail, bulrush, and other unkempt plants in the riparian area to be cut, so the public can have better views of the ponds.
  
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. OCME Land Use at FVP**

Cynthia D’Agosta states that OCME’s contract expires in September and that staff has been working with OCME on the language for contract renewal. The renewal calls for a 15-year contract with two 5-year extensions. Ms. D’Agosta explains that the Committee should make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the appropriateness of OCME’s use of FVP, and that the use is compliant with the Master Plan (MP) and Measure AA. The contract will go before the Parks & Recreation Commission on July 26<sup>th</sup>, and the City Council on August 7<sup>th</sup> for approval.

Hank Castignetti, representing OCME, speaks on how the organization is compliant with the Master Plan and with standards of Measure AA. Discussion was ensued by committee members.

Alex Reich motions to approve OCME land use, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Smith. Cindy Black created a substitute motion to approve the existing land use and state that it is in accordance to Measure AA. Andy Campbell amends the substitute motion to approve OCME’s continued land use as consistent with the Master Plan and that it does not trigger a vote of Measure AA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Smith; passes unanimously.
  
  - b. Master Plan Discussion – Public Use**

Cynthia D’Agosta introduces the item by asking that she be able to speak to Items 4.b. and 5.a. together as they are linked in the processes for future discussions. Tonight’s handout for Item 4.b. that indexes the reading sections of the MP for Public Use, is the most- lengthy of all sections we have read to date. This topic, as well as three others need more time for further review and editing to capture conversations held by the SC. The three other topics are: Restoration, Park Improvements, and Funding. This then, leads into discussion of Item 5.a.

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**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Next steps – Restoration Planning**

Cynthia explains a proposal for next steps process to review and edit the information for each of the MP sections, and introduces the concept of tying this work into the SC's Year End Report to the City Council, which is due in September/October timeframe. She proposes taking August and September to put the information together in all four categories by editing the MP text, having sub-committees conduct some work, and having a group planning session at the August SC meeting. She will be asking Committee members to assist with this work.

Anna Vrska voices support for the process Cynthia is recommending, summarizing that the SC inherited a lot of items over the last year that delayed the process of putting together a common understanding of the MP and direction for implementation, but that the Committee is now at a point of being able to do so by the end of the year.

**b. Vernal Pool Fencing Subcommittee Update**

Bart Mejia states it is not required to install temporary fencing around Vernal Pool #1. Discussion is ensued by committee members towards the installation of temporary fencing around Vernal Pool #1. Alex Reich motions to direct staff to evaluate creating obstructions to prevent use of user-defined trails in vulnerable areas to the ponds, no 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion dies. Kim Hendricks motions to use green, temporary, wire stakes around the green line in the Glenn Lukos vernal pool diagram agreed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife; Andy amends the motion to move the northern-most edge of fencing plus or minus five feet to incorporate the last trail, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Reich. Cindy Black makes a substitute motion to differ delineation until a comprehensive restoration plan has been made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Hendricks; motion approved 5-1; opposed Alex Reich.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Cynthia D'Agosta discusses having a future conversation dedicated to the wetlands. Next, she confirms the decisions made by the City Council at July 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting, on the previously discussed Capital Improvement Projects. Discussion ensued by members about Capital Improvement Projects. Cynthia D'Agosta provides an update of the Coastal Conservancy grant previously mentioned in the June 2018 steering meeting.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Cindy Black comments on the grant awarded by State Parks and Recreation for restoration on vernal pools 5 and 6. She discusses the current actions for the previously installed, decomposed granite path in vernal pool 5 and 6.

Steve Smith comments on the renewal process of OCME and thanks the organization for good work.

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Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Arlis Reynolds comments on the earlier discussion of the vernal pool fencing and on the Capital Improvement Projects and future grants.

Cynthia McDonald comments on the public use survey.

Mayor Sandra Genis comments on Christian Redman's Eagle Scout Project and future restoration needs in the park. She discusses applying for a conservation easement for all of FVP.

Kim Hendricks comments on the Capital Improvement Projects. She asks why the City has not made an attempt to relocate the Fish Fry from Fairview Park. She asks why the City wants to reclassify vernal pool 7 instead of restoring it. She discusses the need for creation of a restoration plan.

Alex Reich motions to move the meeting beyond 8 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy Campbell with no opposition.

Alex Reich comments on the Fish Fry, on the renewal process of OCME, future restoration work, and he comments on fees for the Pancake Race being waived by the City.

Andy Campbell discusses alternative options for the storm drain project and in general on the drainage of the park being compromised.

Bill McCarty comments on making a restoration plan, on the renewal process of OCME, and on the Pacific Ave. turnaround Capital Improvement Project.

**8. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Vice Chair Andy Campbell.**

**Next Regular Meeting: August 8, 2018 at Costa Mesa City Hall Rm 1A.**