

JANUARY 12, 2023
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Dorn Parker at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Brown

ROLL CALL

☒ = Present ☐ = Absent

Commissioners

☒ Angely Andrade Vallarta
☒ Kelly Brown
☒ Scott Glabb
☒ Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Vice Chair
☒ Cassius Rutherford, Chair*
☐ Vacant
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**Chair Rutherford attended via Zoom*

City Staff

☒ Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
☒ Ashley Thomas, Recreation Supervisor
☒ Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Campbell – District one resident and current chair of the Fairview Park Steering Committee. Acknowledged staff and their restoration efforts in the vernal pool areas. Encouraged Commission to come out Friday, January 13, to Fairview Park for Vernal Pool Planting. Another restoration effort is removing and relocating an existing container that is there. Has concerns with the exterior of the shed along with items inside the shed and activity. Would like to see support from the Commission if a motion within the Fairview Park Steering Committee comes forward to Parks and Community Services Commission.

Mat Garcia – President of the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) and alternate on the Fairview Park Steering Committee. Confirmed the container and lawnmower being stored has no fuel, and the organization has only been flying electric Model Aircrafts at Fairview since 1964. Informed that no herbicides are used to maintain that area. The area is maintained by the City.

CKD – Member of the Fairview Park Steering Committee. The storage container is held within the watershed restoration area and vernal pools, five through seven. The issue is not the contents, but it is the container itself. Since 2004, the Committee has been working to restore this area to its natural state of vernal pool watersheds and the city has spent a lot of money on it. If the container were removed, it would allow complete restoration of the watershed area for vernal pools, five, six, and seven.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta: Questioned the challenges for removing the storage piece to continue the work that the team has been doing to restore the area. Happy to see the new naming signage at Wilson Park along with a crosswalk ensuring safety for children. Most of the kids in the West Side have a problem trying to get to a safe place or trying to get to their local schools.

Commissioner Brown: Thanked the Fairview Park Steering Committee (FPSC) members for their public comments. Shared she is the liaison on the FPSC and encouraged members to attend the Commission to build a relationship between the two. Suggests a formal tour or introduction to what is going on at Fairview and restoration. Enjoyed attending Snoopy House and requests to have items that cater to all ages as it was geared to the younger youth and not adolescents. Would like to know what activities are geared towards the age group within the City.

Commissioner Glabb: Had a couple of questions regarding the storage container.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker: Thanked City Staff for the new sidewalk with flashing pedestrian light near Woodland. Wanted to let the Commission know that Jordan Park is being used by the entire community and is noticing lots of bikes with kid seats. Thanked and acknowledged Director Minter for his work and communicating with the Brentwood Park families that have been very organized.

Chair Rutherford: Hopes to keep the zoom option as a part of the meetings, so the public can have maximum accessibility for the meetings. Thanked staff for Snoopy house and Fairview Park Committee members who spoke. Would like staff follow-up regarding a project spreadsheet to have a visual on all the projects pending for more transparency with the public. Would like a follow up on the report status for group permit policies and a review of indoor facility rental rates with an opportunity to make recommendation to Council.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes – 120822 Draft Minutes

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Rutherford made a motion to approve the minutes/Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Brown, Vice Chair Dorn Parker, Vice Chair Dorn Parker, Chair Rutherford

Nays: none

Absent: none

Motion Carried: 5 - 0

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. PARK RANGER REPORT - DECEMBER 2022

Mr. Minter Presented.

Public Comment:

Andy Campbell – Asked if alternative forms of transportation could be reviewed when Park Rangers navigate the park as it indents the ground with tread marks, especially after having inclement weather.

CKD - Understands the City's collaborative efforts with Orange County and believes Talbert Park should not be the City's responsibility just because the park is within the City's district. Has a report showing the number of citations within Talbert Park causing

many from the Fairview Park Steering Committee to ask for more enforcement at Fairview Park. Raised the question of resources spent on Talbert Park vs. Fairview Park with regards to Park Rangers.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2022

Mr. Minter presented. Ms. Thomas provided a recap regarding previous and upcoming events.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker thanked staff and shared appreciation for forums where the public can get involved, get educated on renovations, and provide input on the change happening within the community.

Chair Rutherford is excited for 2023 and thanked City staff for their hard work. Asked staff for a project management sheet for a better understanding on timelines like the one Vice Chair Dorn Parker has sent over.

Chair Rutherford encouraged this request for the public needs and inquired about Master Plan updates and the timeline for when the Commission will see the Open Space Master Plan return.

Chair Rutherford also inquired on the status of the group policy to return for Commission review again and reviewing the indoor rental fee rates.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker echoed on challenges and seeks more information of rental fees as it also affects users of the community.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta is looking forward to the Art Crawl Experience. Happy to see strong attendance in Camp Costa Mesa and hopes the City explores partnerships with the District for indoor space during the hot summer months of camp and overheating concerns.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker thanked Commissioner Andrade Vallarta on her time as a Parks and Community Services Commissioner.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT by Vice Chair Dorn Parker at 6:04pm

NEXT REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.