

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

August 10, 2011

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Jeff R. Mathews

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Dean Abernathy

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairman Jeff R. Mathews
Vice Chairman Kim Pederson
Commissioner Dean Abernathy
Commissioner Ethan Temianka
Commissioner Dan Vozenilek

Commissioners Absent: None.

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Naghavi, Director of Public Services
Mr. Bart Mejia, Parks Project Manager
Mr. Bruce A. Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager
Mr. Ernesto Muñoz, City Engineer
Ms. Lisa McPherson, Recreation Supervisor

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 25, 2011 Meeting

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

5. Oral Communications

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

6. Consent Calendar

No items.

7. Public Hearing

No items.

8. Old Business

8a. Park Tours

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson made a brief presentation on the last park tour that took place on Saturday, July 9, 2011.

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek reiterated Vice Chairman Kim Pederson's comments on the past park tour. He believes that the parks are in a really nice shape with no trash, and the grass is in good condition. Commissioner Dan Vozenilek said that it is great to see the community using the parks and to provide some input.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy stated that he would like to follow up on some connectivity between the parks and the bike paths, and for people to have accessibility to lock up their bikes while they are visiting the park. He said that he would like to improve the parks by providing these types of amenities for park goers.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Commissioner Ethan Temianka expressed their interest in participating in the next park tour scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2011.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Motion made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews, seconded by Commissioner Ethan Temianka and carried five to zero, to establish the next park tour for Saturday, August 20, 2011.

9. New Business

9a. Naming a City Park After a Prominent Citizen

A brief presentation was made by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka thanked Mr. Hammett for all his years of service to the city. He also thanked the City Council and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Righeimer for bringing this item forward for consideration because he believes Mr. Hammett is very deserving of this recognition.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka asked staff for more details on this agenda item.

Mr. Bart Mejia made a brief presentation to the Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Ethan Temianka, seconded by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to recommend City Council rename the Civic Center Park to Jack Hammett Park due to its location and proximity to City Hall, and also with the potential library in the future years.

Mr. Jack Hammett made a brief speech and thanked everyone.

9b. Review of Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for the Upgrade, Operation and Maintenance of the TeWinkle Park Sports Complex

The report was presented by Mr. Bart Mejia.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka requested that the Commission allow Big League Dreams to show their presentation last because one of their members' flight was delayed.

Public comment was requested by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews. No public comments were received at this time.

1. Dave Johnson
President, CEO, and Founder
Major League Softball Inc.

Mr. Johnson made his presentation to the Commission. Patrick May, Vice President in charge of Construction and Maintenance Operations, was also present to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Johnson took place on whether or not the current youth groups will have the same amount of field time, and on increasing the amount of baseball teams currently playing.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. May occurred on the maintenance of the fields, on the rest and renovation period, on whether or not a drainage system will be installed, and on laser grading the fields.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Johnson ensued on whether or not the fees will remain the same for the softball leagues, and on whether or not beer and wine are offered at any of the other facilities that are operated and managed by the company.

Discussion between Commissioner Dean Abernathy and Mr. Johnson took place on whether or not the sale of alcohol is critical for the company at this facility.

2. Eddie Vandiver
Vice President/General Manager
Sportsplex USA

Mr. Vandiver also introduced Sean Melvin, Senior Vice President of Operations/General Manager of the Poway facility, who was present to answer questions by the Commission. Mr. Vandiver addressed the Commission and made his presentation.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Melvin occurred on whether or not the company proposes to make any updates and on the company's league fees.

Discussion between Commission Ethan Temianka and Mr. Melvin ensued on clarifying the type of agreement the company has with the City of Santee and the City of Poway, and on the umpire fees.

Discussion between Commissioner Dean Abernathy and Mr. Melvin took place on whether or not the company charges a gate fee.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Kim Pederson and Mr. Melvin occurred on whether or not the company intends to propose any changes to the facility.

3. Richard Odekirk
Founding Partner
Big League Dreams

Mr. Odekirk also introduced Lee Goodsell, Development Director/Public Relations Director, and Tom Lenny and Jeff Hopkins, Site Acquisition, who were present to answer questions by the Commission. Mr. Odekirk made his presentation to the Commission.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson thanked the three groups for their presentations.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews also thanked Major League Softball, Sportsplex USA, and Big League Dreams for their presentations to the Commission.

Public Comments:

1. Lou DeSandro
Resident, Costa Mesa
Costa Mesa Pony League
Newport Harbor Pony Program
Mr. DeSandro voiced his concerns to the Commission. He wished the Commission luck in their decision-making process.
2. Beth Refakes
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Refakes addressed the Commission on her concerns. She believes that this needs to be reviewed by the public so that the community can be involved.
3. Lisa Reedy
Resident, Costa Mesa
Ms. Reedy voiced her concerns to the Commission. She believes that the communities input should be considered.

4. Sandra Genis
Ms. Genis addressed the Commission. She encouraged the Commission and staff to form a committee to review the proposals and to involve members from the community and a representative from each of the existing field user groups.
5. David Stiller
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Stiller voiced his concerns to the Commission.
6. John Rittenhouse
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Rittenhouse addressed the Commission. He believes that the Commission should reconsider TeWinkle as a local neighborhood facility.
7. Dave Brown
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Brown voiced his concerns to the Commission. He is definitely against this proposal if it is for bringing in revenue.
8. Scott Stirton
Resident, Costa Mesa
Mr. Stirton addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka requested for staff to make the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) available for the public to review.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson thanked the three companies for their presentations. He appreciated the public for making comments and providing input. Vice Chairman Kim Pederson mentioned that he is interested in creating a task force to have the community and the sports groups involved in this process.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews mirrored Vice Chairman Kim Pederson's comments. He said that he would be supportive of a committee or a task force to be established.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka also mirrored Chairman Jeff R. Mathews' statement.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kim Pederson, seconded by Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and carried five to zero, to have staff bring back a report with information on establishing a committee or task force for the TeWinkle Park Sports Complex at the next regular meeting on September 28, 2011.

10. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Dan Vozenilek thanked the groups and the community for providing input and comments.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka gave his gratitude to the three companies who made their presentation.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka requested for staff to agendize the Costa Mesa Municipal Code 12-53 for information and discussion on the requirement of ten players on a field at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ethan Temianka announced the South Coast Poker Classic, a local charity event, on August 26, 2011. For more information, please see him after the meeting.

Commissioner Dean Abernathy thanked Sportsplex USA, Major League Softball, and Big League Dreams for their presentations.

Vice Chairman Kim Pederson echoed his fellow Commissioners. He thanked staff and the Community Foundation for the Summer Concerts in the Park event.

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews announced the upcoming Costa Mesa Restaurant Week (August 19-26, 2011).

Chairman Jeff R. Mathews requested that staff provide a brief update on the recent tree planting project. Mr. Hartley made a brief presentation on the tree planting project.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley took place on the City's notification process, and on whether or not residents will have the opportunity to opt-out from the tree planting project.

Discussion between Commissioner Dean Abernathy and Mr. Hartley occurred on the current back log for tree replacement on vacant sites.

Discussion between Chairman Jeff R. Mathews and Mr. Hartley ensued on the advance notice given to residents prior to the tree planting.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **8:28 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled agenda review on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall, followed by the Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Submitted by:



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