

FEBRUARY 24, 2022
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Ashendorf at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Brown

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners

- Angely Andrade Vallarta
- Kelly Brown
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker
- Scott Glabb
- Cassius Rutherford, Vice Chair
- Charlene Ashendorf, Chair

City Staff

- Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
- Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- Laura Fautua, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Glabb: No comments.

Commissioner Brown: Spoke about the tree removal process, how we can evaluate the criteria while reviewing tree removal requests.

Commissioner Dorn Parker: Excited to see updated equipment at Jordan Park, wants to see a resolution to help promote dogs being on leash.

Vice Chair Rutherford: No comments.

Chair Ashendorf: Attended and spoke at a Programs, Activities, and Resources (PAR) Social via Zoom. The event is twice a year and held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Seniors are anxious to return and get back into the rhythm. She represented the Arts at the Tri-City Leadership Tomorrow, and thanked staff for compiling a presentation for the event. Dean Tompkins, who oversees I Heart Costa Mesa, is creating t-shirts inspired by local Costa Mesa Parks.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2022 MEETING

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the minutes/Seconded by Vice Chair Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta

Motion Carried: 5-0

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Proposed pickleball Courts at Tanager Park

Mr. Minter presented.

Public Comment:

[Supplemental received for Proposed Pickleball Courts at Tanager Park](#)

Diane Russell: In favor of the pickleball court conversion.

RusP: Has been playing pickleball at Tanager Park the last year and a half. Is in favor of the courts, but not in favor of having permanent nets. He is also in favor of the Tennis Courts conversion to pickleball at the Costa Mesa Tennis center.

Steve Mandzik: Interested in having this available at a park near his neighborhood and inquired if there is a process for this.

Vice Chair Rutherford thanked the staff on creativity and getting pickleball courts. Also supports the court conversion at Tanager Park.

Commissioner Brown supports pickleball court transformation at Tanager, but has concerns with noise, night playing, and potential increase of trash.

Mr. Minter mentioned the park does not contain restrooms, which can potentially limit how long a user will play and all parks close at dusk, so no night playing should not be occurring. If provided with an amenity, it should have the necessary base available, hence a permanent net. This sport is now a vital component of today's modern recreation and growing interest for all ages.

Commissioner Dorn Parker inquired about bike racks at the facility and asked if a court evaluation is possible once, the permanent installation occurs. He acknowledged pickleball is a growing sport and should be available for the community.

Mr. Minter mentioned there are many updates happening at Tanager Park, with updated playground and exercise equipment, and soon newly resurfaced pickleball courts.

Chair Ashendorf stated it would be nice if staff consider placing rule signage to help users understand the game for users who are unfamiliar with pickleball.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair Rutherford made a motion to approve the staff recommendation/Seconded by Chair Ashendorf.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta

Motion Carried: 5-0

- b) Donation of the Memorial Bench and Plaque at Lions Park

Mr. Ryan presented.

Public Comment:

Councilmember Reynolds: Although she did not know Kiro personally, she felt he held community values and felt he should be shared/preserved in our City's History.

Jackie Luna: Hiro was her adoptive father and gave background regarding his love and support he provided to the community.

Chair Ashendorf and Vice Chair Rutherford thanked Councilmember Reynolds for bringing this to the commission and getting to know Hiro's memory.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf made a motion to approve the donation of the Memorial Bench and Plaque at Lions Park/Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta

Motion Carried: 5-0

- c) Tree Removal Request – 752 Center Street

Mr. Ryan presented.

Vice Chair Rutherford inquired for irrigation jurisdiction regarding the review of a damaged sprinkler.

Mr. Ryan confirmed that the City does not maintain the irrigation on the walkway.

Commissioner Glabb and Commissioner Dorn Parker had follow-up questions regarding the irrigation as well as what the resident submitted, Mr. Ryan addressed those questions.

Public Comment:

Franca Carmona: Claims the City tree roots are lifting the sidewalk, she is concerned that uneven walkways that can be hazardous for users. The benefits of removing the tree is less watering.

Vice Chair Rutherford recommended to the public to utilize the *MyCostaMesa App* to address any maintenance issues and has the function to submit photos.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve staff recommendation/Seconded by Vice Chair Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Vice Chair Rutherford, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: Commissioner Glabb

Absent: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta

Motion Carried: 4-1

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

- a) Park Ranger Report - February 2022

Public Comment:

David Martinez: Thanked the Park Rangers to not have made any bike license citations in the last four months and hopes to see the assembly and the governor sign AB 19 09, which would prohibit enforcement of bike license citations in all of California.

- b) Director's Report - February 2022

Mr. Minter presented. Ms. Villasenor provided a recap regarding the events that occurred.

5. ADJOURNMENT by Chair Ashendorf at 7:22pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 24, 2022 AT 6:00P.M.