



CITY OF COSTA MESA
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
Agenda

Thursday, June 11, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
77 Fair Drive

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PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 11, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

KELLY BROWN
Chair

SHAYANNE WRIGHT
Vice Chair

ELIZABETH DORN PARKER
Commissioner

CRISTIAN GARCIA ARCOS
Commissioner

JAKE HUSEN
Commissioner

JASON KOMALA
Commissioner

BRANDICE LEGER
Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or as otherwise directed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or as otherwise directed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Parks and Community Services Commission, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The public can make this request via email at PACSCComments@costamesaca.gov and should include the item number to be addressed. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be discussed and voted upon immediately following Parks and Community Services Commission action on the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

1. **MINUTES** **26-287**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the minutes for the March 12, 2026, April 23, 2026, and May 21, 2026 Parks and Community Services Commission meetings.

Attachments: [03/12/26 PACS Draft Minutes](#)
[04/23/26 PACS Draft Minutes](#)
[05/21/26 PACS Draft Minutes](#)

2. **DEPARTMENT REPORT** **26-288**

Attachments: [Department Report - March, April, & May 2026](#)

3. **PARK RANGER REPORT** **26-289**

Attachments: [Park Ranger Report - March 2026](#)
[Park Ranger Report - April 2026](#)

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
2. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **PARKS AND RECREATION PROPOSED USER FEE INCREASES** **26-318**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Community Services Commission review and approve proposed user fee increases to become effective for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[1. Recreation and Facility Fees](#)

2. [PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL 26-316 REPORT](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review and approve the annual Parks and Community Services Commission presentation to City Council.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

[1. Costa Mesa Municipal Code 12-71.](#)

[2. PACs Presentation to CC-2](#)

3. [NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN LOCATION STUDY](#) [26-317](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review and finalize the Commission members who will be assigned to the new community garden location evaluation team.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. [PICNIC DAY DISCUSSION](#) [26-319](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) discuss and provide feedback about a Community Picnic Day event at the Lions Park Event Lawn.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

ADDITIONAL COMMISSION MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2026



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-287

Meeting Date: 5/21/2026

TITLE:

MINUTES

DEPARTMENT: **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the minutes for the March 12, 2026, April 23, 2026, and May 21, 2026 Parks and Community Services Commission meetings.

MARCH 12, 2026
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Brown at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Dorn Parker.

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners

- Cristian Garcia Arcos*
- Jake Husen
- Jason Komala
- Brandine Leger
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker
- Shayanne Wright, Vice Chair
- Kelly Brown, Chair

City Staff

- Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director
- Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- Kevin Stoddart, Sr. Recreation Supervisor
- Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director
- Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- Bryan Wadkins, Police Captain
- Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
- Kathia Vitier, Recreation Specialist

*Commissioner Garcia Arcos arrived as Chair Brown opened up for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – [Correspondence Received](#).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Komala: Thanked attendees of the senior transportation sessions for sharing feedback, noting it was well received and helpful in identifying next steps.

Commissioner Leger: Thanked community members for attending and providing feedback regarding Moon Park and transportation issues.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos: Shared excitement regarding an upcoming conference in and encouraged anyone interested in becoming an arborist or learning about trees to reach out.

Vice Chair Wright: Shared that visiting and evaluating parks outside of her usual neighborhood was a meaningful and enjoyable experience and stated she looked forward to sharing her analysis and professional perspective.

Chair Brown: Thanked commissioners for their comments, expressed interest in updates regarding the Lions Park café opening, shared observations from Costa Mesa United meetings regarding business impacts on park events, suggested revisiting a community Picnic Day, and noted supplemental meeting materials were available on the City website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes – February 12, 2026 and February 26, 2026 PACS Draft Minutes
2. Department Report – February 2026

Public Comment: None.

MOTION: To approve consent calendar items

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn Parker / Commissioner Leger

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Vice Chair Wright, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos thanked City staff for their outreach efforts with Bright Youth and the Shalimar Park community and expressed interest in continued collaboration.

Commissioner Dorn Parker thanked the City for hosting the Ability League baseball program at the park and acknowledged the effort involved in relocating the program and supporting its growth.

Vice Chair Wright inquired about the City's perspective regarding the Newport-Mesa Unified School District's recent e-bike and bicycle restrictions and asked whether there were approaches the City could learn from or improve upon regarding e-bike issues in parks.

Commissioner Dorn Parker stated that e-bike and electric motorcycle concerns were occurring statewide and noted that legislators, school districts, and law enforcement agencies were working to address safety concerns while still encouraging biking and walking among students.

Vice Chair Wright noted the Newport-Mesa Unified School District recently discussed e-bike issues at a school board meeting and suggested the City could evaluate the district's approach regarding illegal bike activity in parks, particularly at Fairview Park.

Chair Brown asked about trends discussed at the California Park & Recreation Society conference, including parks funding, budget challenges, and whether other cities were utilizing values-based assessment frameworks similar to Costa Mesa's approach.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director, and Mr. Kevin Stoddart, Sr. Recreation Supervisor presented.

Staff proposed the following variations:

Variation One (1)	Variation Two (2)
<p>Rides within City Limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Center • Seven Major Shopping Centers • Hoag Urgent Care • Four rides per person per month (two round trip) • \$4.00 Copay <p>Medical Rides to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newport Beach • Fountain Valley • Santa Ana • Long Beach VA • Hoag and Kaiser Medical Centers in Irvine • Hoag Urgent Care and Optum Clinic in Huntington Beach • Four rides per month (two round trip) • \$8.00 Copay <p>Total Rides Allowed: 7,201</p>	<p>Rides within City Limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Center • Seven Major Shopping Centers • Hoag Urgent Care • Six rides per person per month (three round trip) • \$4.00 Copay <p>Medical Rides to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newport Beach • Fountain Valley • VA Clinic, Kaiser, and Wave Imaging in Santa Ana • Long Beach VA • Hoag and Kaiser Medical Centers in Irvine • Hoag Urgent Care and Optum Clinic in Huntington Beach • Six rides per month (three round trip) • \$8.00 Copay <p>Total Rides Allowed: 8,056</p>

Public Comment:

Jean: Expressed appreciation for the senior transportation program, noted the importance of including Kaiser medical offices in transportation options, inquired about how transportation models would be selected, and shared that the service had been helpful due to not being able to drive.

Chair Brown asked questions regarding the anticipated costs of the program options, how frequent riders would be accommodated, whether service hours could be expanded later into the day, and whether alternative transportation resources such as the City’s shuttle service could be utilized to support rides to the Senior Center.

Commissioner Leger thanked staff for conducting extensive outreach efforts and asked whether the public was being informed that the 48-hour reservation requirement was necessary to maintain ADA compliance.

Commissioner Komala inquired whether extending service hours would increase program costs, asked about coordinating alternative transportation options such as Uber for seniors, and questioned how the program would address riders requiring frequent medical treatments beyond the proposed ride limits.

Chair Brown highlighted the Commission’s role was to provide recommendations to City Council and noted that commissioners could recommend alternatives beyond the two (2) presented options.

Commissioner Dorn Parker shared personal experience assisting her mother with senior transportation needs and discussed concerns regarding seniors requiring frequent medical transportation, potential partnerships with outside providers, staffing needs to assist seniors with transportation coordination, affordability of co-pays, and the importance of evaluating and adjusting the program over time to balance financial constraints with community needs

Chair Brown inquired if the VA is covered in all three options.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos suggested exploring bus passes for seniors comfortable using public transit to help reduce program costs and increase access to destinations such as the Senior Center and medical facilities. He also inquired about the outreach conducted to approximately 1,300 residents and requested that informational materials, including Spanish-language resources are available.

Vice Chair Wright requested a side-by-side comparison of the transportation program options, discussed a potential hybrid model with free local rides and co-pay medical rides, questioned whether survey responses aligned with rider behavior, sought clarification regarding the proposed paid options, and expressed support for variation two (2) due to the increased number of rides and preservation of medical destinations while questioning the value of including Santa Ana as a service area.

Chair Brown emphasized the importance of maintaining seniors' sense of independence and flexibility when accessing transportation services and encouraged consideration of expanded service hours and creative partnerships with other transportation resources, including public transit and existing City shuttle services.

Commissioner Leger stated support for variation two (2), noting appreciation for the expanded medical trip options while maintaining free rides, and asked when the program could be revisited for expansion if sales tax revenue increased.

Commissioner Wright did not support additional program funding but supported funding a dedicated full-time staff member to assist seniors with navigating transportation and related services, and expressed interest in making the recommendation formal.

Commissioner Husen acknowledged the benefit of limited free rides but leaning toward a program structure without limited free rides in order to serve a broader range of users.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos emphasized the importance of supporting and giving back to elders, and encouraged further review and discussion due to the significance of the decision.

Commissioner Komala asked staff which option was considered the most sustainable long-term and confirmed that the City would not be locked into a long-term contract if adjustments were needed. He also raised concerns regarding seniors being stranded after delayed medical appointments and suggested including a provision to ensure seniors would still receive transportation home if appointments ran late.

Commissioner Leger asked whether the program could be revisited the following year to evaluate the selected option and determine whether adjustments or expansion would be needed.

Commissioner Dorn Parker made a motion to support the free option.

Commissioner Husen seconded the motion and stated appreciation for the public and staff feedback, noting the discussion helped provide perspective while weighing the benefits of both options.

Vice Chair Wright made a substitute motion to support variation two (2) and stated openness to including financial recommendations for staffing support during the program transition. She stated support for maintaining the greatest number of locations possible and noted that a small co-pay aligned with survey feedback while remaining fiscally responsible and accessible.

