

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

**April 23, 2008**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on April 23, 2008 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski.

**1. Call to Order: Chairman Kurt M. Galitski**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Mark Harris**

**3. Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Absent:     None.

Officials Present:           Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services  
  Mr. Stephen N. Mandoki, Director of Administrative Services  
  Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager  
  Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager  
  Mr. Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the March 26, 2008 Meeting**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried five to zero, for the Commission, at the May 28, 2008 meeting, to reconsider the motions made and adopted at the meeting of March 26, 2008 with regards to keeping Estancia, Vista, and Heller Parks on a short list of possible pocket skate parks.**

Public Comment:

- 1) Cathy Murphy  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Murphy addressed the Commission in regards to Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh's motion. She is in agreement to have the Commission reconsider having pocket skate parks in various City parks.

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried five to zero, to continue agenda item 8b (Review of Possible Pocket Skate Parks at Various City Parks) to the Commission meeting of May 28, 2008 to discuss all the sites suggested by the City Council and the Commission at the same time.**

Public Comment:

- 1) Lorna Petesorni  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Petesorni voiced her concerns to the Commission in regards to Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh's motion to discuss all the possible sites for a pocket skate park at the May 28, 2008 meeting.
- 2) Ray Ott  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Ott suggested that the Commission keep in mind that many of the parks are neighborhood parks.

**Motion made by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried five to zero, to request that City Council reopen discussions regarding the skate park agenda at Lions and Fairview Parks.**

Public Comment:

- 1) Marti Omara  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Ms. Omara voiced her concerns to the Commission in regards to pocket skate parks. She suggested that the Commission considers Lions and Fairview Parks as a possible site for a skate park.
- 2) Darnell Wyrick  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Wyrick addressed the Commission in reference to pocket skate parks. He recommends that the Commission considers installing a skate park at Lions Park or Fairview Park.
- 3) Rod Milburn  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Milburn voiced his concerns to the Commission in regards to Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh's motion to reopen discussions to install a skate park at Lions Park and Fairview Park. He believes that it is pointless for the Commission to move forward with this motion.

Mr. Peter Naghavi provided the Commission clarification on the City's notification process for public hearings.

## **5. Oral Communications**

Public Comments:

- 1) Mark Arblaster  
President, Newport Mesa Soccer Club  
Mr. Arblaster voiced his concerns to the Commission. He suggested that the Commission consider purchasing more temporary portable lights because of the shortage of lit fields in Costa Mesa.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Arblaster took place on the current status of lit fields for the organization.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Arblaster occurred on possible recommendations to resolve the shortage of lit fields.

- 2) Mike Foss  
Resident, Costa Mesa  
Mr. Foss addressed the Commission on whether or not there is a great need to install a second skate park in Costa Mesa.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Commissioner Terry Shaw, Ms. Ransom, and Mr. Foss ensued on the facility needs summary found in the Update of Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation, which was approved by the City Council on January 21, 2003.

**6. Consent Calendar**

No items.

**7. Public Hearing**

No items.

**8. Old Business**

**8a. Paularino Park Update and Recommendations for Other Park Designations**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to continue agenda item 8a (Paularino Park Update and Recommendations for Other Park Designations) to the first regular Commission meeting after the Commission has completed touring City parks before making a recommendation to City Council on City park designations as passive, mixed use, or active use parks.**

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

**8b. Review of Possible Pocket Skate Parks at Various City Parks**

**9. New Business**

**9a. Tree Removal Request – 3134 Barbados Place**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley occurred on the root growth of the *Melaleuca* tree, on the findings from the video submitted by the applicant, and on the City's guidelines for tree removal requests.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Hartley took place on types of documentations provided to staff by an applicant for a tree removal request.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on the tree removal and replacement costs.

Public Comment:

- 1) Sam Chong  
Applicant

Mr. Chong addressed the Commission on his tree removal request.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Mr. Naghavi, and Mr. Chong took place on a cost sharing program offered by the Costa Mesa Sanitary District for residents.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Chong occurred on the costs associated with the tree removal request.

Discussion among Commissioner Terry Shaw, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Chong ensued on the replacement tree and on the location for the replacement tree.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on clarifying property lines where the homeowner's property ends and the City property begins.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Chong occurred on the location for a replacement tree.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Chong ensued on whether or not the property is a rental.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not there was public notification for the tree removal request.

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, and failed two to three with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Commissioner Terry Shaw and Commissioner Robert Graham voting "No", to authorize the removal of the tree located at 3134 Barbados Place, per the Standards, Section 4.0.1 - Health and Safety Removals, at no cost to the applicant. Also, to have staff work with the applicant on a selection for a replacement tree to be planted at the property.**

**Substitute Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, dies for a lack of second, to deny the request for the removal of one City owned parkway tree located at 3134 Barbados Place.**

**New Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and failed one to four with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh, Commissioner Mark Harris and Commissioner Robert Graham voting "No", to authorize the removal of the tree, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 - Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be replanted at 3134 Barbados Place, or elsewhere on public property and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be provided to the City to be planted elsewhere on public property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.**

**Second Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, dies for a lack of second, to deny the tree removal request.**

**Third Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried four to one with Commissioner Robert Graham voting "No", to authorize the removal of one City owned parkway *Melaleuca* tree located at 3134 Barbados Place, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.1 - Health and Safety Removals, at no cost to the applicant. Also, at the applicant's expense, the applicant will provide the City with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on public property at staff's discretion.**

**9b. Tree Removal Request - Shalimar Cul-De-Sac Project**

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Naghavi took place on whether or not there may be sewer lateral leakage found during the project.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not trees will be trimmed on Shalimar Street.

