

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

June 25, 2008

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 25, 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: Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh

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
Mr. Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Ms. Jana M. Ransom, Recreation Manager
Mr. Mike Brandenburger, Assistant Recreation Supervisor

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 28, 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Mark Harris abstained from voting on the minutes because he was not in attendance at the May 28, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shaw, second by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried four to zero with Commissioner Mark Harris abstaining from voting, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Presentation

5a. Chairperson Award

5b. Park Ranger's Program Overview

Motion made by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, second by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried five to zero, to continue agenda item 9b (Designating Parks and Park Areas for Passive, Mixed or Active Use) to the July 23, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Public Comment:

1. Judi Berry
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Berry voiced her concerns to the Commission on Canyon Park and Vista Park. She recommended that the Commission designate Canyon and Vista Parks as passive parks.

2. Mike Berry
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Berry addressed the Commission on designating parks and park areas.
3. Bryan Burnette
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Burnette voiced his concerns to the Commission on Fairview Park. He suggested that the Commission designate Fairview Park as a passive park.
4. Robin Lefler
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Lefler addressed the Commission on Fairview Park. She recommended that the Commission designate Fairview Park as a passive park.

Motion made by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, second by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to have agenda item 10b (Term for Chairman and Vice Chairman) pulled from the agenda.

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

6. Oral Communications

7. Consent Calendar

No items.

8. Public Hearing

8a. Request for Temporary Field Lighting at Sonora School and Back Bay School

Ms. Jana M. Ransom presented the report. Mr. Mike Brandenburger was also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Ransom occurred on the number of portable light units recommended for the Sonora and Back Bay Schools, and on the hours of operation for the usage of the portable light units.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not the portable light units would be moved from one location to another, and on the status of AYSO Region 120's request to use the portable light units.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Ms. Ransom took place on the light demonstrations held at Sonora and Back Bay Schools.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Ms. Ransom occurred on whether or not Davis Field at Lions Park will be used.

Applicants:

1. Mark Arblaster
President, Newport Mesa Soccer Club
Mr. Arblaster addressed the Commission on the request for the use of temporary lights at Sonora School.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Arblaster took place on the number of nights per week the field is needed.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Arblaster occurred on the use of lit fields.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Arblaster ensued on whether or not the user group is able to support the cost to purchase and maintain the temporary portable light units, and on the cost to rent portable light units.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Arblaster occurred on the age group of the children in the organization, and whether or not they are Costa Mesa residents.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Arblaster took place on children that are non-residents of Costa Mesa in the organization, and on the total number of children in the organization.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Arblaster ensued on whether or not the organization has lit fields in Newport Beach, and on the field sites at Newport Beach.

2. Bret Ekles
Representative, AYSO Region 97
Mr. Ekles addressed the Commission on the request for the use of temporary lights at Back Bay School.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Ekles took place on whether or not the organization has the financial means to purchase and maintain the temporary portable light units.

3. Ted Berry
Field Representative, AYSO Region 97
Mr. Berry voiced his concerns to the Commission on the request for the use of temporary lights at Back Bay School.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Ekles occurred on whether or not the organization would consider a shorter practice time.

Discussion between Commissioner Terry Shaw and Mr. Ekles took place on the age group of the children in the organization, and on the number of days needed for portable light use.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom ensued on whether or not the portable light units have timers to automatically turn off.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not there have been discussions with the City and the City of Newport Beach to alleviate the lit field issue.

Public Comment:

1. Jay Litvak
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Litvak voiced his concerns to the Commission on the temporary portable lights. He recommends that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Sonora School.
2. Jim Gosler
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Gosler addressed the Commission on the temporary portable lights. He recommended that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Back Bay School.
3. Mike Berry
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Berry voiced his concerns to the Commission on the temporary portable lights. He suggested that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Sonora and Back Bay Schools.
4. Victoria Stuart
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Stuart addressed the Commission on the temporary portable lights. She recommended that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Back Bay School.
5. Kathy Murphy
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Murphy voiced her concerns to the Commission on the temporary portable lights. She suggested that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Back Bay School.