Commissioner Leger seconded Vice Chair Wright's motion and suggested the proposed staff support position be temporary in order to reduce City benefit costs.

Chair Brown proposed a friendly amendment requesting the City evaluate and project potential costs associated with expanded service hours without committing to implementation.

Vice Chair accepted the amendment to the motion.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos proposed staff position operate in a hybrid capacity to help ensure no seniors were left stranded after appointments, including the possibility of adjusted work hours to assist with transportation support.

Mr. Stoddart stated the staffing suggestion would be difficult to implement due to potential liability concerns.

MOTION: To approve recommend variation (2) and exploring staffing to redirect seniors to other services that are available and complete a cost analysis for financial expansion of hours for future iterations.

MOVED/SECOND: Vice Chair Wright / Commissioner Leger

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Leger, Vice Chair Wright, Chair Brown

Nays: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Komala

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 2

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PARK RANGER REPORT

Captain Bryan Wadkins presented.

Public Comment:

Jen Tanaka: Requested that monthly Park Ranger reports and statistics be made publicly available, stating the data would help highlight park-related issues and improve transparency. She provided background regarding the Harper Park ranger assignment, noting it was originally intended as a six-month pilot program, and asked for an update regarding potential use of drones or cameras in parks enforcement efforts.

Commenter 2: Requested clarification regarding the lack of reported patrol checks, calls for service, citations, arrests, and reports at Shalimar Park and asked how parks were prioritized for ranger patrols and when the park was last visited by a ranger.

Evan Carey (zoom): Requested additional transparency regarding the total cost and operational investment associated with assigning a park ranger to Harper Park, including salary, benefits, and future park improvements. He expressed concern regarding dedicating one of the City's limited park rangers to a single park while other parks also face ongoing safety issues.

Commissioner Husen thanked staff for the presentation, shared observations from a ranger ride-along, and requested clarification regarding ranger assignments at Harper Park and the adequacy of ranger vehicles and coverage.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos raised concerns regarding patrol coverage, surveillance cameras, lighting at Shalimar Park and Paris Park, encouraged greater collaboration on park safety and maintenance issues, and expressed concerns regarding ranger vehicles driving on wet grass areas near trees at Canyon Park.

Commissioner Leger discussed observing drone use during enforcement activity at Fairview Park, asked questions regarding enforcement coordination and drone operations near Talbert Regional Park, and requested additional detail in future ranger reports regarding enforcement activity and safety trends.

Commissioner Komala asked whether patrol checks were proactive or initiated by calls for service and requested clarification regarding how patrol frequency was determined. He also asked about the process for expanding surveillance camera installations at parks.

Commissioner Dorn Parker requested clarification regarding patrol activity at Harper Park and nearby schools, discussed concerns regarding off-leash dogs, supported exploring additional fenced dog areas, and encouraged residents to utilize the City's 311 App system to document recurring park concerns.

Vice Chair Wright thanked the Park Rangers for their work and relationships with the unhoused community, particularly at Lions Park, and supported reinstating monthly ranger reports to provide objective public safety data and trend tracking.

Chair Brown thanked staff for the presentation, supported more frequent ranger reporting, and stated additional citation and enforcement detail would help the Commission better evaluate park safety, equity concerns, and future Capital Improvement Project priorities.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos asked about Park Ranger coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding drone usage near Fairview Park and shared information regarding an upcoming bilingual wildlife protection workshop at Griffith Park.

Chair Brown called for a 15-minute recess to begin at 8:33 PM. Commissioner Leger made the motion and seconded by Commissioner Dorn Parker. Meeting was called back to order at 8:48 PM.

2. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 AND THE FIVE-YEAR CIP BUDGET THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2030-31

Mr. Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director, and Mr. Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager presented.

Public Comment:

Jenn Tanaka: Thanked staff for including funding for Harper Park in the Capital Improvement Program and stated the park serves a high-density residential area with limited nearby park access. She highlighted ongoing maintenance and accessibility deficiencies at the park, including aging infrastructure, lack of signage, and ADA concerns, and encouraged simultaneous investment in Moon Park.

Commenter 2: Thanked staff for proposed funding related to Moon Park and emphasized the importance of investing in parks to support children, families, and community connection. The commenter encouraged the Commission to prioritize the park based on strong community support and outreach efforts.

Commenter 3: Requested improved transparency and communication regarding park updates and project progress on the City's website, specifically referencing Shalimar Park expansion efforts. The commenter also thanked City staff for supporting a youth entrepreneurship program and community outreach efforts related to neighborhood improvements.

Commenter 4: Advocated for continued investment in Moon Park, thanked staff for proposed outreach funding, and emphasized that the community would continue advocating for full project funding and implementation in future fiscal years.

Ralph Taboada: Encouraged the Commission to align the proposed Capital Improvement Program budget with the Commission's previously developed park assessment priorities, including open space and community garden considerations. He also thanked Director Sethuraman for providing additional budget comparison details and noted the added transparency helped clarify changes between previously forecasted and currently proposed project funding.

Evan Carey (Zoom): Stated the proposed funding for Moon Park was appreciated but insufficient to address longstanding community concerns. He urged the City to accelerate meaningful park investment, citing ongoing issues related to safety, lighting, graffiti, and park conditions, and emphasized that delaying improvements would continue negatively impacting the surrounding neighborhood.

Chair Brown inquired how and if the Commission values by staff by staff for CIP project evaluation.

Mr. Sethuraman addressed inquiry and informed commission that value assessment is not applied for staff evaluation of CIP projects.

Chair Brown proposed future projects incorporate Commission's values.

Mr. Gruner stated that values were created for commission resource and not utilized within staff practices. Suggested values maybe incorporated in the future.

Vice Chair Wright shared findings from her review of park conditions and demographics, supported prioritizing projects based on safety, equity, and access, identified Harper Park as the most deficient playground reviewed, and raised concerns regarding park maintenance and cleanliness standards.

Commissioner Dorn Parker requested greater transparency regarding project prioritization, supported earlier Capital Improvement Program discussions, emphasized alignment with the Commission's values framework, prioritized improvements at Harper Park, and encouraged continued community engagement regarding Moon Park and Shalimar Park projects.

Commissioner Leger supported earlier Capital Improvement Program review timelines, emphasized the importance of community engagement and equity in park prioritization, stated parks serving apartment communities such as Gisler Park should not be overlooked, and noted that improvements in higher-crime areas could encourage greater park use and safety.

Commissioner Komala thanked Vice Chair Wright for incorporating demographic and values-based analysis into her review, acknowledged staff's community engagement efforts regarding Moon Park, and stated that park safety considerations should include both infrastructure conditions and broader public safety concerns impacting park use.

Commissioner Husen recommended exploring funding for an additional Park Ranger vehicle, stating it would support safety efforts and improve ranger effectiveness throughout the park system.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos requested earlier Capital Improvement Program discussions, asked questions regarding Fairview Park vernal pool restoration funding, supported community garden opportunities and dedicated funding for underserved neighborhoods, and encouraged evaluating local alternatives to the City's park maintenance contractor.

Chair Brown expressed concerns regarding delayed bike trail lighting improvements, emphasized prioritizing park-deficient Westside neighborhoods consistent with the General Plan and Commission values framework, and stated the Commission should consider the needs of underserved and less represented communities when making recommendations.

Commissioner Leger asked whether Moon Park funding had been considered prior to community outreach efforts and raised concerns regarding ground squirrel activity and related safety hazards at TeWinkle Park.

Chair Brown proposed reviewing recommendations individually to determine Commission consensus, similar to the prior Fairview Park recommendation process.

Vice Chair Wright supported prioritizing only C-rated parks within the five-year Capital Improvement Program, expressed concerns regarding funding projects outside identified safety priorities, questioned the timing of Moon Park community engagement funding, and supported pursuing alternative funding opportunities for the Fairview Park and TeWinkle Park Skatepark projects.

Attendees Present: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Wright, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger
 Absent: Commission Dorn Parker*Left during item discussion, did not vote.

Commission moved staff recommendations and included the following additional recommendations in the following motions:

Motion to:	First	Second	Motion Carries	Nays
Add Marina View Park - sand and sidewalk in priorities to FY 26/27)	Chair Brown	Commissioner Husen	6-0	
Add Wilson - restrooms to FY 26/27	Vice Chair Wright	Chair Brown	5-1	Commissioner Komala
Add community gardens to five-year FY 27/28 (\$50,000) and potentially navigate Neth Park in a multi-faceted way	Chair Brown	Commissioner Garcia Arcos	6-0	
Add Westside Development to FY 27/28 (\$400,000)	Chair	Commissioner Leger	5-1	Commissioner Komala
Explore alternative funding sources to reduce City funding for Fairview Park and Skate Park projects	Vice Chair Wright	Chair Brown	4-2	Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Komala
Prioritize C-rated parks in the 5yr. plan	Commissioner Leger	Vice Chair Wright	5-1	Commissioner Husen

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Brown at 10:51 PM.

APRIL 23, 2026
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Brown at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Vice Chair Wright.

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners

- Cristian Garcia Arcos
- Jake Husen
- Jason Komala
- Brandine Leger
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker
- Shyanne Wright, Vice Chair
- Kelly Brown, Chair

City Staff

- Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director
- Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
- Kathia Vitier, Recreation Specialist

SPECIAL ITEMS:

1. COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Commissioner Komala asked about enforcement of the community garden rules, including the edible crop requirement and reassignment timeline.

