

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

**August 27, 2008**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on August 27, 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. Bruce Hartley, Maintenance Services Manager  
Mr. Robby Waite, Assistant Recreation Supervisor  
Ms. E.J. Hartloff, Recreation Coordinator

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 23, 2008 Meeting**

Commissioner Terry Shaw requested that the spelling of **Iguana** be corrected to **Kiwanis**, which may be found on page 6 of the minutes under agenda item 12 of Commissioner's Comments.

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Commissioner Terry Shaw and carried five to zero, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.**

**5. Oral Communications**

**6. Consent Calendar**

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

**6a. New Instructional Class Fee Proposals and Increases**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried five to zero, to approve material fee increases for three (3) existing instructional classes as proposed in Attachment "A" and approve for eleven (11) new contract instructional classes as proposed in Attachment "B".**

**6b. Donation of a Memorial Tree and Plaque**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Commissioner Robert Graham and carried five to zero, to accept, on behalf of the City Council, the donation of a Camphor Tree, in memory of German Torres, to be planted in Charles W. TeWinkle Memorial Park.**

**7. Public Hearing**

No items

8. **Old Business**

No items

9. **New Business**

9a. **Tree Removal Request – 3150 Sharon Lane**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation. Ms. Janna Middel, the applicant, was also present to address and answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not additional pruning can be done to reduce the bulkiness of the tree.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Hartley took place on the leaning of the tree as it grows.

Public Comment:

Ms. Janna Middel  
Applicant

Ms. Middel addressed the Commission in reference to her tree removal request.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Ms. Middel occurred on the location for the replacement of grass, and on the types of trees that are planted in the neighborhood parkway.

Discussion among Chairman Kurt M. Galitski, Commissioner Mark Harris, and Mr. Hartley ensued on the types of trees that are in the neighborhood parkway.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Ms. Middel took place on whether or not she is aware of the conditions under the discretionary removal alternative.

Discussion between Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not any other improvements can be done to the tree.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley occurred on the original plant palette when this neighborhood track was built, and on the current plant palette.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Hartley ensued on whether or not there are other trees that require aggressive trimming in this neighborhood.

**Motion made by Commissioner Mark Harris, second by Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh and carried four to one, with 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 3150 Sharon Lane, 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.**

**Also, the tree must be removed and replaced, with mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.**

9b. **Minor Amendment to TeWinkle Park Master Plan to Reflect New Bark Park Boundary**

Mr. Peter Naghavi presented the report.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Mr. Naghavi ensued on whether or not there is recourse if the conditions between the City and the Costa Mesa Tennis Center are not met.

Public Comments:

1. Hank Lloyd

Costa Mesa Tennis Center

Mr. Lloyd addressed the Commission. He was also available to answer questions by the Commission. Mr. Lloyd said that he would like two additional tennis courts to compliment the facility in the future.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Mr. Lloyd ensued on the usage of the Tennis Center.

Discussion among Commissioner Terry Shaw, Mr. Naghavi, and Mr. Lloyd took place on the future needs of the Tennis Center.

2. Patricia Allen

President, Costa Mesa Bark Park Foundation

Ms. Allen addressed the Commission and thanked staff. She was also available to answer questions by the Commission.

Discussion among Commissioner Mark Harris, Mr. Naghavi, and Ms. Allen occurred on the gate being secured in the new expansion area of the Bark Park.

Discussion between Commissioner Mark Harris and Ms. Allen ensued on the responsibility for the irrigation system at the Bark Park.

Discussion between Chairman Kurt M. Galitski and Ms. Allen took place on tilling the fields at the Bark Park.

**Motion made by Commissioner Robert Graham, second by Commissioner Mark Harris and carried five to zero, to recommend that the City Council approve minor amendments to the TeWinkle Park Master Plan, which is part of the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation to reflect the following:**

1. **Expansion of the small dog Bark Park boundary northward into the future tennis court expansion designation. (Attachment 1)**
2. **Expansion of the large dog Bark Park boundary into the space located between the Tennis Center and the Air National Guard facility, including the future tennis court expansion designation (Attachment 2) with the conditions as set in this report.**
3. **Consider the attached Resolution (Attachment 3 and 4) to amend the TeWinkle Park Master Plan.**

**10. Maintenance Services Manager's Report**

Mr. Bruce Hartley made a power point presentation, in memory of German Torres, on the following highlights:

- Concerts in the Park
- Memorial Tree Donation at Fairview Park
- Handicap access and concrete replacement at Del Mesa Park
- Benches and tables at Wimbledon Park
- Exercise equipment at Wimbledon Park
- Fairview Park Slope Restoration
- TeWinkle Park Athletic Complex Field Renovation
- The Farm Sports Complex Turf Renovation
- Japanese Garden and Pond at Civic Center
- Canyon Park Information Kiosk

Discussion between Commissioner Robert Graham and Mr. Hartley occurred on the security of the light trailers, and on whether or not the City has the capacity to water all the trees that are in Fairview Park.

