
THE COSTA MESA PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

AUGUST 8, 2024
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Glabb.

ROLL CALL

☒ = Present ☐ = Absent

Commissioners

☐ Cristian Garcia Arcos
☒ Scott Glabb
☒ Brandine Ledger
☐ Terry Wall
☒ Shayanne Wright
☐ Kelly Brown, Vice Chair
☒ Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Chair

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☒ Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director
☒ Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
☒ Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
☒ Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn Redman: Father of Christian Redman, spoke about the black mustard overgrowth at Fairview Park concerns of effects if left growing.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Glabb: Highlighted the Costa Mesa High School football game attendance and recognized the football athletes.

Commissioner Wright: Highlighted Shalimar Park community feedback. Looking forward to the Open Space Master Plan tonight.

Commissioner Ledger: No comments.

Chair Dorn Parker: Expressed her appreciation for the staff's efforts in organizing the Concerts in The Park, acknowledging their continued success and growth each year. Suggested a new activity "Kids Love Trucks" be something we can incorporate in the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes – 05/09/2024 PACS Draft Minutes AND 06/27/2024 PACS Draft Minutes

MOTION: Approve the amended minutes of May 9, 2024 Commission meeting.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Ledger/Commissioner Glabb.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Ledger, Commissioner Wright, Chair Dorn Parker

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Wall, Vice Chair Brown,

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – May, June, July 2024

Mr. Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Commissioner Glabb inquired about the service to seniors for mental health and age assistance.

Commissioner Wright was glad to see Ketchum Libolt and Shalimar request for proposal (RFP) got approved. Asked if there was an estimated timeline or goal of completion.

Dorn Parker expressed excitement for new pickleball courts, highlighted the importance of swimming for safety and community participation, and inquired about the Brentwood Park Project.

Public Comment: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

Mr. Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director and Ms. Villasenor presented.

Public Comment:

Amy Menzinger: Inquired where edits can be sent to for the plan as it shows inconsistencies.

Ralph Taboada: He emphasized the importance of the commission's active involvement in developing the new master plan, expressing concern that too often, staff and consultants complete most of the work before presenting a final version to commissions or committees. Taboada urged the commission to be involved throughout the process, working alongside consultants and staff to shape the scope, receive interim reports, and provide input before final decisions are made. Suggested the commission consider holding study sessions to actively contribute throughout the development process, rather than only offering feedback after receiving a completed draft.

David Martinez: expressed frustration with the lengthy Master Plan process and the lack of action on proposed projects. Hopes the plan will lead to implementation of policies and projects that have been proposed but not completed.

Commissioner Wright emphasized the need for better digital communication strategies to enhance public awareness of city programs and services. She felt this component was lacking and suggested integrating digital plans across all park and recreation efforts to improve outreach and accessibility. Also expressed excitement that many of the current improvements, like the sports complex upgrades, demonstrating the value of community data collected six years ago. Discussed her understanding of City Council's decision to withhold \$350,000 from the budget for the master plan, pending a clearer scope of work. She believed the plan should remain an active working draft, with a focus on finding a better price point for continued improvements. highlighted the success of the city's recreational programs, which are

highly popular and accessible. Commissioner Wright also advocated for planning around growth rates to accommodate increasing demand, suggesting the need for more funding, space, and staff to support program expansion in the future.

Commissioner Ledger inquired how the new master plan is going to be adaptable to the community's evolving needs and priorities and how often are you going to be looking into the community's needs and priorities?

Dorn Parker: Spoke about community impact of the original master plan, unrealistic budget and the shift of priorities, the need for ongoing, flexible planning, and urged the public to communicate questions and their priorities to City staff.

Item was received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Dorn Parker at 7:26 P.M.