Vice Chair Wright requested information regarding participation costs, average member tenure, and waitlist turnover data.

Chair Brown asked when the garden guidelines and program structure were last evaluated, including comparisons to other cities and analysis of community garden program benefits and costs.

Commissioner Dorn Parker discussed the raised bed pilot at and noted the subcommittee was exploring additional and creative garden locations.

Public Comment:

Lynn Redman: shared his long-term experience at the Hamilton Garden, highlighted the educational and community benefits of gardening, thanked staff, and encouraged the City to preserve and expand community gardens.

Sevi Gilpin: discussed the community benefits of the Hamilton Garden, raised concerns regarding limited parking and accessibility. Suggested voluntary plot downsizing opportunities, and encouraged further evaluation of plot size calculations.

Ashley Arvinites: Shared that the Hamilton Garden strengthened her connection to the community, supported expanding access to gardens, expressed concerns regarding reducing plot sizes, and suggested reviewing pricing structures and early renewal

check-ins to address waitlist turnover.

Carol Buchanan. Expressed opposition to limiting garden tenure or reducing existing plot sizes, raised concerns regarding non-residents and underutilized plots, praised improvements at the Del Mar Garden, and thanked the City for maintaining the gardens.

Commenter 5: Suggested additional garden opportunities could be created at Del Mar Garden through better use of shaded areas and mulch space, offered assistance with raised bed construction, and praised staff support and maintenance efforts.

Commenter 6: Reiterated suggestions regarding maximizing unused garden space, utilizing existing materials for additional plots, and commended staff for maintaining the gardens and infrastructure.

Nathan Mann: Raised concerns regarding parking limitations at the Hamilton Garden, encouraged the City to preserve the garden property for its intended purpose, supported identifying additional garden locations, and shared appreciation for the community benefits of the program.

Chair Brown encouraged community members to think broadly about future garden opportunities, referenced the Commission's prior recommendation for community garden funding, and expressed support for forming a subcommittee to further research the topic.

Vice Chair Wright expressed support for expanding community gardens within existing parks and City facilities, suggested exploring future opportunities at the golf course and other City properties, and emphasized utilizing existing infrastructure and staffing resources.

Commissioner Dorn Parker volunteered to serve on a subcommittee, discussed the need for improved security and ADA accessibility at the gardens, encouraged incorporating gardens into future housing developments and underutilized City spaces, highlighted staffing and funding considerations.

Commissioner Komala reflected on the balance between maintaining larger plots for food production and expanding access through smaller plots, emphasized the community-building aspects of gardening, supported exploring additional garden space and infrastructure improvements, and encouraged prioritizing accessibility, high-density residents, and long-term program sustainability.

Chair Brown expressed enthusiasm for expanding community gardens, emphasized the importance of intentional public engagement and data collection before implementing future projects, encouraged researching successful community garden models and partnerships, supported educational gardening opportunities for youth, and highlighted the importance of long-term planning, outreach, and communication.

Commissioner Dorn Parker suggested involving educational partners such as Orange Coast College and encouraged Commissioner Garcia Arcos' participation in the subcommittee due to his expertise and community perspective.

Chair Brown thanked Commissioner Dorn Parker for volunteering and invited additional commissioner interest regarding the community garden subcommittee.

Commissioner Husen echoed prior comments regarding the demand for community gardens, supported public engagement efforts to address cost structures, and maximizing existing space, and expressed interest in future program development.

Vice Chair Wright suggested exploring partnerships with special districts for additional garden locations, recommended involving current gardeners in future site planning discussions, requested additional information regarding program costs and staffing, and discussed balancing program affordability with long-term financial sustainability.

Chair Brown supported community participation and empowerment ideas within future public engagement discussions and asked if additional direction was needed from the Commission.

2. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Chair Brown highlighted the significance of the Commission preparing a presentation to City Council, discussed priorities including Capital Improvement Project review timelines, commissioner education opportunities, community outreach efforts, and proposed future subcommittee work integrating park assessments, tree canopy, and master planning efforts.

Commissioner Dorn Parker supported coordinating Picnic Day with Newport-Mesa Unified School District, emphasized collecting meaningful public engagement data at community events, encouraged formal onboarding and training opportunities for future commissioners, and suggested exploring multi-use park concepts including small enclosed dog areas and expanded park utilization analysis.

Commissioner Komala supported the proposed priorities, emphasized the importance of continued monitoring and community engagement regarding senior transportation services, and encouraged maintaining ongoing attention to park assessment needs throughout the year.

Chair Brown suggested returning to more frequent updates regarding park projects and discussing how those projects align with park assessment efforts.

Commissioner Komala expressed support for Picnic Day and suggested incorporating community garden outreach and local produce displays at community events and farmers markets to promote locally grown food and public engagement.

Commissioner Husen expressed support for the Picnic Day concept.

Vice Chair Wright requested additional education regarding joint use agreements with Newport-Mesa Unified School District and the City's landscaping contract, encouraged integrating multiple planning documents and assessments into future park planning efforts, supported exploring public access pilot programs for community centers, advocated for additional public-private partnerships and park activations, and reiterated support for advancing dog park improvements and expanded off-leash opportunities.

Chair Brown noted a compilation of the Commission's feedback will be converted into presentation categories for the future City Council presentation.

Public Comment: None.

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Brown at 7:31 PM.

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MAY 21, 2026
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Brown at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Komala.

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners

- Cristian Garcia Arcos
- Jake Husen
- Jason Komala
- Brandine Leger
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker
- Shayanne Wright, Vice Chair
- Kelly Brown, Chair

City Staff

- Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director
- Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- Anna Acosta-Reyes, Finance Manager
- Act. Finance Officer, Jasmine Vega
- Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
- Kathia Vitier, Recreation Specialist

SPECIAL ITEMS:

1. PARKS AND RECREATION PROPOSED USER FEE INCREASES

Ms. Anna Acosta-Reyes, Finance Manager, Consultant; Clear Source Financial Consulting, Terry Madsen, presented.

Chair Brown requested information regarding prior fee reviews, public outreach efforts, and the consultant's methodology. She also requested comparative city data, usage information, and benchmarking analyses to better understand how Costa Mesa's fees compare to neighboring jurisdictions.

Ms. Villasenor explained that the fee review was initiated as part of a citywide effort and that the recommended adjustments focused on fees that would have minimal impact on core recreation programming and primary user groups. Staff stated that the review prioritized facility rentals, tournaments, and other uses that place significant demands on City facilities while avoiding increases to most recreation program fees.

Vice Chair Wright expressed support for maintaining affordable youth, senior, and resident-serving programs while evaluating opportunities to improve cost recovery through facility rentals, commercial uses, tournaments, and non-resident fees. He requested additional usage data and revenue projections to better understand the potential impacts of alternative fee structures.

Commissioner Leger emphasized affordability concerns and requested information regarding permit enforcement, administrative fees, and comparable city fee structures.

Mr. Gruner explained that park permits are monitored through staff and park ranger oversight and provided clarification regarding permit-related fees and administrative costs.

Commissioner Komala discussed balancing affordability with opportunities to generate additional revenue to support future community services and projects. He requested additional information regarding senior event fees and park deposit forfeitures.

Commissioner Dorn Parker emphasized improving cost recovery while protecting access to youth and senior programs. She expressed interest in evaluating non-resident fees, commercial users, tournaments, and higher-level sports organizations, and suggested exploring regular fee reviews tied to inflation or cost-of-living adjustments.

Public Comment:

Jay Humphrey: Encouraged the Commission to consider the costs associated with the Fairview Park fly field, including relocation, maintenance, environmental compliance, and impacts associated with non-resident users.

Cynthia McDonald: Expressed concerns regarding the absence of fly field operating costs from the fee study and stated that permit fees were not currently being collected.

Mr. Gruner explained that the City currently maintains a use agreement with the Harbor Soaring Society and that users are covered through the organization's insurance requirements.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos requested information regarding fly field relocation costs and environmental considerations associated with protected wildlife and habitat areas.

Commissioners continued discussing cost recovery goals, participation impacts, non-resident fees, and revenue opportunities. Several Commissioners requested comparative city data, usage statistics, revenue projections, and alternative fee scenarios before forwarding a recommendation to the City Council.

Chair Brown stated that additional information was needed before the Commission could make an informed recommendation.

Vice Chair Wright requested multiple fee-adjustment scenarios and revenue projections.

Commissioner Dorn Parker expressed interest in potentially advancing resident fee adjustments while continuing to evaluate other fee categories.

MOTION: To move item to next commission meeting.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Brown / Commissioner Wright

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Vice Chair Wright, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Husen

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Chair Brown called for a recess to begin at 7:57 PM. Meeting was called back to order at 8:09 PM.

2. DONATION OF A MEMORIAL BENCH AND PLAQUE AT TEWINKLE PARK

Mr. Robert Ryan, Public Works Maintenance Services Manager presented.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioners discussed memorial bench programs, potential landscaping enhancements, and opportunities to highlight notable Costa Mesa residents through historical interpretation and public education. Commissioners also discussed long-term memorial program considerations and future donation opportunities.

MOTION: To accept the donation of the memorial bench and plaque.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn Parker / Commissioner Garcia Arcos

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Vice Chair Wright, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Husen

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Chair Brown commented that Mr. Baker had an interesting history and expressed interest in Costa Mesa’s bluegrass music heritage.

Commissioner Dorn Parker supported exploring opportunities to highlight the stories of notable Costa Mesa residents through features such as images, music, and memorial benches to enhance public engagement and historical awareness.

