

Victoria Place – 220 Victoria Street 40-Unit Residential Development

> City Council Meeting July 15, 2025





Project Location







Existing Land Use and Zoning



Zoning – C2 General Business



Land Use – General Commercial



Background

General Plan and Residential Incentive Overlay District Development Screening considered by the City Council on August 6, 2024

Feedback Included:	Applicant Response:
Provide Community Gathering Space	 The applicant has included a Barbeque Area, Play Area, and a Flexible-Use space
Improve Streetscape Design	 Enhanced landscaping with shade trees provided in the front setback Revitalized landscape peninsula with a new passive recreation space designed with seating areas, shade trees, lush landscaping, and a bioswale for residents and pedestrians to enjoy Bicycle rack provided
Remove Palm Trees	No palm trees are proposed



Planning Commission Recommendation

June 2025: Planning Commission voted 5-2 to recommend the City Council to deny the project

Commissioner Concerns (Opposing the Project):

- Excessive use of deviations
- Unclear of residential overlay zoning mechanism
- Pedestrian safety impacts

Commissioner Support (In Favor of the Project):

- Ownership housing opportunities
- Applicant's responsiveness to City Council feedback



Request

- General Plan Amendment
- Rezone
- Master Plan with Deviations
- Tentative Tract Map No. 19351





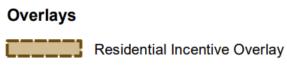


General Plan Amendment

 Update maps, figures, text, and tables to include the property in the Residential Incentive Overlay District

General Commercial land use designation will not change









Rezone

- September 2016: City Council adopted Residential Incentive Overlay District
- Existing zoning does not allow residential development
- Overlay helps achieve city goals on top of existing zoning
- Residential Incentive Overlay allows a maximum of 30 dwelling units per acre
- Measure K site
- Property's base zoning will not change

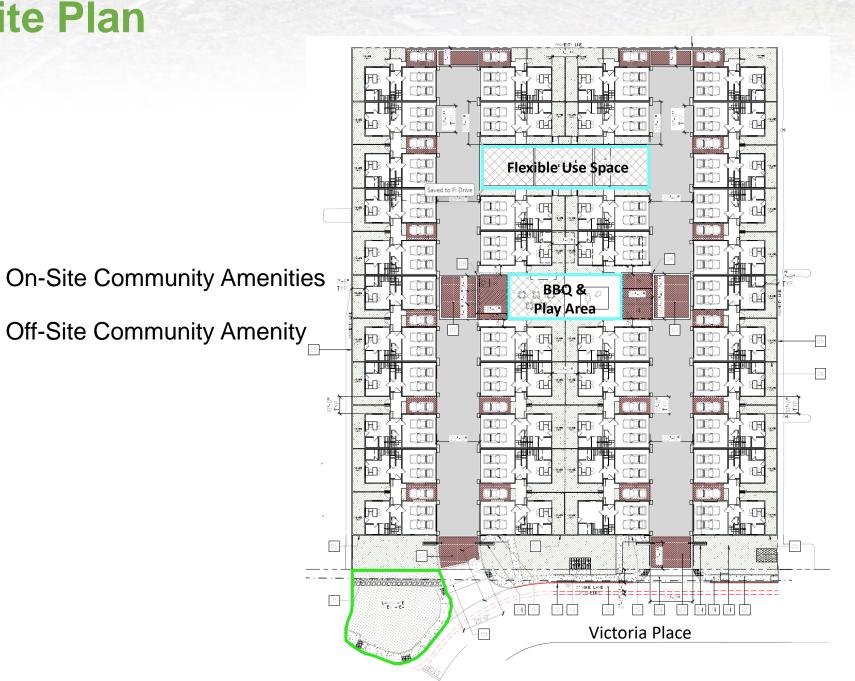


Master Plan





Site Plan









Elevations



SOUTH (VICTORIA PLACE)