**11. Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Robert Graham stated that the Park Ranger's Report listed several groups that were removed without permits, and he believes that this is an issue that the Commission has to recognize and look into.

Commissioner Robert Graham believes that the entryway into Fairview Park at Canary Drive is a controversial issue.

In reference to Commissioner Robert Graham's earlier statement, Commissioner Mark Harris commented by saying that the City will continue to be faced with groups being removed without permits for active play in parks because the City does not have enough land to support the need for more parks.

Commissioner Mark Harris mentioned that he participated in the 2008 Football Season Opening Day Festivities for the Costa Mesa Pop Warner Football (a youth sports organization) that was held at the Jim Scott Stadium, Estancia School, on August 16.

Vice Chairman Mike Brumbaugh read an article, dated August 4, 2008 from the Daily Pilot, out loud, and he voiced his concerns in reference to the article.

Commissioner Terry Shaw said that he attended the Mesa Consolidated Water District Board Meeting, which was held on August 26, and that the district is working closely with the City on a plant palette and water needs for landscaping throughout the City.

Commissioner Terry Shaw mentioned that he is the liaison for the Brentwood Park Task Force, which met on August 7, 2008 at City Hall. He also stated that David Volz Design will be performing the work on a master plan and conceptual designs for Brentwood Park and that the first public meeting will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008, at Brentwood Park. The next scheduled task force meeting will be on September 11, 2008.

Commissioner Terry Shaw made the following announcements:

- The Community News and Recreation Review is now available and covers September-December 2008
- Art Coleman, Costa Mesa resident, won the prize for a photo contest hosted by the Orange County Fair
- The Costa Mesa Pop Warner Football held their opening ceremonies on August 16 at the Jim Scott Stadium
- The Costa Mesa Historical Society's annual open house is scheduled for September 20, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Adobe in Estancia Park (1900 Adams Avenue). For more information, call (949) 631-5918
- The Inner Coastal Clean-Up will be held at three sites (1-Vista Park/Talbert Preserve; 2-Victoria Pond and Sheephill; 3-Talbert Marsh and the Santa Ana River/Jetties-Brookhurst and PCH) on September 20, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For details, contact the Earth Resource Foundation at (949) 645-5163 or visit the website at [www.earthresource.org](http://www.earthresource.org) or Ann McCarthy at (714) 593-5590 or visit the website at [www.hbwc.org](http://www.hbwc.org)
- The Costa Mesa Neighbors for Neighbors Fall Clean-Up event will be on September 27, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Call (714) 754-4892 or E-mail [JyReeves@ci.costa-mesa.ca.us](mailto:JyReeves@ci.costa-mesa.ca.us) for additional information
- The Costa Mesa Public Safety Recognition BBQ is scheduled for October 2, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the public is invited; entrance fee of \$10.00. To RSVP call at (714) 885-9090 no later than Monday, September 29, 2008
- Congratulations to the Orange Coast College for celebrating their 60th Anniversary. For details on the scheduled events, please call (714) 432-5707
- The 2008 Orange County Race for the Cure 5K Run/Walk is a Susan G. Komen for the Cure event scheduled for September 28, 2008; a fundraiser to help end breast cancer. Please visit the website at [www.ockomen.com](http://www.ockomen.com)
- The 2008 Emergency Services Expo will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #4 (2300 Placentia Avenue). The public is invited.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski believes that the Costa Mesa Bark Park and the Costa Mesa Tennis Center are assets for the City.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski thanked staff.

Chairman Kurt M. Galitski said that he is the liaison for the Newport Mesa Unified School District. He mentioned that the school district and the City are partnering to increase public awareness of our schools by having the Costa Mesa TV tasked to showcase the schools to the public. Also, the school district is taking a pro-active approach by having a forum that will promote the schools in Costa Mesa.

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **8:25 p.m.** to the next regular scheduled Study Session on Wednesday, September 24, 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