3. DONATION OF A MEMORIAL TREE, BENCH AND PLAQUE AT ESTANCIA PARK

Mr. Robert Ryan, Public Works Maintenance Services Manager presented.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioners discussed tree selection, long-term maintenance considerations, and the importance of ensuring donated trees meet City standards. Commissioners also discussed future memorial plaque policies and potential memorial program enhancements.

MOTION: To approve the donation tree, bench, and plaque.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn Parker / Commissioner Komala

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Vice Chair Wright, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Husen

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

4. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Chair Brown explained that the document was intentionally presented in outline form to allow Commissioners an opportunity to provide feedback before the final PowerPoint presentation is developed. She stated that the draft was based on previous Commission discussions and was intended to reflect the Commission's priorities, accomplishments, and goals. She also noted that the final presentation would be refined following Commissioner input and would be designed to provide City Council with a concise and effective overview of the Commission's work.

Commissioner Komala commended the Chair Brown and Vice Chair Wright for preparing the draft and stated that it accurately reflected prior Commission discussions and the Commission's key priorities.

Commissioner Dorn Parker recommended including language regarding the future relocation of Concerts in the Park from Fairview Park and stated that the draft otherwise effectively captured the Commission's priorities.

Chair Brown advised that Commissioners have additional opportunity to provide comments and requested that any additional feedback be submitted to staff within one week for incorporation into the revised draft.

Vice Chair Wright stated that he was comfortable allowing the Chair, Vice Chair, and staff to finalize the presentation format and expressed confidence that the final presentation would accurately reflect the Commission's direction and priorities.

MOTION: To return with a final version at the next meeting.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Dorn Parker / Chair Brown

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Vice Chair Wright, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Husen

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Public Comment: None.

5. NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN LOCATION STUDY

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Commissioners discussed the purpose, scope, and structure of the proposed Community Garden Evaluation Team, including the distinction between an evaluation team and a subcommittee.

Discussion included potential review topics such as alternative garden locations, user demand, fee structures, comparative research, waitlist information, and public outreach opportunities.

Commissioners also discussed Brown Act considerations and the role of staff in supporting the evaluation process.

Commissioners Garcia Arcos, Komala, and Leger expressed interest in serving on the Evaluation Team. Commissioner Dorn Parker, Chair Brown and Vice Chair Wright withdrew their interest.

Public Comment: None

MOTION: To approve an evaluation team that includes Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Ledger, and Commissioner Kamala.

MOVED/SECOND: Chair Brown / Commissioner Dorn Parker

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Dorn Parker, Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Leger, Vice Chair Wright, Chair Brown

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Husen

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Brown at 8:48PM.

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CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-288

Meeting Date: 5/21/2026



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 11, 2026

ITEM NUMBER: CC 2

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – MARCH AND APRIL 2026

DATE: JUNE 4, 2026

FROM: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

CONTACT: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

INFORMATION: DIRECTOR, (714) 754 - 5009

❖ Access Costa Mesa

- The Access Costa Mesa Prom was held on May 15 at the Norma Hertzog Community Center, welcoming 97 participants for an evening of dancing, activities, and social connection. Attendees enjoyed a DJ, photo booth, games, face painting, a mocktail bar, and complimentary flowers, light sticks, and snacks. Flowers were donated by Sprouts Farmers Market, and special guests Miss California, Ruth Palmquist, and Mrs. Irvine, Desa Simon, attended the event. The prom provided an inclusive environment that fostered community and connection among participants.

❖ Adult Sports

• Adult Sports

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Spring 20206 began January 12 – April 2
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2026 began January 3 – August 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Winter 2025	Feb. 2 – Apr. 13	5	6	106
Spring 2026	May 11 – July 20	8	5	139

• Fields

Field Usage	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
# of Organizations	59	59	61	61	61	61	61	61
Hours	44,499	25,745	21,615	17,073	29,409	52,574	48,628	44,436

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	190
Hamilton	42	42	62

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Youth & Adult Totals:	311	237	237	304	316	352	280

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The March 2026 monthly newsletter was provided to 5,430 members. This is an increase of 75 members since January 2026.
- The April 2026 monthly newsletter was provided to 5,536 members. This is an increase of 106 members since March 2026.
- The May 2026 monthly newsletter was provided to 5,572 members. This is an increase of 36 members since May 2026.
- On April 16, the Costa Mesa Senior Center honored its volunteers with a special appreciation lunch themed “You Mean the World to Us.” Volunteers enjoyed lunch from Pizza D’ Oro and participated in games and activities. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, we are one of the only senior centers in the area able to offer all classes at no cost to participants.
- On May 6, the Costa Mesa Senior Center celebrated Mother’s Day with a special Paris-themed luncheon filled with delicious food, live music, and wonderful company.

Senior Programs	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,233	1,233	1,287	1,190	1,457	1,449	1,279
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,175	1,175	1,119	1,153	1,417	1,353	1,188
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	415	208	435	425	460	450	440
Wellness Calls	557	540	844	1,301	985	760	784
Transportation Program Trips	2,199	2,495	2,873	1,701	1,838	1,754	1,477

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Drop-In Participants	126	109	113	43	121	120	123
Total Drop-In Visits	556	410	439	437	608	523	530
Instructional Class Participants	N/A	N/A	N/A	49	184	266	199
Instructional Class Attendance	N/A	N/A	N/A	207	695	983	741

Aquatics Program	April
Camp Splash Down Participants	23
Camp Splash Down Attendance	100

NMUSD Swim Lessons	March	April	May
College Park Participants	46	48	4
College Park Attendance	389	281	76
Adams Participants	47	48	48
Adams Attendance	394	280	86
Total Spectators	132	56	43

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	March		April		May	
	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	128	696	153	595	148	663
Youth Open Gym	73	202	59	138	48	111
Basketball	78	259	82	201	83	271
Volleyball	62	96	62	103	145	229

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Number of Rentals	39	33	32	28	37	31	36

- Construction on the NHCC started on January 26, 2026. Construction will run through Mid-May.

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted another successful Love Costa Mesa Day project site at Fairview Park on Saturday, May 16th. City staff and volunteers focused on two work areas near the Placentia Avenue bridge working on priority invasive plant species removal. Over 40 volunteers participated in the Fairview Park restoration activity.
- The City continues to offer multiple volunteer opportunities for participants to partake in hands-on habitat restoration activities at Fairview Park, in partnership with local non-profit organizations. Please see the table below for the upcoming (June) scheduled activities.

	Restoration Volunteer Dates	
	Date	Time
Every Thursday	6/11, 6/18, 6/25	7:00 AM
Every other Friday	6/12, 6/19, 6/26	9 AM – 12 PM
2nd Saturdays of the month	6/13	9 AM – 11 AM
3rd Saturdays of the month	6/20	9 AM – 11:30 AM

- For more volunteer information and registration links, visit: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/community/fairview-park/volunteer-opportunities>

❖ **Permits**

March - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	7	Shiffer	4
Estancia	1	Smallwood	1
Heller	3	Tanager	1
Jordan	1	TeWinkle	25
Mesa Verde	1	Vista	3
Pinkley	1	Wakeham	9

April - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	7	Shiffer	3
Canyon	1	Smallwood	2
Del Mesa	5	TeWinkle	14
Estancia	2	Vista	2
Heller	3	Wakeham	7
Jordan	3		

May - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	3	Shiffer	6
Del Mesa	9	Smallwood	5
Estancia	7	TeWinkle	28
Gisler	1	Vista	6
Heller	7	Wakeham	18
Marina View	1		

Film Permits			
	March	April	May
Permits Issued for the month	2	2	3
Permits at City Facilities	1	0	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1	2	3
Pending Permits on TESSA	5	2	2
Total Permits Issued for 2025	7	9	12

Special Event Permits			
	March	April	May
Permits Issued for the month	0	10	5
Permits at City Facilities	N/A	4	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	N/A	6	4
Pending Permits on TESSA	26	16	12
Total Permits Issued for 2025	2	12	17

❖ **Youth Programs**

- **L.E.A.P.**

- August 18, 2025 – May 22, 2026
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
- Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	March	April	May
3-5 year old	44	34	35	35

- **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

- August 19, 2024 – June 6, 2025
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	March	April	May
Adams	32	28	30
California	113	105	113
College Park	67	66	65
Davis	212	204	204
Killybrooke	43	39	42
Paularino	30	32	31
Sonora	39	39	39
Victoria	27	25	26
Whittier	37	39	36

- **Mobile Recreation**

- Free drop-in program providing recreation to elementary-age children at neighborhood parks with limited access to summer programs
- Registration is not required
- Attends City events to provide interactive games and crafts to the public

Day of the Week	Location	March	April	May
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Weekends	City Events	N/A	300	10

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center
 - Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	42
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	25
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	34

- **BeFIT Pep Squad**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
 - Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	5
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	5
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	20

- **Presidents' Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's winter recess
 - Held at Balearic Community Center

Dates	Capacity	Enrolled
April 6 – 10, 2026 Spring	50	50

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades
 - Teen Centers at TeWinkle Middle School and Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)
 - Offers shuttle transportation from Ensign Inter./Newport Harbor High School to the DRC Teen Center and Save Our Youth (SOY)
 - 47 teens participated in the Teens vs. Costa Mesa Police Snowball Fight Dodgeball Tournament

Program Location	March	April	May
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	315	240	257
TeWinkle Middle School	291	232	239
Shuttle Service	March	April	May
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	263	214	240
Save Our Youth (SOY)	141	85	107