Development Standards

Development Standard	Code Standard	Proposed
Lot Size ²	0.5 acres	1.77 acres
Maximum Density ²	30 du/acre	22.6 du/acre
Building-to-Building Setback	10 FT	10 FT
Front Setback ^{1,2}	20 FT	20 FT
Open Space ¹	40% (30,840 SF)	42% (32,437 SF)
Common Open Space ²	Common space for all	Barbeque, play area,
	residents	and flexible-use space
Private Open Space ²	Private decks or patios –	Roof decks (230 SF)
	minimum 100 SF	
Maximum Building Height ²	3 stories	3 stories (39 FT 6 IN)
Side Setback ¹	5 FT	7 FT 6 IN
Landscaping	82 Trees	87 Trees
	656 Shrubs	695 Shrubs

¹Pursuant to the Residential Common Interest Development (RCID) Standard ²Pursuant to the Residential Incentive Overlay District (RIOD) Standard



Landscaping and Site Features







Deviations

Development Standard	Code Standard	Proposed Deviation
Maximum Floor Area Ratio ¹	0.75	1.43
Common Use Open Space ²	50% of required open space (15,420 SF)	32% (9,817 SF)
Maximum Building Height ¹	2 stories / 27 feet	3 stories / 39 FT 6 IN
Side Setback – Left ^{2,4}	20 FT	7 FT 6 IN
Side Setback – Right ^{2,4}	20 FT	7 FT 6 IN
Rear Setback – Right ^{2,4}	20 FT	11 FT 3 IN
Landscape Parkway ^{1,2}	Combined 10 feet wide,	None
	no less than 3 feet on	
	one side	
Parking	150 spaces	103 spaces
Garage Dimensions	20 FT X 20 FT	19 FT 6 IN X 20 FT
Parking Stall Width next to	10 FT 6 IN (8 FT 6 IN	10 FT
Building ³	stall + 2 x 1 FT)	

¹Pursuant to the Residential Common Interest Development (RCID) Standard



²Pursuant to the Residential Incentive Overlay District (RIOD) Standard

³Pursuant to the City of Costa Mesa Parking Design Standard

⁴Staff applied a conservative interpretation and used 20-foot setback for both side and rear yards

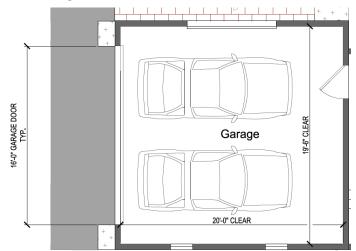
Parking

Parking:

- Required 150 spaces including 130 spaces, and 20 guest spaces
- Proposed 103 spaces including 98 spaces, and five guest spaces

Garage:

- Required 20 feet wide by 20 feet long
- Proposed 19 feet, six inches wide by 20 feet long







Deviations

- What is a Deviation?
 - Flexibility tool under the Residential Incentive Overlay District (RIOD)
 - Allows adjustments to standards through the Master Plan process
 - If the required findings are made, it's code-compliant
- Three Required Findings (All must be met)
 - 1. General Plan Consistency
 - Deviation better aligns with General Plan than strict application
 - 2. Excellence in Design
 - High-quality design, site planning, and compatibility
 - 3. No Public Harm
 - No adverse impact to health, safety, or nearby properties



CEQA

- Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
- MND circulated for public review from April 1-30, 2025
- Final MND includes agency comments, responses, errata, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)





Planning Commission Recommendation

Planning Commission recommends that the City Council:

 Deny the General Plan Amendment (PGPA-24-0001), Rezone, Master Plan (PMAP-24-0002), and Tentative Tract Map No. 19351



Alternative Considered

City Council could consider the following alternatives:

