
From: OCHOA, ALISA
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 10:41 AM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Skatepark Expansion Plan

Dear PACS Committee,

Thank you for engaging with the community and seeking input on the skatepark expansion. I truly appreciate all the feedback received. As an active user, my family and I have enjoyed the skatepark, where my son has taken skateboarding lessons. I understand that this change is both needed and welcomed.

I would also like to express my gratitude to OC Supervisor Katrina Foley for her support of this project. I believe this is a wonderful opportunity to incorporate public art into the design, and I hope it will be considered during the early planning stages. Including art in public spaces aligns with the City of Costa Mesa's Arts & Culture Master Plan Goal #2, which was approved by the council, and this location is an ideal setting to showcase art that reflects our vibrant and diverse skate culture. Now is the perfect time to discuss how art can be intentionally integrated into this project.

Having enjoyed several parks designed by Spohn Ranch in the area, I believe our city has a great opportunity to elevate this skatepark into a premier destination for both skaters and art enthusiasts, making it truly stand out from the rest.

My family and I are excited to see how this project develops. Thank you once again for all your hard work.

Alisa Ochoa
Chair
Arts Commission

From: Ralph Taboada <taboada1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 9:43 AM
To: CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Letter to PACS

City Clerk

Please forward this letter to the PACS Commissioners for their Thursday March 13th meeting.

Thank You

Ralph

To: PACS Chair and Commissioners

Subject: Capital Projects for Parks

I want to follow-up on my public comments at last month's meeting. Every annual budget includes a forecast of projects to be proposed for the following year and Council approves this forecast. It is called the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Everything being equal, it would be expected that the projects in the CIP would be proposed in the following year.

But things happen and priorities can change in the intervening 12 months and projects proposed by Staff may differ from those in the approved CIP. In the current process, Staff submits to PACS only a list of their proposed projects with no or very little other information provided.

Short-comings of the current process are:

1. It does not provide PACS a measurable baseline or context for proposed projects.
2. Some projects in the CIP do not get proposed as forecasted and PACS does not know why.
3. Does not allow PACS to understand the complete picture and hinders your ability to review, discuss, or recommend modified priorities.

So PACS can make more informed decisions, I am recommending that you request from staff to also include the list of projects forecasted in the CIP for budget year 25/26 along with their list of currently proposed projects.

For illustration, shown below is a schedule with the list of projects in the CIP for the upcoming budget year 25/26. Staff can provide their list of proposed projects side by side, with comments noting any differences. If a proposed project is not in the CIP list the project can be easily included.

It should be noted that the list shown is in Staff's data base. They have this information and any additional effort to include it in their presentation to PACS is minimal. It may take a little more time to include comments but Staff should be expected to comment of differences between the lists. And it is incumbent upon PACS to understand reasons for any changes.

I firmly believe this will improve the current process and also integrate PACS more fully into the capital approval process for Park projects.

Thank you

Ralph Taboada

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Parks - Fiscal Year 25/26 Capital Improvement Program Forecast Compared to Proposed Projects			
\$ Thousands	CIP Forecast	Proposed Projects	Comments
Balearic Community Center - Blacktop Improvement	250		
Balearic Community Center - Tot Lot Improvement	200		
Butterfly Gardens	50		
Fairview Park Asphalt Trail Rehabilitation	200		
Fairview Park - Educational Hubs & Signage	88		
Fairview Park - Fencing, Signage, & Trail Restoration	75		
Fairview Park - Master Plan Implementation	75		
Gisler Park - Light Poles Replacement	95		
Harper Park - Replace Playground Equipment	200		
Jack Hammett Sports Complex - Relevel Fields	400		
Lions Park - Open Space Improvements	50		
Marina Park - Replace Playground Equipment	200		
Park Security Lighting Replacement Program	100		
Various Parks - Parking Lot Rehabilitation	50		
Various Parks - Playground Repairs/Replace	50		
Various Parks - Rainbird Controller Replacement	100		
Victoria Ave Corridor Development	300		
Westside Park Development	3,000		
Totals	5,483		

From: Evan Carey <evanpatrickcarey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 10:07 AM
To: PACS Comments; FARRELL HARRISON, LORI ANN; STEPHENS, JOHN; BULEY, MIKE
Cc: ParkDistrict1; WRIGHT, SHAYANNE; GRUNER, BRIAN; GLABB, SCOTT
Subject: Re: Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Commission Written Comment

Dear Mayor Stephens, Council Member Buley and Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Commission,

I am following up on my previous letter to the Parks and Community Services Commission regarding the condition of Moon Park and the urgent need for improvements. Since my initial outreach, I have continued to observe the same persistent issues—if not worsening conditions—that make the park an unsafe and underutilized space for families in our neighborhood.

Despite the increasing number of young families moving into the State Streets area, many feel uncomfortable or outright avoid using Moon Park due to its deteriorating state and ongoing transient activity. The playground equipment remains outdated, damaged, and unsafe, while the lack of fencing near the Santa Ana River Trail continues to pose a safety risk. Additionally, the absence of adequate lighting makes the park a hotspot for after-hours loitering, drinking, and drug use, further discouraging families from visiting.