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Movies in the Park Lilo & Stitch Live Action	Saturday, June 13	Downtown Recreation Center
Movies in the Park The Minecraft Movie	Saturday, July 11	Balearic Community Center
Independence Day Celebration Luncheon	Thursday, June 25	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Independence Day Celebration	Friday, July 3	OC Fairgrounds lot



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Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-289

Meeting Date: 6/11/2026

Costa Mesa Police Department

Memorandum



DATE: April 8, 2026

TO: Bryan Wadkins, Field Operations Captain

FROM: Jason Bush, Park Ranger

SUBJECT: Park Ranger Monthly Report - March 2026

Park Ranger Overview													
Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Staffing	6	6	6										--
Patrols	807	986	1146										2939
Calls	121	115	176										412
Citations	11	10	15										36
Reports	31	26	19										76
Arrests	66	26	48										140

Park Activities/Highlights:

- With the recent extreme heat, Talbert Park South trails have dried allowing OC Parks to resume weekly camp remediation. The first area of concentration was along the northern perimeter trail. This area had multiple public complaints for visible encampments. Communicating with OC Park Rangers to make this area a priority paid off with the full remediation of encampments along this trail. OC Parks Supervising Park Ranger has communicated that their team will be continuing weekly remediation of identified encampments.
- Park Rangers have continued showing a presence at both Harper Park, Harper School as well as ISSAC Charter School located at 1770 Tustin Ave. 53 combined proactive patrol were documented throughout all the sites at Harper/ISSAC, resulting in a few contacts with subjects walking their leashed dogs on to the school field. Dog off-leash violations still resulted in zero observations for the month of March.
- A few highlights for the month of March are the PC 594(A)(1) arrest by Park Ranger Mauser DR# 26-003855 (Talbert Park North), two H&S 11395(b)(1) arrest by Park Ranger Pallo DR#'s 26-003698 (Talbert Park South), 26-004195 (Neth Park), and H&S 11395(b)(1) by way of complaint, by Park Ranger Senadeera DR# 26-004153 (Talbert Park South). Park Ranger Luque also played an intracule role in the arrest of another PC 594(a)(1) suspect, DR# 26-004286.

MONTHLY PARKS ACTIVITY / ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Talbert Regional Park	7	105	7	16	1	136
Joann Street Bike Trail	0	31	0	0	0	31
Senior Center	13	67	1	3	2	86
District 1						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Balearic Park	5	9	0	1	0	15
Estancia Park	1	35	0	0	1	37
Mesa Verde Park	5	11	0	0	1	17
Moon Park	4	31	0	0	1	36
Smallwood Park	2	9	0	0	0	11
Suburbia Park	0	13	0	0	0	13
Tanager Park	2	6	0	0	1	9
Wakeham Park	2	25	0	0	0	27
Wimbledon Park	6	12	0	0	0	18
Total	27	151	0	1	4	183
District 2						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Del Mesa Park	2	11	0	0	0	13
Gisler Park	1	38	0	1	1	41
Shiffer Park	5	47	0	0	0	52
Paularino Park	0	12	0	0	0	12
Total	8	108	0	1	1	118
District 3						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Neth Park	4	4	0	0	0	8
TeWinkle Park	29	73	2	4	7	115
Wilson Park	6	61	0	0	1	68
Jack Hammet Sports Complex	4	4	0	0	0	8
Total	43	142	2	4	8	199
District 4						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Ketchum-Libolt Park	3	11	0	0	0	14
Shalimar Park	2	10	0	0	0	12
Total	5	21	0	0	0	26
District 5						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Canyon Park	6	65	1	1	1	74
Fairview Park	11	53	0	1	0	65
Lions Park	28	179	4	20	2	233
Marina View Park	2	25	0	0	0	27
Vista Park	7	33	0	1	0	41
Total	54	355	5	23	3	440
District 6						
Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Brentwood Park	5	33	0	0	0	38
Harper Park	0	32	0	0	0	32
Heller Park	3	27	0	0	0	30
Jordan Park	2	13	0	0	0	15
Lindbergh Park	4	23	0	0	0	27
Pinkley Park (Ogle)	5	38	0	0	0	43
Total	19	166	0	0	0	185

Costa Mesa Police Department

Memorandum



DATE: May 7, 2026

TO: Bryan Wadkins, Field Operations Captain

FROM: Matt Pallo, Park Ranger

SUBJECT: Park Ranger Monthly Report - April 2026

Park Ranger Overview

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Staffing	6	6	6	6									--
Patrols	807	986	1146	965									3904
Calls	121	115	176	175									587
Citations	11	10	15	9									45
Reports	31	26	19	28									104
Arrests	66	26	48	15									155

Park Activities/Highlights:

- Ongoing collaboration with OC Parks and their maintenance crews for cleanups has minimized transient activities and encampments within Talbert Park. The constant presence and enforcement of quality of life issues has caused a major shift in loitering/living in the park. Trends have shown that most of the problematic violators have departed Costa Mesa's jurisdiction to include the Santa Ana River Trail on the Costa Mesa side. Proactive efforts for sweeps and park remediation are ongoing.
- An arson suspect was taken into custody in late April. 7 fires were reported along the Santa Ana River bed in Costa Mesa (11 in total to include Huntington Beach). The suspect taken into custody admitted to lighting the fires for unknown reasons.
- All Park Rangers have completed necessary Homeless Liaison Officer training (HLO) and bike training.
- Rangers are putting together an operational plan for e-bike and e-motorcycle education and enforcement in our problematic parks such as Fairview Park.

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Talbert Regional Park	4	103	3	3	7	119
Joann Street Bike Trail	2	22	0	0	0	24
Senior Center	6	72	0	0	1	79

District 1

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Balearic Park	6	7	0	0	1	14
Estancia Park	2	13	0	0	0	15
Mesa Verde Park	2	7	0	0	0	9
Moon Park	6	27	0	1	1	35
Smallwood Park	0	7	0	1	1	9
Suburbia Park	0	15	0	0	0	15
Tanager Park	3	5	0	0	0	8
Wakeham Park	3	18	0	0	0	21
Wimbledon Park	2	10	0	0	0	12
Total	24	109	0	2	3	138

District 2

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Del Mesa Park	2	8	0	0	0	10
Gisler Park	2	26	0	1	1	30
Shiffer Park	7	38	0	0	0	45
Paularino Park	2	8	0	0	0	10
Total	13	80	0	1	1	95

District 3

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Neth Park	1	17	0	0	0	18
TeWinkle Park	23	87	1	1	2	114
Wilson Park	6	53	1	1	1	62
Jack Hammet Sports Complex	4	2	0	0	0	6
Total	34	159	2	2	3	200

District 4

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Ketchum-Libolt Park	0	13	0	0	0	13
Shalimar Park	0	5	0	0	0	5
Total	0	18	0	0	0	18

District 5

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Canyon Park	5	52	0	0	0	57
Fairview Park	29	45	0	0	4	78
Lions Park	22	135	2	4	5	168
Marina View Park	3	23	0	0	1	27
Vista Park	8	29	0	2	2	41
Total	67	284	2	6	12	371

District 6

Location	Calls for Service	Patrol Checks	Citations	Arrests	Reports	Total
Brentwood Park	10	28	0	0	0	38
Harper Park	0	20	0	0	0	20
Heller Park	4	21	0	0	0	25
Jordan Park	4	11	0	0	0	15
Lindbergh Park	3	18	0	0	0	21
Pinkley Park (Ogle)	4	20	2	1	1	28
Total	25	118	2	1	1	147



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
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File #: 26-318

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Fly Field Permits							
1 Adult/Resident	\$50	\$65		\$15	30%		Y
2 Adult/Non-Resident	\$55	\$72		\$17	30%		Y
3 Learners Permit/Resident (Ages 6-14)	\$30	\$39		\$9	30%		Y
4 Learners Permit/Non-Resident (Ages 6-14)	\$35	\$46		\$11	30%		Y
5 Administrative Fee Applicable, in Addition to Base Fee	\$5	\$7		\$2	30%		Y

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflator
Sports/Fitness							
6 Open Gym/Drop In (Adult Open Gym)							
a) 1 Visit	\$4	\$5		\$1	30%		Y
b) 10 Visits	\$24	\$31		\$7	30%		Y
c) 20 Visits	\$45	\$59		\$14	30%		Y
d) Non-Resident Fee, In Addition to Base Fee	\$5	\$7		\$2	30%		Y
7 Men's Basketball							
a) League Fee	\$355		per team				
b) Officials Fee	\$230		per team				

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BEFORE AND AFTER - RECREATION AND FACILITY RENTAL FEES

Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflation
Aquatic Programs							
7 Lap Swim / Open Swim							
a) 1 Visit							
i) Adult (16+)	\$4	\$5		\$1	25%		Y
ii) Senior (55+ with ID)	\$2	\$2		\$0	0%		Y
b) 10 Visits							
i) Adult (16+)	\$38	\$45		\$7	18%		Y
ii) Senior (55+ with ID)	\$18	\$20		\$2	11%		Y
c) 20 Visits							
i) Adult (16+)	\$70	\$80		\$10	14%		Y
ii) Senior (55+ with ID)	\$34	\$35		\$1	3%		Y
d) 30 Visits							
i) Adult (16+)	\$90	\$113		\$23	25%		Y
ii) Senior (55+ with ID)	\$42	\$45		\$3	7%		Y
8 Jr. Guard Prep	\$75	\$98		\$23	30%		Y
9 Learn-to-Swim Programs							
a) Private Lessons	\$125	\$163	Four 25 minute classes	\$38	30%		Y
b) Group Lessons							
i) Youth	\$50	\$62		\$12	25%		Y
ii) Adult	\$48	\$62		\$14	30%		Y
c) Adult Water Aerobics	\$48	\$62		\$14	30%		Y
10 Aqua Camp	\$50	\$65		\$15	30%		Y
11 Transfer Fee	\$10	\$13		\$3	30%		Y
13 Cancellation Fee	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
14 Non-Resident Fee, In Addition to Base Fee	\$7	\$9		\$2	30%		Y