- Approve the Project
 - Adopt Resolution No. 2025-XX approving General Plan Amendment (PGPA-24-0001), Master Plan (PMAP-24-0002), and Tentative Tract Map No. 19351 for the development of 40 residential condominium units
 - Adopt Resolution No. 2025-XX a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program relative to General Plan Amendment (PGPA-24-0001), Rezone, Master Plan (PMAP-24-0002), and Tentative Tract Map No. 19351 for the development of 40 residential condominium units
 - First reading to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-XX approving rezone to apply the Residential Incentive Overlay Designation to the properties located at 220, 222, 234, and 236 Victoria Street
- Approve the Project with Modifications







Randall Preserve / Genga Discussion – NB-3 for 7/15 City Council Meeting

Discussion Goal:

- Update to Council and Community
- Summary of (draft) key issues/opportunities for Costa Mesa
- Opportunity for questions/input from other councilmembers and community members
 - o Goals/wishes, Concerns, Questions

Update

Background

- ~400 acres of former oil field, purchased with private and public grants to be turned input public park and preserve (**Figure 1**)
- Grants have many specific requirements re: open space & habitat, public use/access, tribal access/engagement, cultural resource protection, species/wildlife protection, flood prevention
- Deed held by Mountains, Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA) lead agency in park planning process
- Randall Preserve Advisory Committee (24 members) to inform planning process:
 - o Local, state reps (**Costa Mesa**, Newport Beach, County, Assembly, Senate)
 - o Local, state, fed funding and regulatory agencies
 - Tribal Government Advisory Group members
 - o Randall Family, Coastal Corridor Alliance, Banning Ranch Land Trust
- MRCA also engaging directly with local agencies on ongoing/future issues site management, encampments, enforcement, fire prevention/response

Timeline (estimated)

- Land still under control of oil company, required remediation is ongoing planned to complete end of 2025; likely will extend into 2026
- MRCA leading planning process in parallel
 - Three plans released public comments were due Monday, 7/14
 - Resource Management Plan
 - Public Access Plan
 - Coastal Resilience Plan
 - o 4th being developed with Tribal Representatives: Tribal Engagement Plan
 - Planning team will review comments, incorporate into plan Advisory Committee member agencies have more time
 - Randall Preserve Advisory Committee meets in July, September to discuss comments/issues; will make final recommendation in **October** (final meeting)
- 2026 transfer from oil company to MRCA for park/preserve prep
- Fall 2027 earliest estimate for opening
- Park & Preserve
 - Hours of Operation
 - o 24/7 Park Ranger
 - Constraints (Figure 2)
 - Phased opening (Figure 3)

