

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE FAIRVIEW PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
 April 13, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Campbell at 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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Absent

Committee Members	Committee Liaisons	City Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Reynolds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Dalton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Fuqua	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Chavez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Minter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily McClain	<input type="checkbox"/> Councilmember Harlan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua
<input type="checkbox"/> Cara Raffeale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCME, Hank Castignetti	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Roberts		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair Evan Rothman		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair Andy Campbell		
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Ms. Fautua announced Dave Erickson resignation prior to Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Hendricks: Expressed thanks regarding the Fairview Park (FVP) restoration event and emphasized community support for FVP restoration.

COMMITTEE MEMBER and LIAISON COMMENTS

OCME Liaison Hank Castignetti: Informed the committee that the Trestle Project was finished early with the help of public donations of \$32,000. Waiting for City’s final approval & hoping to have it open in May.

Committee Member Fuqua: Commented on beauty of the completed Trestle Project.

Chair Campbell: Encouraged the City to focus on the Master Plan Update.

1. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the February 9, 2022 minutes by Committee member Fuqua and seconded by Committee Member Roberts.

AYES: Committee Member Fuqua, McClain, Committee Member Roberts, and Chair Campbell.

NAYS: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Committee Member Raffeale and Vice Chair Rothman

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF DRAFT FLYING FIELD ORDINANCE

Correspondence received

Mr. Dalton presented.

Chair Campbell: inquired the intent regarding the review of the ordinance.

Mr. Dalton: clarified the draft ordinance is an item to allow opportunity for the public to provide input and compile that for review.

Chair Campbell: commented the ordinance should not be too articulate and suggested gliders should be more defined in the ordinance.

Jason Minter: commented that “glider” is defined as not having any form of propulsion in the draft in Section 12-62.

Chair Campbell: expressed that he would like “non-motorized” to be explicit in the ordinance.

Committee Member Roberts: thanked Mr. Dalton & others for amending and improving the ordinance and inquired whether enforcement mechanisms for violations of the ordinance would be included in the ordinance.

Mr. Dalton: clarified that the enforcement falls to Park Rangers and specific guidelines would be outlined in the flying permit, as well.

Chair Campbell: commented that he noted in correspondence from a representative of the Fish & Wildlife Service to the City that nesting season is from February-September.

Public Comments:

Mat Garcia: Presented the Harbor Soaring Society’s (HSS) concerns regarding the draft of the Flying Field Ordinance.

Kim Hendricks: Agreed with Chair Campbell regarding having a specific definition of a glider in the ordinance. Disagreed with the concerns presented by Mr. Garcia & emphasized the unique habitat of FVP.

Chair Campbell: commented on the importance of completing the Master Plan update.

Committee Member McClain: commented on the importance of FVP being a passive use space and educational opportunities for the public to understand the importance of the park and regulating aircraft use.

Chair Campbell: noted the improvement in aircraft technology and the increased that comes along with that and suggested taking this into account when reviewing the draft.

Mr. Minter: expressed concerns over excluding those who do not have access to newer aircraft technology and how it may pose a problem in the future.

OCME Liaison Castignetti: concurred with Committee Member McClain and emphasized there is no intent to single out any user of the park. Thanked staff for the inclusion of drones for the

Section 12-66.

Chair Campbell: expressed how “glider area” may be a more useful term than “fly field” currently included in the draft ordinance.

Committee Member Roberts: concurred with Chair Campbell regarding the specificity of gliders in the ordinance and inquired whether use of gliders would affect the nesting behaviors of birds in FVP.

Mr. Dalton: expressed that there would be a potential impact of aircraft use on nesting in the area.

Committee Member Fuqua: inquired over the size of gliders and Chair Campbell expressed that it may be discussed in the future when discussing permit limitations.

Committee Member McClain: directed a question toward the HSS regarding glider flying seasons and whether there may be another time that does not overlap with nesting season.

OCME Liaison Castignetti: recounted a time when a drone disturbed a nesting habitat in Bolsa Chica wetlands, caused the birds to abandon the area and their eggs behind.

Chair Campbell: emphasized clarity in the ordinance and Mr. Minter clarified that information regarding the specifics of the ordinance will be made readily available to the public.

Mr. Dalton: clarified that Section 12-61 Item A outlines that one needs a permit to be able to use appropriate aircraft in the area.

OCME Liaison Castignetti: recommended that permits should be contingent on membership in the HSS.

Mr. Minter: noted that from previous discussions with legal teams, the City cannot require HSS membership, but can take steps toward a training program.

Chair Campbell: emphasized nonintrusive launch mechanisms and protecting sensitive areas within the park. Inquired how the HSS request is being received and the comments made so far.

Mr. Dalton: explained that the feedback received will be evaluated along with ongoing legal reviews and accounted for in the ordinance.

MOTION: To approve hearing for revised draft of Flying Field Ordinance in 2 months by Committee Member Roberts and seconded by Committee Member McClain.

AYES: Committee Member Fuqua, McClain, Roberts and Chair Campbell.

NAYS: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Committee Member Raffeale and Vice Chair Rothman.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. MASTER PLAN WORK GROUP

Mr. Dalton presented report.

Mr. Minter: clarified 2 committee members would be a part of the working group and 1 representative from stakeholder groups to provide input from their respective organizations.

Public Comment:

Kim Hendricks: Suggested that those who wish to participate in discussions should review the FVP Master Plan to understand the uniqueness of the park.

OCME Liaison Castignetti: volunteered to provide input to the work group on behalf of OCME.

Chair Campbell: expressed concerns regarding the formation of the work group.

Mr. Minter: clarified the task of the work group would be to complete the scope of the RFP.

Committee Member Roberts: volunteered for the working group.

Committee Member McClain: nominated Chair Campbell for the working group.

MOTION: To approve the nominations of Committee Member Roberts and Chair Campbell to the Master Plan Work Group with at least 2 meetings prior to June 8 meeting by Committee Member McClain and seconded by Committee Member Fuqua.

AYES: Committee Member Fuqua, McClain, Roberts, and Chair Campbell.

NAYS: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Committee Member Raffeale and Vice Chair Rothman.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. PARK RANGER REPORTS - Received and filed.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Dalton presented the update.

Chair Campbell: inquired about minimum requirements for the committee due to current vacancies.

Mr. Minter: noted that an update of the committee handbook and appointments are

currently underway.

OCME Liaison Castignetti: inquired about whether the liaison from the PACS commission had been deleted.

Mr. Minter: clarified that further discussion is needed with PACS and the FVP steering committee.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Campbell at 8:35 pm.
Next REGULAR Meeting: JUNE 8, 2022 at 6:00pm.