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflator
Youth Programs							
15 L.E.A.P.							
a) Resident M-F	\$500	\$525	per month	\$25	5%		Y
b) Non-Resident	\$505	\$657	per month	\$152	30%		Y
16 Camp Mini Explorers (Summer L.E.A.P.)							
a) Resident: Tue-Thurs	\$651	\$684		\$33	5%		Y
b) Non-resident: Tue-Thurs	\$656	\$853		\$197	30%		Y
c) Resident: Mon-Wed-Fri	\$308						
d) Non-resident: Mon-Wed-Fri	\$313						
17 R.O.C.K.S. (school year)							
a) 2 Weeks	\$33	\$35	per session	\$2	5%		Y
b) 3 Weeks	\$47	\$49	per session	\$2	5%		Y
c) 4 Weeks	\$58	\$61	per session	\$3	5%		Y
d) 5 Weeks	\$70	\$74	per session	\$4	5%		Y
e) 6 Weeks	\$83	\$87	per session	\$4	5%		Y
18 Summer R.O.C.K.S.							
a) Resident	Free	Free		No Change	No Change		Y
b) Non-resident: 4 Weeks	\$52	\$68	per session	\$16	30%		Y
c) Non-resident: 5 Weeks	\$63	\$82	per session	\$19	30%		Y
19 Camp Costa Mesa							
a) Resident: 4-day week	\$180	\$189	per week	\$9	5%		Y
b) Resident: 5-day week	\$200	\$210	per week	\$10	5%		Y
c) Non-resident: 4-day week	\$185	\$241	per week	\$56	30%		Y
d) Non-resident: 5-day week	\$205	\$267	per week	\$62	30%		Y
20 1-Day Camp (NMUSD non-Holiday Closure Day)							
a) Resident fee	\$51	\$54		\$3	5%		Y
b) Non-resident fee	\$56	\$73		\$17	30%		Y
21 Teen Camp							
a) Resident: 4-day week	\$140	\$147	per week	\$7	5%		Y
b) Resident: 5-day week	\$165	\$173	per week	\$8	5%		Y
c) Non-resident: 4-day week	\$145	\$189	per week	\$44	30%		Y
d) Non-resident: 5-day week	\$170	\$221	per week	\$51	30%		Y
22 Cancellation Fee	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
23 Late Fee	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y

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Senior Programs							
24 Special Events	\$10	Varies		Varies	Varies		Y
Facility Rentals							
25 Senior Travel Administrative Fee	\$5	\$7		\$2	30%		Y

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflation
Field Rentals							
26 Group Field Rental Fee							
a) Group 1 - Youth Resident Non-Profit	N/A	N/A	fees waived per City Council ("everyone plays, no child is turned away")	No Change	No Change		N
b) Group 2 - NMUSD	N/A	N/A	fees waived (joint user agreement)	No Change	No Change		N
c) Group 3 - Resident Youth Organization Non-Profit (90%)	\$25	\$33	per hour per field	\$8	30%		Y
d) Group 4 - Resident Adult Organization Non-Profit (75%)	\$25	\$33	per hour per field	\$8	30%		Y
e) Group 5 - Non-Resident Youth Organization Non-Profit (90%)	\$35	\$46	per hour per field	\$11	30%		Y
f) Group 6 - Non-Resident Youth Organization Non-Profit (75%)	\$35	\$46	per hour per field	\$11	30%		Y
g) Resident Adult Private (75%)	\$77	\$100	per hour per field	\$23	30%		Y
h) Non-Resident Private							
i) Youth	\$239	\$311	per hour per field	\$72	30%		Y
ii) Adult	\$239	\$311	per hour per field	\$72	30%		Y
Tournament Fee							
27 Tournament Field Rental Fee	n/a - new	Group Field Rental Fee plus 35%	per hour per field	n/a - new	n/a - new		N
Extra Fees							
28 Softball/Baseball Field Prep	\$40	\$52	per field	\$12	30%		Y
29 Permanent Lights	\$15	\$20	per hour per field	\$5	30%		Y
30 Portable Lights (2 minimum)	\$10	\$13	per unit per hour	\$3	30%		Y
Tournaments and Large Event Deposits (Refundable)							
31 1 Field with 20 or more participants	\$100	\$100	per event	No Change	No Change		N
32 2 Fields	\$100	\$100	per event	No Change	No Change		N
33 3-6 Fields	\$300	\$300	per event	No Change	No Change		N
34 7 or more Fields	\$500	\$500	per event	No Change	No Change		N

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflator
Downtown Recreation Center							
35 Gymnasium Rental							
a) Resident/Non-Profit	\$40	\$52	per hr, 2 hr min	\$12	30%		Y
b) Resident/Private	\$70	\$91	per hr, 2 hr min	\$21	30%		Y
c) Commercial Resident	\$95	\$124	per hr, 2 hr min	\$29	30%		Y
d) Non-Resident	\$80	\$104	per hr, 2 hr min	\$24	30%		Y
e) Commercial Non-Resident	\$125	\$163	per hr, 2 hr min	\$38	30%		Y
36 Multi-Purpose Room							
a) Resident/Non-Profit	\$30	\$39	per hr, 2 hr min	\$9	30%		Y
b) Resident/Private	\$45	\$59	per hr, 2 hr min	\$14	30%		Y
c) Commercial Resident	\$95	\$124	per hr, 2 hr min	\$29	30%		Y
d) Non-Resident	\$55	\$72	per hr, 2 hr min	\$17	30%		Y
e) Commercial Non-Resident	\$140	\$182	per hr, 2 hr min	\$42	30%		Y
37 Pool Rental							
a) Resident/Non-Profit	\$60	\$78	per hr, 2 hr min, + staff time	\$18	30%		Y
b) Resident/Private	\$100	\$130	per hr, 2 hr min, + staff time	\$30	30%		Y
c) Commercial Resident	\$125	\$163	per hr, 2 hr min, + staff time	\$38	30%		Y
d) Non-Resident	\$125	\$163	per hr, 2 hr min, + staff time	\$38	30%		Y
e) Commercial Non-Resident	\$155	\$202	per hr, 2 hr min, + staff time	\$47	30%		Y
38 Refundable Deposit							
a) Room	\$250	\$250	per event for gym and mpr	No Change	No Change		N
b) Pool	\$500	\$500	per event for pool	No Change	No Change		N
39 Cancellation/Transfer of Reservation	\$25	\$33	per cancellation/transfer	\$8	30%		Y

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflation
Balearic Community Center							
40 Adobe Room							
a) Non-Profit	\$35	\$46	per hr, 2 hr min	\$11	30%		Y
b) Resident/Private	\$57	\$74	per hr, 2 hr min	\$17	30%		Y
c) Commercial Resident	\$95	\$124	per hr, 2 hr min	\$29	30%		Y
d) Non-Resident	\$85	\$111	per hr, 2 hr min	\$26	30%		Y
e) Commercial Non-Resident	\$140	\$182	per hr, 2 hr min	\$42	30%		Y
f) Refundable Deposit	\$250	\$250	per event	No Change	No Change		N
41 Sierra Room							
a) Non-Profit	\$27	\$35	per hr, 2 hr min	\$8	30%		Y
b) Resident/Private	\$35	\$46	per hr, 2 hr min	\$11	30%		Y
c) Commercial Resident	\$55	\$72	per hr, 2 hr min	\$17	30%		Y
d) Non-Resident	\$55	\$72	per hr, 2 hr min	\$17	30%		Y
e) Commercial Non-Resident	\$80	\$104	per hr, 2 hr min	\$24	30%		Y
f) Refundable Deposit	\$100	\$100	per event	No Change	No Change		N

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflator
Norma Hertzog Community Center							
42 Costa Mesa Room (MPR)							
a) Non-Profit	\$80	\$104	per hr, 2 hr min	\$24	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$130	\$169	per hr, 2 hr min	\$39	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$180	\$234	per hr, 2 hr min	\$54	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$230	\$299	per hr, 2 hr min	\$69	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$255	\$332	per hr, 2 hr min	\$77	30%		Y
f) Partial Kitchen (Flat)	Varies: \$20 - \$45	Varies: \$20 - \$45	per hr, 2 hr min	No Change	No Change		Y
g) Coffee Service							
i) 50 Cups	\$35	\$46		\$11	30%		Y
ii) 100 Cups	\$45	\$59		\$14	30%		Y
h) Deposit							
i) No Alcohol	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	\$750	\$750		No Change	No Change		N
i) Microphone							
i) Extra Microphones	\$10	\$13		\$3	30%		Y
ii) Extra Lapel Microphone	\$30	\$39		\$9	30%		Y
43 Fairview							
a) Non-Profit Resident	\$25	\$33	per hr, 2 hr min	\$8	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$30	\$39	per hr, 2 hr min	\$9	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$55	\$72	per hr, 2 hr min	\$17	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$90	\$117	per hr, 2 hr min	\$27	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$105	\$137	per hr, 2 hr min	\$32	30%		Y
f) Partial Kitchen (Flat)	N/A	N/A		No Change	No Change		Y
g) Coffee Service							
i) 50 Cups	\$35	\$46		\$11	30%		Y
ii) 100 Cups	\$45	\$59		\$14	30%		Y
h) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
i) Microphone							
i) Extra Microphones	\$10	\$13		\$3	30%		Y