Relevant Issues/Opportunities

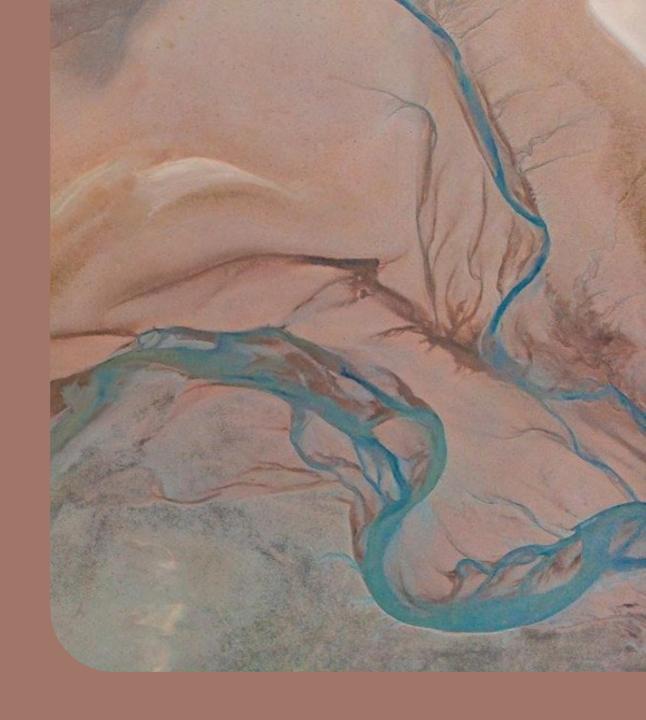
- Site Management now & future
 - o Encampments, fire, trash, safety on/near sites
 - Jurisdictional and access challenges for emergency response
 - External impacts residential & Talbert Park
- Access Main entrance would be at end of W. 17th Street; other entrances via Talbert, PCH, River Trail (tentative) (**Figure 4**)
 - Vehicle traffic and parking impacts
 - Park capacity unknown/requested
 - Number planned parking spaces unknown
 - Park capacity/attendance management not typical, TBD
 - Adequate bike, e-bike paring
- Access Safe/Comfortable access by walk, bike, shuttle, bus
 - Safe walk/bike routes from neighborhoods/bus stops
 - Wayfinding signage from major routes
 - o Drop-off for shuttle (e.g., senior center, Let's Go CM) or ride-share
- Transportation Connections (Figure 4)
 - Bike/walk-to-beach routes & wayfinding
- Stormwater Management
 - o TBD
- Public Access / Engagement
 - Multilingual
 - Multi-generational amenities (kids, older adults)
 - Programs/curriculum with NMUSD
- Coordination/collab. for Santa Ana River Corridor (Talbert Park, Fairview Park, SART)
 - Public access, communication trails, connectivity, amenities (e.g., shared maps)
 - Wayfinding/Education consistent, complementary, coordinated
 - Ecosystem resource restoration, management (e.g., seed band, nursery)
 - Tribal Engagement
 - Grants

Staying Informed

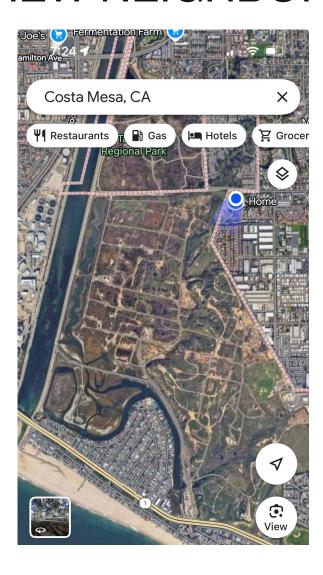
- Randall Preserve Advisory Committee Public Meetings
 - o Friday, 7/25 10am-1pm @ Newport Beach Civic Room
 - Overview of Draft Resource Management Plan, Discussion and Feedback
 - o Friday, 9/26 10am-1pm @ Newport Beach Civic Room (Tentative)
 - Overview of Draft Public Access Plan, Draft Coastal Resiliency Plan, Discussion and Feedback
 - Friday, 10/31 10am-1pm @ Norma Hertzog Community Center
 - Final Meeting
- MRCA Project Website: https://mrca.ca.gov/parks/park-projects/randall-preserve-genga/
- CCA Randall Preserve Website: https://www.randallpreserve.org/
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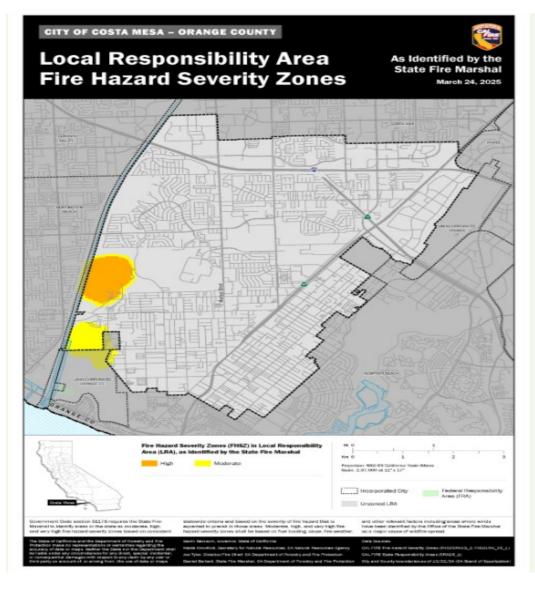
Security & Fire Risks