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

**Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, seconded by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and carried five to zero, to approve the following:**

- 1) The removal of six (6) parkway trees located in the public right-of-way on Shalimar Drive at Pomona Avenue; and,**
- 2) The planting of six (6) trees in the subject area with the approved species for the specific street, and an additional 12 (15 gallon-size) trees at various locations to be determined by the City Arborist.**

**9c. Review of Proposed Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 through 2014-2015**

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

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Mejia ensued on the status of the projected goal for Brentwood Park.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley took place on the cost for park improvements.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Hartley occurred on possibly installing a rock climbing equipment in the park.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Naghavi ensued on whether or not funding for tree removal request, under 4.0-Parkway Tree Removal/Replacement (Category 1 or 3) of the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, is part of the Capital Improvement Program.

Discussion among Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Mr. Hartley and Mr. Naghavi took place on the expenditures in the City's operational budget in reference to Park Maintenance.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Naghavi occurred on the budget for the Joann Street Bike Trail project.

Public Comment:

- 1) Mark Arblaster  
President, Newport-Mesa Soccer Club  
Discussion between Mr. Arblaster and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not the purchase of portable lights would fall under capital improvement or capital equipment in the budget.

Also, Mr. Arblaster addressed the Commission on projected park improvements, and he suggested that the Commission consider installing an interchangeable facility in the parks.

Commissioner Mark Harris is happy to see that the sidewalk improvement program is still in place.

**Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried five to zero, to approve and recommend the following to the City Council:**

- 1) **The proposed FY 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it relates to Park Maintenance, Park Improvements, and Priority Sidewalk Repair; and,**
- 2) **The proposed 7-Year Capital Improvement Program as it pertains to the categories of Curbs and Sidewalks, Community Health and Environment, and Leisure and Community Services.**

## **10. Parks Project Manager's Report**

Mr. Bart Mejia made a power point presentation on the following projects:

- Fairview Park - Restoration of Area D
- Fairview Park - Fairview Channel Multipurpose Trail
- Fairview Park - Parking Lot Slurry Seal
- Fairview Park - Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project
- Joann Street Bike Trail
- Fairview Developmental Center (Phase I)
- Master Plans and Conceptual Designs for Costa Mesa High School, Davis School and TeWinkle/California Schools
- Brentwood Park
- Angels Playground at TeWinkle Park

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Mejia occurred on the type of surface to be installed for the bike trails between Placentia and Canyon.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Mejia ensued on the status of the grant with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

## 11. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced the following:

- A Costa Mesa Community Run event will be held on Saturday, April 26, in celebration of the grand opening for the new Newport-Mesa Unified School District stadium at Estancia High School. Activities scheduled for the day are: an aerobic warm-up; health fair and pancake breakfast; 2K fun run; 5K "Goat Hill Dash"; and, an awards ceremony.
- Arbor Day event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, at TeWinkle Park from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- On May 1, the National Day of Prayer event will be held at City Hall near the flag pole
- The Costa Mesa Historical Society (1870 Anaheim Street) will be having their Annual Open House at the museum on May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Barbara Phillips will be speaking on World War II-The Civilian Story. For more information, call (949) 631-5918 or visit the website at [www.costamesahistory.org](http://www.costamesahistory.org).

Commissioner Terry Shaw also read an article out loud, from the Orange County Register, about Doggie Walk Bag Dispensers, which was founded by Chris Crosson 20 years ago.

Commissioner Robert Graham is concerned with the number of trees that are being removed in the City. He would like to see some type of notice to address this issue by promoting tree growth and planting in the City's publication.

Commissioner Robert Graham recommends that more trash signage and trash containers be installed at Estancia Park.

Commissioner Robert Graham asked staff to look into the status for a tree replacement to be planted at Tanager and Canary.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley took place on the status for replacement trees for the Mesa Verde Drive medians.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not the public is invited to volunteer with the tree planting for the Mesa Verde Drive Median and/or TeWinkle Park projects.

Commissioner Robert Graham requested that staff look into a hole that was cut in the fence at Parsons Field, and he suggested that staff work with the School District to possibly install a permanent gated entrance rather than repairing the fence.

Commissioner Robert Graham also thanked staff for their work and his fellow Commissioners.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Mr. Naghavi, and Mr. Hartley occurred on whether or not the City will beautify the area on Newport Boulevard between 20th Street and Bay.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Ms. Ransom took place on the Park Ranger's Program.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not the Park Ranger's fall under the Police Department's budget.

Commissioner Mark Harris requested that staff look into whether or not a bounce house company and/or companies have been permitted to be at Shiffer Park these past few months.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Ms. Ransom, and Ms. Joyce Santos occurred on the City's bounce house policy.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh announced an article that he came across in the Daily Pilot, dated April 2, 2008, about the Harper Bumblebees. He recognizes and commends Ms. Kathy Murphy for setting up the sports league for Newport-Mesa Unified School District preschoolers for autistic children.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski mentioned that the official Grand Opening for the beautiful state-of-the-art stadium at Estancia High School is scheduled for Friday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. and that the public is invited. He also announced that the public will have the opportunity to purchase a brick on Saturday, April 26. Inscriptions for the brick are also accepted. Bricks will be sold by Costa Mesa United for \$100.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **9:10 p.m.** to the Study Session for a park tour; schedule to be determined.

The next regular scheduled Study Session is on Wednesday, May 28, 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:

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**PETER NAGHAVI**  
Director of Public Services