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44 Capri Courtyard - Addition to MPR or Fairview only							
a) Non-Profit Resident	\$25	\$33	per hr, 2 hr min	\$8	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$30	\$39	per hr, 2 hr min	\$9	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$55	\$72	per hr, 2 hr min	\$17	30%		Y
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f) Partial Kitchen (Flat)	N/A	N/A		No Change	No Change		N
g) Coffee Service							
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ii) 100 Cups	\$45	\$59		\$14	30%		Y
h) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
i) Microphone							
i) Extra Microphones	\$10	\$13		\$3	30%		Y
45 Event Lawn							
a) Non-Profit	\$80	\$104	per hr, 2 hr min	\$24	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$130	\$169	per hr, 2 hr min	\$39	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$180	\$234	per hr, 2 hr min	\$54	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$230	\$299	per hr, 2 hr min	\$69	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$255	\$332	per hr, 2 hr min	\$77	30%		Y
f) Partial Kitchen (Flat)	\$45	\$59	per hr, 2 hr min	\$14	30%		Y
g) Coffee Service							
i) 50 Cups	\$35	\$46		\$11	30%		Y
ii) 100 Cups	\$45	\$59		\$14	30%		Y
h) Deposit							
i) No Alcohol	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	\$750	\$750		No Change	No Change		N
i) Microphone							
i) Extra Microphones	\$10	\$13		\$3	30%		Y
ii) Extra Lapel Microphone	\$30	\$39		\$9	30%		Y

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46 Donald Dungan Library							
a) Non-Profit	\$30	\$39		\$9	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$40	\$52		\$12	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$65	\$85		\$20	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$100	\$130		\$30	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$120	\$156		\$36	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N

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Costa Mesa Senior Center							
47 GH							
a) Non-Profit	\$70	\$91		\$21	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$120	\$156		\$36	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$170	\$221		\$51	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$220	\$286		\$66	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$245	\$319		\$74	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
48 GH1							
a) Non-Profit	\$45	\$59		\$14	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$95	\$124		\$29	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$145	\$189		\$44	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$195	\$254		\$59	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$220	\$286		\$66	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
49 GH2							
a) Non-Profit	\$35	\$46		\$11	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$80	\$104		\$24	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$130	\$169		\$39	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$180	\$234		\$54	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$195	\$254		\$59	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$250	\$250		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N

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f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
51 102							
a) Non-Profit	\$25	\$33		\$8	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$30	\$39		\$9	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$55	\$72		\$17	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$90	\$117		\$27	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$105	\$137		\$32	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
52 201							
a) Non-Profit	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$25	\$33		\$8	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$50	\$65		\$15	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$85	\$111		\$26	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$100	\$130		\$30	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N

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BEFORE AND AFTER - RECREATION AND FACILITY RENTAL FEES

Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflator
53 202							
a) Non-Profit	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$25	\$33		\$8	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$50	\$65		\$15	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$85	\$111		\$26	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$100	\$130		\$30	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
54 203							
a) Non-Profit	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$25	\$33		\$8	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$50	\$65		\$15	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$85	\$111		\$26	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$100	\$130		\$30	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N
55 Library							
a) Non-Profit	\$15	\$20		\$5	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$30	\$39		\$9	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$40	\$52		\$12	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$45	\$59		\$14	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflator
56 Patio							
a) Non-Profit	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
b) Resident/ Private	\$25	\$33		\$8	30%		Y
c) Non-Resident/ Private	\$50	\$65		\$15	30%		Y
d) Commercial/ Resident	\$85	\$111		\$26	30%		Y
e) Commercial/ Non-Resident	\$100	\$130		\$30	30%		Y
f) Deposit (based on max capacity)							
i) No Alcohol	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
ii) With Alcohol	Not Allowed	Not Allowed		No Change	No Change		N
g) Projector Deposit	\$500	\$500		No Change	No Change		N

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflation
Park Rental Fees							
57 Private Resident/Non-Profit							
a) 11-50 Attendees	\$15	\$20	per hour, 4-hour min	\$5	30%		Y
b) 51 - 150 Attendees	\$40	\$52	per hour, 4-hour min	\$12	30%		Y
c) 151+ Attendees	\$63	\$81	per hour, 4-hour min	\$19	30%		Y
58 Private Non-Resident							
a) 11-50 Attendees	\$53	\$68	per hour, 4-hour min	\$16	30%		Y
b) 51 - 150 Attendees	\$103	\$133	per hour, 4-hour min	\$31	30%		Y
c) 151+ Attendees	\$153	\$198	per hour, 4-hour min	\$46	30%		Y
59 Commercial Companies/Organization							
a) 11-50 Attendees	\$103	\$133	per hour, 4-hour min	\$31	30%		Y
b) 51 - 150 Attendees	\$153	\$198	per hour, 4-hour min	\$46	30%		Y
c) 151+ Attendees	\$203	\$263	per hour, 4-hour min	\$61	30%		Y
60 Park Utility Fee - Gas or Electric / event	\$40	\$52		\$12	30%		Y
61 Basketball/Volleyball Court Rental - With Shelter	\$15	\$20	per event - not available separately, add-on to reservation space	\$5	30%		Y
62 Vendor Deposit	\$100	\$100	per event	No Change	No Change		N
63 Cancellation/Transfer of Reservation	\$25	\$33	per cancellation/transfer	\$8	30%		Y
64 Deposit (50+ Attendees)	\$100	\$300	if over 50 people	\$200	200%		N
65 Administrative Fee Required Per Transaction	\$5	\$7		\$2	30%		Y

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Charge Basis	Proposed Change (\$)	Proposed Change (%)	Note	Yearly Inflator
Special Events							
66 Special Event Permit	\$425	\$553	per application	\$128	30%		Y
67 Special Event - Street Banner	\$115	\$150		\$35	30%		Y
Film Permit							
68 Film Permit	\$460	\$598	per location, 7 day max	\$138	30%		Y
Community Gardens							
69 Community Gardens							
a) Annual Fee - Ground Parcel	\$60	\$78		\$18	30%		Y
b) Annual Fee - Raised Bed	\$20	\$26		\$6	30%		Y
c) Garden Deposit	\$100	\$100		No Change	No Change		N
d) Key Deposit	\$20	\$20		No Change	No Change		N



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-316

Meeting Date: 6/11/2026

TITLE:

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review and approve the annual Parks and Community Services Commission presentation to City Council.



Agenda Report

Parks and Community Services Commission

File #: 26-316

Meeting Date: 6/11/2026

TITLE: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PRESENTED BY: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

CONTACT INFORMATION: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR, (714) 754-5009

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review and approve the annual Parks and Community Services Commission presentation to City Council

BACKGROUND:

On August 20, 1990, the City Council approved the creation of the Parks, Recreation Facilities and Parkways Commission, a seven-member body. On May 20, 2002, the City Council renamed the commission to the Parks and Recreation Commission and reduced its membership to five members. In 2019, the commission was renamed the Parks, Arts and Community Services Commission and expanded to seven members. In 2022, following the establishment of the Arts Commission, the commission was renamed the Parks and Community Services Commission, maintaining a seven-member structure. The role of the commission is defined in Municipal Code 12-71, Attachment 1.

At the April 23, 2026, PACS Special Meeting, discussion ensued regarding items the Commission would like included in the PACS Commission PowerPoint presentation. Chair Brown and Vice Chair Wright reviewed and compiled the information discussed and created an outline for the presentation, attached as Attachment 2.

At the May 21, 2026 PACS Special Meeting, the Commission reviewed and discussed the draft presentation outline. Commissioners were provided an opportunity to submit additional comments and recommendations for inclusion in the final PowerPoint outline at the June 11, 2026 commission meeting. New additions to the attachment 2 are highlighted in yellow to reflect updates, Attachment 3.

ANALYSIS:

Each year, the Parks and Community Services Commission meets monthly to discuss and make decisions on a variety of items related to Parks and Community Services which includes but is not limited to recreational programming, recreation fees, special events, park and parkway related tree appeals and capital improvement projects pertaining to parks.

PACS: Accomplishments 2025 - Year to Date

- Developed a commission evaluation, CIP Values and Goals, to help provide formal commission recommendations to City Council for future Capital Improvement Park Projects.
- Reviewed and approved seven (7) memorial donations
 - Three (3) at TeWinkle Park
 - One (1) at Brentwood Park
 - One (1) at Tanager Park
 - One (1) at Canyon Park
 - One (1) at Fairview Park
- Provided recommendation for the Skate Park conceptual designs
- Approved the conceptual design improvements for Brentwood Park
- Provided recommendations for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update to City Council
- Reviewed the City's Urban Canopy Assessment
- Provided CIP budget recommendations for City Council Review for FY 2026/27 and five-year CIP budget for FY 2030-31(Attachment 3)
- Presented to City Council FY 2026/27 CIP recommendations on March 31, 2026
- Provided recommendations for Senior Transportation Program

Parks and Community Services Commission: Goals and Objectives 2026/27

1. Present an Annual Working Plan to Council
2. Assess and review the Community Garden program to enhance community opportunity
3. Assess and review an additional dog park location
4. Evaluate recreational fees once the consultant review is complete
5. Review park ordinance
6. Review park memorial donations
7. Review Category 3 parkway tree removal and replacement requests
8. Attend community events throughout the calendar year

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may provide feedback and direction on upcoming year's goals and objectives and budget priorities and recommendations.