RANDALL PRESERVE/ PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD



PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE ZONE



PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



DATE: Wed., August 30, 2023 **TIME:** 6:00pm - 7:00pm

MEETING LOCATION: 1892 Parkview Circle

This meeting is for residents of **Marina View Park**

Meeting Agenda:

- Introduction to Neighborhood Watch
- Personal and Property Safety Tips
- Community Policing Principles How to Report Crime
- Questions & Answers



Please join us for a meeting with Costa Mesa PD

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING



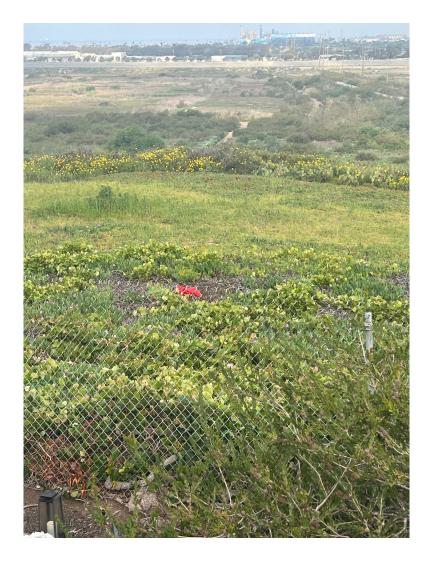
We look forward to seeing you there.

Brought to you by your: NW Block Captain, Ken Smith & Co-Block Captain, Marsha Lopez

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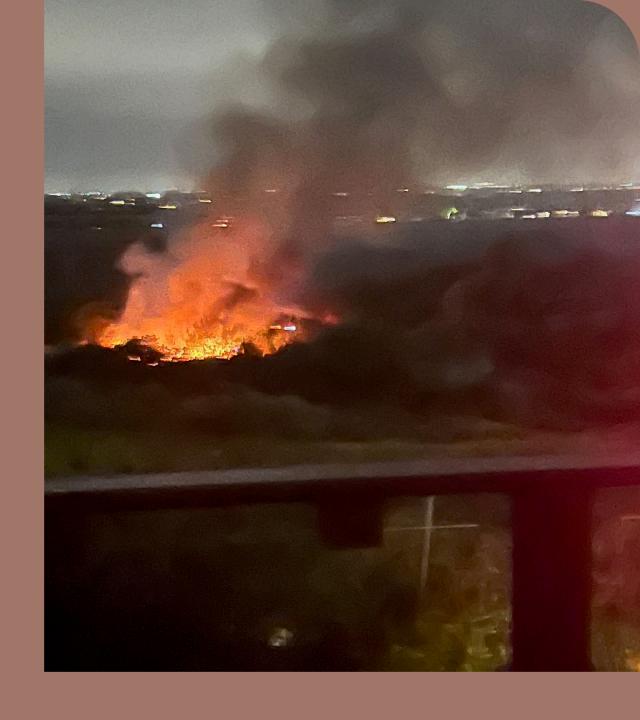
TRESPASSING ILLEGAL CAMPING



ILLEGAL CAMPFIRES



FRIDAY 5/23/25 3:56 AM



Petition

To the Costa Mesa City Council:

We, the undersigned residents of the Parkview Neighborhood hereby petition the City Council of Costa Mesa, California and ask that the City Council to support Arlis Reynolds in her efforts to secure the Randall Preserve. Such efforts to include but not be limited to: Active monitoring at the end of 19th St. and Randall, including security cameras, ongoing CMFD fire risk assessment, CMPD monitoring of the area to ensure that encampments don't rebuild, regular drone inspection, pursuit of an MOU with the multiple jurisdictions to enable CM agencies access for more active monitoring and enforcement.

The contact person for this petition is:

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