6. Richard Payne
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Payne addressed the Commission on the temporary portable lights. He recommended that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Sonora and Back Bay Schools.
7. Vince Torenuева
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Torenuева voiced his concerns to the Commission on the temporary portable lights. He suggested that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Sonora School.
8. Judy Berry
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Berry addressed the Commission on the temporary portable lights. She recommends that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Sonora and Back Bay Schools.
9. Robin Lefler
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Lefler voiced her concerns to the Commission on temporary portable lights. She recommends that the Commission does not permit the use of portable light units at Sonora and Back Bay Schools.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Ransom occurred on the practice hours for user groups at the Farm.

Discussion among Commissioner Robert Graham, Ms. Ransom and Mr. Brandenburger ensued on the day time and weekend usage for Sonora and Back Bay Schools during the fall season.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Ms. Ransom took place on whether or not other accommodations are available for the user groups.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Ransom occurred on the track field next to the TeWinkle Sports Complex, and on the number of teams that are able to practice on the track field.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Arblaster took place on whether or not temporarily repairing the track field will fulfill the organizations lit field needs.

Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and carried five to zero, to deny the request for temporary lighting at Sonora School, and for staff to work closely with both Newport Mesa Soccer Club, AYSO Region 120 and/or Region 97 to find additional lit field time.

Also, to deny the request for temporary lighting at Back Bay High School for AYSO Region 97, and for staff to prepare a letter on behalf of the Commission to be sent to the City of Newport Beach's City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission.

9. Old Business

9a. Drought Tolerant Landscape Alternatives for Parkways and Medians

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley took place on whether or not the current Standards are sufficient to address drought tolerant landscapes, on the estimated maintenance cost, and on plant palettes.

Public Comment:

1. Robin Lefler
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Lefler voiced her concerns to the Commission. She supports the move towards drought tolerant landscapes for parkways and medians.

Motion made by Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, second by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to actively pursue staff's alternative courses of action as follows:

1. Aggressively manage water use through existing irrigation control equipment and frequent testing and repair on existing landscapes.
2. Increase the implementation of various management strategies
 - Retro-fit existing sprinkler heads and nozzles with higher efficiency equipment through grants and rebate programs.
 - Intensify water management through improved scheduling and use of advanced monitoring equipment (i.e., computer controlled irrigation systems).
3. Retro-fit existing landscape and irrigation systems to incorporate higher efficiency irrigation and drought tolerant plant materials; incorporating additional hardscape to reduce overall area requiring applied irrigation.
4. Develop water efficient landscape palettes for variety of micro climates in City, and amend the Standards to allow for these plant choices to be incorporated into all future parkway or median development or rehabilitation projects.
5. Utilize a mix of drought tolerant, native and more traditional plant choices to maximize impact while reducing water demands for all municipal projects in the future.
6. To research and educate the public on the use of drought tolerant plants on parkways and medians, and for staff to provide a report for the Commission at the earliest convenience so that a recommendation may be made to the City Council.

9b. Designating Parks and Park Areas for Passive, Mixed or Active Use

10. New Business

10a. Fairview Park Entrance at Canary Drive Cul-De-Sac

Mr. Bart Mejia presented the report. Mr. Peter Naghavi was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Commissioner Robert Graham presented a brief report along with overhead pictures.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Naghavi took place on whether or not this project will be included in Area G of the Fairview Park Master Plan.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Naghavi ensued on whether or not this area is suppose to be a regular access, and if there are any complaints and/or claims.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi took place on whether or not this project requires compliance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi ensued on whether or not staff has considered seeking assistance from an organization (i.e., Boys and Girls Club, Boys Scout) for this project.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Naghavi occurred on Area G of the Fairview Park Master Plan.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Naghavi took place on the process needed to amend the Fairview Park Master Plan.