FISCAL REVIEW

Funding requests will be discussed and considered by City Council during the FY 2026-27 budget development process.

LEGAL REVIEW

There is no legal review required for this report.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review and approve the annual Parks and Community Services Commission presentation to City Council.

Title 12. Parks and Recreation

Chapter III. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

§ 12-71. Commission established.

There is hereby established as a part of the government of the city, a parks and community services commission, which shall:

- (a) Consider and provide advice regarding matters that may be referred to it by the city council, the city manager, the director of parks and community services, or the director of public works;
 - (b) By its own motion, conduct studies and investigations and hold public hearings as it may deem necessary for the formulation of policies, plans, and procedures relating to parks, recreation, senior programs, recreation facilities, community facilities, and parkways, or to determine the wisdom and efficacy of such policies, plans and procedures, or to determine an action plan to pursue in implementing the city's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and report its findings and recommendations to the city council, the city manager, the director of parks and community services, and/or the director of public works;
 - (c) Recommend to the city council approval of concept plans for development and/or modification of parks, recreation, community, and open space facilities;
 - (d) Solicit to the fullest extent possible the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies concerned with the parks, recreation, recreation facilities, community facilities, and parkways of the city;
 - (e) Make recommendations and findings on the necessity for removal of parkway trees and the necessity for terms and conditions for retention of trees in accordance with Chapter V of Title **15** of this Code, which decisions shall be final notwithstanding section **2-303**;
 - (f) Set the fees to be charged to participants in recreation and community programs and classes in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the city council;
 - (g) In its discretion, review the annual budget as presented to the city council and advise it on the current operational needs and long-range plans for capital improvements;
 - (h) Periodically visit parks, recreation and community facilities in the city to review established programs and facilities, and to monitor needs in accordance with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan;
 - (i) On behalf of the city, actively encourage programs for the cultural enrichment of the community;
 - (j) Solicit partnerships with senior organizations which share the common goal to serve Costa Mesa's senior population; and
 - (k) Seek out and recommend to the city council, city manager or director of parks and community services possible public and private funding opportunities available to implement new or enhance existing senior programs and services.
- (Ord. No. 19-06, § 2, 4-2-19; Ord. No. 22-05, § 2, 7-19-22)

Opening slide: Parks and Community Services Commission
 Chair Kelly Anne Brown
 Vice Chair Shayanne Wright

Commissioners include: Elizabeth Dorn Parker; Jason Komala; Brandice Leger; Jake Husen;
 Cristian Garcia-Arcos

Slide 2

Why we've focused on processes so much:

1. Looking to develop meaningful and substantive ways for Commissioners to weigh in on reports/projects/processes already underway
2. Focus on developing the capacity of Commissioners through thoughtful education (such as around CIP recommendations)

Slide 3: Over the past year we've:

- Convened our first subcommittee to work on the creation of the PACS Values Assessment—a guide for informing all decisions (financial and other)
- Finalized and unanimously approved the PACS Values Assessment
- Piloted a new process to educate Commissioners on budget and held earlier meetings regarding CIP decision making
- Reviewed and made recommendations on pressing issues regarding senior transportation, Parks Assessment, Tree Canopy Assessment, Fairview Developmental Center, Harper Park, Brentwood Park, Skate Park, etc.

Key themes: Robust community engagement | Substantive Commissioner involvement

Slide 4: Looking ahead

Programming

1. Community Gardens. It is our recommendation that PACS create a subcommittee to invest in a comprehensive review of the community gardens program in Costa Mesa, which would include focus groups with current and future gardeners, comparative analysis with other city garden programs, evaluate the financial impacts and opportunities, and more.
2. CIP Recommendations—begin the work earlier, so that best prepared for February/March meetings.

Slide 5: Looking ahead

Budget and Administration

1. CIP Review, but begin earlier in the year
2. Review park ordinances
3. Review the addition of a second dog park
4. Review memorial donations and tree removals
5. Review recreation fees

Slide 6: Looking ahead

Data

1. Making the most of our plans. We see the benefit in understanding how all of the many City plans (Pedestrian Master Plan, Park Assessment, Tree Canopy, etc.) work together so that PACS Commissioners can better make decisions for future investments that have positive long term impact.
2. Successfully advocate for the return of regular, and robust, Park Ranger data reports.
3. Review the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and consider data alongside other plans (see #1 above).

Slide 7: Looking ahead

Events

1. Picnic Day—An event that originated from PACS Commissioners that would activate Lions Park and Neat Coffee (if interested) for an informal downtown gathering. Use this day to connect with neighbors and table in order to solicit community input on community gardens and other issues.
2. Concerts in the Park—Continue the PACS tradition of participating in this event, but with more robust engagement opportunities.
 - a. Encouraging a change of location for concerts in the park.

We think it's important that we utilize each and every public event as a way to engage with residents for feedback and input. Advocate for a small amount to fund materials that will be utilized at the events that we attend.

Slide 8: Looking ahead

Education

1. Joint Use Agreement with NMUSD
2. Revisit Bright View & Priority LLC scope of work to review trees they work on and park maintenance.
3. Senior transportation—Revisit 6 months after revised program is implemented
4. Create professional development opportunities for PACS Commissioners

Slide 9: Vision statement that references the ordinance that created PACS



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 26-317

Meeting Date: 6/11/2026

TITLE:

NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN LOCATION STUDY

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review and finalize the Commission members who will be assigned to the new community garden location evaluation team.



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Parks and Community Services
Commission

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DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
PRESENTED BY: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
CONTACT INFORMATION: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR (714) 754-5009

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) review and finalize the Commission members who will be assigned to the new community garden location evaluation team.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Costa Mesa has two (2) community gardens, the Del Mar Community Garden on Del Mar Avenue, and the Hamilton Community Garden on Hamilton Street. The Del Mar Community Garden has been in existence for over 20 years and has 60 garden parcels and 5 raised garden beds. The Hamilton Community Garden was established in 2004 and has 42 parcels. The parcels are rented by residents to grow vegetables, fruits, flowers and plants for their consumption and use.

The annual cost to rent a parcel is \$60, plus a one-time \$20 key deposit and a \$100 clean-up deposit. Raised garden beds are a \$20 annual cost, since they are smaller. Each calendar year, gardeners pay the annual fee and sign an acknowledgement that they have read and will abide by the current Community Garden Rules and Agreement (Attachment 1). In late Fall of each year, staff prepares renewal packets that are sent to all gardeners. If the parcel is not renewed by the designated deadline date, the parcel will be assigned to the next person on the waitlist. Currently, Del Mar Community Garden has an average waitlist of 183 names and Hamilton Community Garden has an average waitlist of 59 names.

The Community Gardens were designated by the City as a self-governed entity monitored by the Parks & Community Services Department, with support provided by two (2) part-time City employees. The staff members are responsible for the administrative oversight of the gardens, including on site communication with gardeners, ensuring trash is picked up and portable restrooms are cleaned, and monitoring the tools, equipment, and water in use at the gardens.

On April 23, 2026, staff provided a Garden Center update to the PACS Commission during a Special Meeting, informing the Commission of recent facility improvements, maintenance projects and the current wait list. The Commission received and filed the community garden update report and identified interested Commissioners to serve on a new community garden center location evaluation team.

ANALYSIS:

At the May 21, 2026 special meeting, the Commission selected Commissioners Cristian Garcia Arcos, Jason Komala, and Brandice Leger to serve on the new garden center evaluation team. The team will work with staff to evaluate potential alternate locations for future community gardens and return recommendations to the Commission for review and discussion.

To assist in determining a new location, the evaluation team will analyze the following criteria's:

1. Compatibility with Existing Park Uses
 - a. Water access, drainage, and estimated costs
 - b. Maintenance requirements
 - c. Storage needs
 - d. Sun exposure
 - e. Garden Center accessibility (point of entry)
 - f. Accessibility for residents (walking, biking, parking)
2. Cost Considerations
 - a. Site preparation costs
 - b. Irrigation installation
 - c. Fencing/infrastructure costs
3. Recommendation Framework
 - a. Identify Strength and challenges of each location
 - b. Recommend a preferred site and one or two alternatives
4. Review and analyze current management practice and conduct a comparative analysis with other local municipalities that operate garden centers.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The Commission recommended that City Council allocate \$50,000 toward community gardens as part of the Fiscal Year 2027–28 Capital Improvement Program.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required for this report.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the PACS review and finalize the Commission members who will be assigned to the new community garden location evaluation team.



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File #: 26-319

Meeting Date: 6/11/2026

TITLE:

PICNIC DAY DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) discuss and provide feedback about a Community Picnic Day event at the Lions Park Event Lawn.



Agenda Report

Parks and Community Services Commission

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Meeting Date: 6/11/2026

TITLE: PICNIC DAY DISCUSSION
DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
PRESENTED BY: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
CONTACT INFORMATION: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR (714) 754-5009

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Community Services Commission (PACS) discuss and provide feedback about a Community Picnic Day event at the Lions Park Event Lawn.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Community Services Commission has expressed interest in discussing opportunities to encourage community gathering and park activation through special events and recreational activities. One concept identified for discussion is the potential for a Community Picnic Day event at the Lions Park Event Lawn.

ANALYSIS:

A Community Picnic Day event could provide an opportunity to encourage community engagement, social interaction, and recreational use of the Lions Park Event Lawn.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact associated with discussion of the item at this time.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required for this report at this time.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the PACS discuss and provide feedback about a Community Picnic Day event at the Lions Park Event Lawn.