

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

February 27, 2008

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on February 27, 2008 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Graham.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Robert Graham

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Kurt M. Galitski

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Robert Graham
Vice Chairman Kurt M. Galitski
Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh
Commissioner Terry Shaw

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Mark Harris

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services
Mr. Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Robert Staples, Fairview Park Plan Administrator

4. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Mr. Peter Naghavi presented the report.

Chairman Robert Graham declared the position of Chairman vacant.

Public input was requested by Commissioner Robert Graham on the selection of a Chairman. No public input was received.

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to approve the nomination of Kurt M. Galitski for Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski declared the position of Vice Chairman vacant.

Public input was requested by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski on the selection of a Vice Chairman. No public input was received.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to approve the nomination of Mike Brumbaugh for Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2008 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

6. Oral Communications

Public Comment:

- 1) Mr. James R. White
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. White addressed his concerns to the Commission on a tree removal request for the Broadway Sidewalk Project. Mr. White would like for the tree to be removed at 493 Broadway and he supports the Broadway Sidewalk Project (agenda item 10b).

7. **Consent Calendar**

No items.

8. **Public Hearing**

No items.

9. **Old Business**

No items.

10. **New Business**

10a. **Joann Street Bike Trail**

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation. Mr. Peter Naghavi and Mr. Bruce Hartley were also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia ensued on staff's recommendation for the types of fencing to be installed for Segments 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the project.

Discussion among Commissioner Robert Graham, Mr. Mejia and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not the type of water to be used would be reclaimed or domestic.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Mejia occurred on whether or not the wrought iron fencing removed from Segment 3 would be re-used for this project.

Public Comment:

- 1) Jim Fitzpatrick
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Fitzpatrick addressed his concerns to the Commission on the Joann Street Bike Trail project.
- 2) Dan Fraser
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Fraser addressed his concerns to the Commission in regards to the Joann Street Bike Trail project. He suggested that the Commission select wrought iron fencing or the green vinyl coated chain link fencing for Segment 4 of the project.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Mejia occurred on the proposed landscaping for the project, and on whether or not a pedestrian and/or bike trail access would be installed from the Joann Street Bike Trail to Harbor Boulevard.

Discussion among Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Mr. Mejia and Mr. Hartley ensued on the access points and barriers, and on the type of fencing to be installed for the project.

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to recommend the following to the City Council:

1. **To install wrought iron fencing for approximately 100 L.F. west of Harbor Boulevard, Segment 1, and to install vinyl coated chain link fencing for Segments 2, 3 and 4 for the south side of the Joann Street Bike Trail.**
2. **To move up the construction of landscape and irrigation improvements on the west side of Harbor Boulevard from north of 2299 Harbor Boulevard to Fair Drive from its current ranking on the priority list.**

Also, to approve the following:

1. **The proposed planting palette for the project.**
2. **The removal of existing trees where necessary within the project limits.**

10b. Tree Removal Request - Broadway Sidewalk Project

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation. Mr. Peter Naghavi and Mr. Bruce Hartley were also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Mejia took place on the mailbox access for property owners, and on the width of the new sidewalk to be installed.

Public Comment:

- 1) Danielle Barton
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Barton voiced her concerns and concerns of other homeowner's residing on the 400 block of Broadway to the Commission in regards to the Broadway Sidewalk Project. She requested that the Commission consider having staff and homeowner's work together in the selection of replacement tree species for the project.

Also, Ms. Barton asked that the Commission consider replanting larger trees and that the homeowner's are willing to pay for the difference in cost to install larger trees on Broadway.

- 2) Jim Fitzpatrick
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Fitzpatrick addressed the Commission on the Broadway Sidewalk Project. He is in favor of the project, and he recommended that the Commission have staff work with homeowner's on the selection of tree species for replanting.
- 3) Stephan Cudich
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Cudich voiced his concerns to the Commission in regards to the Broadway Sidewalk Project.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia occurred on the contact information and process for the relocation of the mailboxes.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley ensued on the process for selecting tree species to be replanted.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on the process to notice residents in the area to select a tree species for replanting.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on the replanting of trees for this project.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on noticing property owner's on the replanting of trees along Broadway.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris being absent, to approve the following:

1. **The removal of fifteen (15) parkway trees located in the public right-of-way along Broadway from Raymond Avenue to Irvine Avenue.**
2. **To plant fifteen (15) trees in the subject area (24-inch box size) with the approved species for the specific street and an additional thirty (30) trees (15-gallon size) at various locations to be determined by the City Arborist.**
3. **For staff to work with property owners on the selection of tree species to be replanted and for larger trees to be replanted at the property owner's option and expense.**

10c. Proposal to Use a Portion of Fairview Park for a Civil War Reenactment

Mr. Robert Staples presented the report. Mr. Paul DeNubilo, representative for the American Civil War Society Inc., made a power point presentation and was available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. DeNubilo ensued on whether or not the site was toured in order to ensure that the facility is adequate to hold the event.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Staples took place on the irrigation system.