The park's namesake feature, the concrete moon, is cracking and breaking apart, posing both an aesthetic and safety issue. The once-vibrant playground equipment is now severely sun-faded, outdated and worn, making it unappealing and, in some areas, unsafe for children to use. It is disappointing to see such a unique and historic element of the park deteriorate without any restoration efforts.

Another major safety concern is the **lack of fencing along the Santa Ana River Trail**. Without a proper barrier, children can easily wander onto the bike path, putting them at risk of being hit by cyclists traveling at high speeds. Installing a fence or barrier would not only provide a critical layer of protection but also help prevent unintended access to the river trail, which has ongoing transient activity and safety concerns.

It is frustrating to see other parks throughout Costa Mesa receive improvements and upgrades while Moon Park continues to be overlooked. This park has the potential to be a valuable asset to the neighborhood, yet it has been left to fall into disrepair. The city has invested in renovations at other locations, but Moon Park—despite being a significant and only community space for our neighborhood—remains neglected.

I urge the Commission to take meaningful steps to:

- **Repair and replace playground equipment to ensure it is safe and engaging for children.**
- **Relocate the playground away from the freeway to reduce noise and improve air quality.**
- **Restore or replace the moon structure to maintain the park's unique identity.**
- **Install security lighting to deter illicit activity and improve nighttime visibility.**
- **Add a fence along the Santa Ana River Trail to prevent children from accidentally wandering onto the bike path and being injured by fast-moving cyclists.**
- **Develop multi-purpose recreational facilities (basketball, pickleball, mini soccer) to better serve the active needs of the neighborhood.**
- **Implement consistent enforcement and maintenance measures to address ongoing transient-related issues.**

I hope to see these concerns addressed in the upcoming meeting and urge the city to prioritize Moon Park's much-needed revitalization. The families in this neighborhood deserve a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained public space—just like the residents in other parts of the city who have seen their parks improved.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Evan Carey

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On Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 6:45 PM GLABB, SCOTT <SCOTT.GLABB@costamesaca.gov> wrote:
Mr Carey

Thanks so Much for coming down and speaking about the problems at Moon Park

Now everything you said and the commissions comments are on the record for the city.

I would reach out to director Gruner and set up a meeting with him regarding your letter and concerns.

Unfortunately, we will have to continue to remind parks dept about Moonpark.

As they say squeaky wheel gets the grease.

The city staff is very helpful and do what they can to resolve problems

Also this is an app where you can report all the issues you find at park to the city

<https://www.costamesaca.gov/trending/costa-mesa-311-report-issues>

Thanks again for your letter

From: Evan Carey <evanpatrickcarey@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:51:35 PM

To: GLABB, SCOTT

Subject: Re: Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Commission Written Comment

Good Afternoon Scott,

Thank you for the reply. I would be happy to come this Thursday to the PAC Commission and read my letter about the current conditions at Moon Park.

Respectfully,

Evan Carey

On Tue, Jun 25, 2024 at 11:17 AM GLABB, SCOTT <SCOTT.GLABB@costamesaca.gov> wrote:

Evan

We have a meeting this Thursday with the PAC commission if you would like to come and share your letter.

On Thurssay I will ask the powers to be what the first step is in addressing the issues at Moon Park.

I have been by there a few times and understand your concerns and agree with you that things need to be improved.

Thank so much for your email.

Scott Glabb

From: Evan Carey <evanpatrickcarey@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:30:54 AM

To: PACS Comments

Cc: ParkDistrict1; ParkDistrict3; ParkDistrict4; ParkDistrict5; ParkDistrict6; WRIGHT, SHAYANNE; GRUNER, BRIAN

Subject: Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Commission Written Comment

Dear Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns and suggestions regarding Moon Park. As a resident of the State Streets neighborhood, I have noticed several issues that need immediate attention to make the park a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone.

Firstly, Moon Park is in dire need of updating. The current equipment is outdated, rusting, sun faded and, in some cases, unsafe. I propose that new playground equipment be installed and positioned away from the freeway to provide a safer environment for children and less noise exposure. Additionally, the installation of a fence to separate the park from the Santa Ana River Trail would greatly enhance safety and prevent unintended access to the river trail area by children using the park.

The park would also benefit from the addition of a multi-purpose court that could accommodate basketball, mini soccer, and pickleball. This would provide much-needed recreational opportunities for both children and adults in our community. This would also help reduce the number of improvised pickle ball and basketball courts spread throughout the neighborhood.

Security is another major concern. There is an urgent need for security lighting throughout the park. The current lack of lighting makes the park unsafe, especially in the evenings. Enhanced lighting would deter inappropriate activities and ensure the park is welcoming to families at all times.

I must also want to bring to your attention the ongoing issue of unhoused individuals using the park for camping. While this is a complex social issue, it significantly impacts the safety and cleanliness of the park. There have been multiple incidents of people drinking and using drugs in the park daily. Unfortunately, many of these individuals then leave their cans and other trash on the playground. This behavior is not only illegal but also creates an environment where families do not feel safe.

It is disheartening to see that, despite many young families moving into the neighborhood, they feel extremely unsafe using Moon Park. This park has the potential to be a central hub for community activities and family gatherings, but its current state is far from that vision.