Public Comment:

1. David Kinkade
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Kinkade addressed the Commission on the Canary Drive entrance to Fairview Park. He suggested that the Commission not make any changes at this time and

to present this project to City Council when work for Area G of the Fairview Park Master Plan begins.

2. Judy Berry
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Berry voiced her concerns to the Commission on the Canary Drive entrance to Fairview Park. She recommended that the Commission not proceed with installing an entryway to Fairview Park at Canary Drive.
3. Cindy Brenneman
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Brenneman addressed the Commission on the Canary Drive entrance to Fairview Park. She suggested that the Commission not proceed with installing an entryway at Canary Drive to Fairview Park.
4. Mike Berry
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Berry voiced his concerns to the Commission on the Canary Drive entrance to Fairview Park. He recommended that the Commission not proceed with installing an entryway to Fairview Park at Canary Drive.
5. Laurie
Resident, Costa Mesa
Laurie addressed the Commission on the Canary Drive entrance to Fairview Park. She suggested that the Commission not proceed with installing an entryway at Canary Drive to Fairview Park.
6. Robin Lefler
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Lefler addressed the Commission on the Canary Drive entrance to Fairview Park. She recommended that the Commission not proceed with installing an entryway to Fairview Park at Canary Drive.

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, second by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried four to one with Chairman Kurt M. Galitski voting "No", to continue agenda item 10a (Fairview Park Entrance at Canary Drive Cul-De-Sac) to the July 23, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to consider closing off public access at Canary Drive into Fairview Park.

10b. Term for Chairman and Vice Chairman

11. Maintenance Services Manager's Report

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

- Neighbors for Neighbors Spring Event
- Arbor Day Event at TeWinkle Park and Mesa Verde Drive
- Eagle Scout Project: Gisler Park Playground Improvements (coordinated by Everett Brown w/Boy Scout Troop #334)
- Vista Park Improvements
- Canyon Park Accessibility Improvements
- Palm Relocation from Park School to City Hall

12. Recreation Manager's Report

Ms. Jana M. Ransom made a power point presentation on the following:

- Youth in Government Program
- Summer 2008 Recreation Staff Training
- Early Childhood Program
- Youth Sports – Basketball
- Youth Soccer and Kickball
- Aquatics Fun Day
- Activity Club for Teens (ACT)
- R.O.C.K.s Stars
- Concerts in the Park
- Angels Playground Ceremony
- Fairview Developmental Center

13. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Mark Harris reminded the community to be aware of the City's fireworks policy because the 4th of July holiday is approaching.

Commissioner Terry Shaw announced the following:

- Angels Playground Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 27, at TeWinkle Park at 3:00 p.m.
- Summer Tour of Fairview Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, at 3:30 p.m.
- The Costa Mesa Historical Society (1870 Anaheim Street, Costa Mesa) presents Phil Brigandi on Sunday, June 29, at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Brigandi will be speaking about his most recent book, *Orange County Place Names A to Z*. For more information, call (949) 631-5918; E-mail: cmhistory@sbcglobal.net; or visit the website at www.costamesahistory.org.
- For more information regarding fireworks in Costa Mesa, please visit the City's website at www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us.
- Costa Mesa Soccer Camp is offered July 7-11 and July 21-25. For details, call (714) 327-7525 or visit www.c2csoccer.com.
- Concerts in the Park at Fairview Park run on Tuesday evenings beginning July 8 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. For details, please visit the City's website at www.ci.costa-mesa.ca.us.
- Vanguard University Basketball Camp is scheduled for July 14-17. For information call Vanguard University at (714) 556-3610 Ext. 2352

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh requested that staff post pictures and information on the City's website of the recipients who received the Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson's Award.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh congratulated all the 2008 graduates especially the Costa Mesa graduates.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh recognized:

- Ms. Jane Garland, NMUSD, for her dedication to help children who may have fallen through the cracks in the school system
- Back Bay/Monte Vista School

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski thanked his fellow Commissioners, and congratulated Gordon Bowley, recipient of the Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson's Award.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **10:37 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled Study Session on Wednesday, July 23, 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