Discussion among Commissioner Terry Shaw, Mr. Staples and Mr. DeNubilo occurred on whether or not fencing would be used around the encampment, and on the type of fencing to be used.

Discussion among Commissioner Terry Shaw, Mr. Staples and Mr. DeNubilo ensued on whether or not there will be crowd control for the event.

Discussion among Commissioner Terry Shaw, Mr. Staples and Mr. DeNubilo took place on whether or not residents within the vicinity will be notified about the event.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. DeNubilo occurred on vendor fees and information booths.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. DeNubilo ensued on membership demographics and spectators expected to attend the event.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. DeNubilo took place on whether or not a special discount rate will be offered to Costa Mesa residents.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski. No public comments were received.

Commissioner's Comments are:

- **Commissioner Robert Graham said that he is interested in having this event move forward and to have the event scaled to the size of the facility (Fairview Park).**
- **Commissioner Terry Shaw said that he is in favor of having this event take place. Also, to have staff ensure that the proper permits have been obtained, for property owners within the vicinity of Fairview Park to be notified about the event, and to offer a discount for residents of Costa Mesa.**
- **Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh said that this event will be great for the community and to have staff ensure that the proper permits have been obtained in order for this event to move forward.**
- **Chairman Kurt M. Galitski said that he is excited to have the event held in Costa Mesa and to recommend that residents of Costa Mesa are offered a \$2.00 discount for the event.**

11. Maintenance Services Manager's Report

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation on the following topics:

- Palm Trimming Program
- Pine Tree Trimming Program
- District Tree Trimming Program
- Tree Planting and Removal Projects
- Root Pruning and Barriers
- Recycle Mulch
- Young Tree Care
- Cost Recovery Program
- Tree Inventory
- Geographical Information System (GIS) Application
- Maintenance Services Division Web Page

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on palm trees and on growth limitations for palm trees.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley ensued on tree statistics for City trees and on the evaluation status for the use of bio-barrier treatment.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not the City has programs in place to educate the community on trees.

12. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced the following:

- The Costa Mesa Community News and Recreation Review is now available for the months of March-June.
- Mesa Consolidated District is hosting a Complete Landscape Workshop on March 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information and to set a reservation call (949) 631-1205.
- The Costa Mesa Historical Society (1870 Anaheim Street, Costa Mesa) will have Don Steger, owner of the De Lorean Motor Company, speak on all things De Lorean on March 16 at 2:00 p.m. For more information call (949) 631-5918.
- There will be no Paws Around the Park event this year.
- The Spring Wildflower Walk at Fairview Park will be on April 5 at 9:00 a.m. The tour will be conducted by Orange County Native Plant Society Member Sarah Jayne.
- The "Neighbors for Neighbors" Neighborhood and Fairview Park Spring Clean-Up event is scheduled for April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Circle of Service nominations are being accepted until March 5. For more information, please call (714) 754-7525.
- Mayor Eric R. Bever is calling for businesses, community organizations, and individuals to volunteer for the Talking Page Literacy Program. For more information, call (714) 754-5225.

Commissioner Terry Shaw also thanked staff for the work done at the Costa Mesa Historical Society.

Commissioner Robert Graham requested to agendize the installation of a proper walkway in order to access a user define trail at the end of Canary Street.

Commissioner Robert Graham requested to agendize providing public access to the pedestrian and/or bike trail from Gisler to Fairview Park along the Santa Ana River.

Commissioner Robert Graham thanked staff and congratulated Commissioner Kurt M. Galitski on his position as Chairman.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh thanked Commissioner Robert Graham for his leadership as former Chairman.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh mentioned that the Joann Street Bike Trail project is a step in beautifying the city.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh said that the Santa Ana River Trail Study is a great opportunity for the community; however, he recommends that the existing safety issues be addressed first before enhancing and revitalizing the trail.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh believes that the joint venture between Orange County and the City to possibly patrol and/or take care of the trails is a step in the right direction.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski thanked Commissioner Robert Graham for his year of service as Chairman.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski announced that the Costa Mesa Little League Opening Day will be on Saturday, March 1.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **8:45 p.m.** to the regular Study Session on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:

PETER NAGHAVI
Director of Public Services