

JUNE 23, 2022  
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Rutherford at 6:01pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Commissioner Glabb

**ROLL CALL**

= Present    = Absent

**Commissioners**

- Angely Andrade Vallarta
- Charlene Ashendorf
- Kelly Brown
- Scott Glabb
- Michelle Murphy\*
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Vice Chair\*\*
- Cassius Rutherford, Chair

**City Staff**

- Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
- Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- Raja Sethuramen, Public Services Director
- Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- Seung Yang, City Engineer
- Kevin Stoddart, Recreation Supervisor
- Lt. Chaumness, Police Department
- Sgt. Grimmond, Police Department.
- Laura Fautua, Executive Secretary

\*Commissioner Murphy attended via Zoom

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**In Person – Christina:** Excited to see the funding for Brentwood Park and inquiring how the funds will be allocated for fiscal budget. She had compiled over 350 signatures from the community to identify some improvement areas.

**No Public Comments via Zoom.**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Andrade Vallarta:** Thanked Christina for her public comment. Also, thanked staff and activities team. Commissioner Vallarta had the opportunity to assist in the Fairview Park Alliance clean up, enjoyed the learning engagement from the event. Excited for the Movies in the Park Kick-off along with the Camp Costa Mesa activities.

**Commissioner Ashendorf:** Costa Mesa High School Key Club will be assisting seniors at the Costa Mesa Senior Center from 9:30am to 11:00am tomorrow with navigating any of their technological devices. Thanked our longtime Social Worker, Charu Mody and wished her a great retirement. Also encouraged the community to say their goodbyes at Charu’s Senior Center farewell on Tuesday, June 28 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Encouraged the Senior Community to attend Independence Day lunch at the Senior Thursday, June 30 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Was happy to see the Fish Fry back with their delicious food. Notified the community of Newport Mesa Unified School District Smart Camp end with a free jazz band/choir and orchestra performance. Lastly, mentioned that City Council reviewed the first reading for the Commission renaming and addition of the Arts Commission.

**Commissioner Glabb:** Thanked the public commenter for speaking up on requests for her community.

**Commissioner Murphy:** Thanked the Parks & Community Services Department and assistance with Newport Mesa girl's softball team with some storage for some of their equipment. Asked staff about the spikes of algae in the ponds at TeWinkle Park. Happy to see the Fish Fry event back and running.

**Vice Chair Dorn Parker:** Thanked fellow Commissioners and staff for helping her stay connected as she was on the road at the last meeting. Thanked the dedicated group of residents around all the parks on the East Side that had been advocating for Brentwood, happy to see community engagement to make our parks a greener space and playground updates. Asked staff on the timeframe and next processes for updates if tours could be set up for Commissioner to visit parks with staff.

**Chair Rutherford:** Thanked the public commenter. Happy to see our community uplift and support for community updates. Would like to thank the organizers who were involved with the Fish Fry back at Lions Park. The first Pilot Cup tournament returned since pre pandemic. Thanked staff for the great Movie in the Park featuring Karate Kid. Happy to see the upcoming community events and will be attending the July 3 Independence Day celebration at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Has been doing park site visits beyond his district to talk with residents about their experiences and ideas. Congratulated Vice Chair Dorn Parker's appointment to the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees last week. Seeking a solution to decrease off-leash dog owners, because it poses a risk to children/people utilizing our parks, possibly by creating enclosed areas for off-leash at parks. Would like to see park signage improvements such as adding citation amounts similar to other cities and increase enforcement. Would like to see more defined maintenance agreements, updates on field equipment. Wants to make sure staff are enforcing agreements with field users and update any outdated agreements.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2022 MEETING**

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Ashendorf made a motion to approve the minutes/Seconded by Vice Chair Dorn Parker.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Murphy, Chair Rutherford

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Brown

**Motion Carried:** 6-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. DOWNTOWN AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Stoddart presented.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **1. Park Ranger Report – April 2022**

Lt. Chamness and Sgt. Grimmond assisted with any questions commissioners have regarding the Park Ranger Report.

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired about citations for camping especially at Talbert Park and if we are seeing an increase.

Commissioner Murphy inquired about encampment protocols, involvement of the County, mental health service assistance, and Network Homeless Solutions outreach team assisting with these calls.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker inquired how we can better educate the public to prevent the growing issue of rule breaking. Advocated for more signage at parks to help educate what not do and advocated a need of green space for dog owners on the East Side.

**Public Comment:** None.

2. Director's Report - April 2022  
Mr. Minter & Ms. Villasenor presented.

Chair Rutherford requested clarification on the Parks Make Life better Proclamation date for City Council. Thanked staff on all their efforts with assisting community events.

Commissioner Murphy inquired on the TeWinkle algae follow-up.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked if there would be transportation from the Senior Center for Summer events. Looking forward to the opening of the Tanager Park Pickleball courts.

Chair Rutherford asked staff if a community walkthrough can occur before the project begins at Jordan Park?

Chair Rutherford pressed for a specific opening date for community use.

Inquired if the Adams room in the Donald Dungan Library is a part of the upcoming community facility rental structure.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker asked how fees would be established for facilities? Requested the fee-cost are accessible and reasonable.

**Public Comments**

**In Person – Christina:** Sought clarification for what makes a project successful and how do staff ensure funds the improvements to parks including, getting the best value for everyone in the community. Stressing the importance of communicating with the community and making sure it is lining up priorities for both parties.

**ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Rutherford at 7:27pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JULY 28, 2022 AT 6:00P.M.**