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**To:** PACS Comments  
**Cc:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Public Comments for PACS Commission 2/13/25  
**Attachments:** Commission established.pdf; PACS CIP Status September 2024.pdf

Dear PACS Commission:

There are a handful of open parks matters that I wanted to bring to your attention:

- If at all possible, it would be great to get an update on the outstanding parks capital improvement projects listed in the attached table. It would also be great if the table could be updated in terms of timelines. As many of these projects are grant funded and grant funding is, in this political environment, not nearly as certain as one would like, it would also be good to update the public regarding the extent to which any of this funding may be jeopardized by either delays or changing priorities at other levels of government.
- With respect to the Tewinkle Park lakes project, I believe goose poop on the grassy areas is still a problem. Unfortunately it is also a problem over at the Costa Mesa High School fields, where I've spotted flocks of geese at my son's little league practices. This latter problem is arguably even a bigger issue as children are running/falling/sliding on the grass surfaces at CMHS. I wanted to pass along a solution that seems to be working for another city, which is to enlist residents with particularly suitable dogs to patrol the areas off leash, thereby deterring the birds: <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/aug/28/geese-police-sandpoint-licenses-team-of-pet-dogs-t/>
- With respect to Harper Park, hopefully you are aware that the "pilot program" that was instituted last year has quietly been restarted as of the beginning of last fall, such that the CMPD is constantly monitoring the Harper Park fields with a dedicated park ranger. Additionally, the 7th park ranger that was intended to be hired as part of the solution to the Harper Park issues last year has never been hired, meaning that the constant patrolling of this small park is still significantly impacting the CMPD's ability to adequately patrol other parks. This issue would have been better surfaced if the PACS Commission received monthly, rather than biyearly, park citation reports, which I know is the subject of one of the agenda items this evening.
  - As for solutions to the Harper Park matter, I would once again ask that the PACS Commission investigate the difficulties faced by this park, as well as the overlapping jurisdictions and authorities that are causing forward progress here to deadlock. The PACS Commission is specifically empowered to independently coordinate with school administrators under CMMC Section 12-71(d) (see attached) to resolve open space issues. I hope it exercises this authority as soon as possible. Otherwise, I fear both the public's use and enjoyment of this park as well as the policing at other parks will continue to be compromised.

Thank you,  
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**§ 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)

## Capital Improvement Program Park Improvements

*Note: This is a tentative schedule for discussion purposes only. Dates are subject to change.*

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Phase 1 – Grant Funded Projects					
PROJECT	PROJECT MANAGER	PHASE	FUNDING	STATUS AND SCHEDULE	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION
<p><b>Costa Mesa Tennis Center – LED Lighting Improvements –</b> This project will convert existing lighting to LED lights by installing new poles and using existing infrastructure. The project will improve lighting and safe play.</p>	Rob Ryan	<b>Completed</b>	State Grant funds via Senator Dave Min	<p>The purchasing of the lights was approved by City Council on September 19, 2023.</p> <p>The contractor for the installation of the lights was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024</p> <p>Installation began mid-April.</p>	<p><b>Summer/Fall 2024</b></p> <p style="color: red;"><b>Completed</b></p>
<p><b>Jack Hammett LED Lighting Retrofit –</b> This project will convert existing lighting to LED lights utilizing existing poles and infrastructure. The project will improve energy efficiency, reliability and field safety while reducing operating costs.</p>	Rob Ryan	<b>Completed</b>	State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min	<p>The purchasing of the lights was approved by City Council on September 19, 2023.</p> <p>The contractor for the installation of the lights was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024</p> <p>Installation began in August 12, 2024 and is now complete.</p>	<p><b>Summer/Fall 2024</b></p> <p style="color: red;"><b>Completed</b></p>
<p><b>Ketchum Libolt Park Expansion –</b> this project will expand the existing footprint of the park by incorporating the parkway between the park and the Victoria Street sidewalk. The expansion will allow for additional play elements.</p>	Rob Ryan & Raja Sethuraman	Bidding and Contracting	City CIP funds and Grant Funds from State Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris	<p>The design firm was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024.</p> <p>The design was approved by PACS and City Council.</p> <p>The consultant is preparing construction documents for the bidding process.</p>	<p><b>Design - Fall 2024</b></p> <p><b>Bidding and Award of Contract – Winter 2024</b></p> <p><b>Construction - Early 2025</b></p>

<p><b>Shalimar Park Improvements</b> – This project will add additional play elements to the park and potentially increase park space.</p>	<p>Rob Ryan &amp; Raja Sethuraman</p>	<p>Community Outreach and Preliminary Design</p>	<p>State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min</p>	<p>The design firm was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024.</p> <p>The design was approved by PACS and City Council.</p> <p>The consultant is preparing construction documents for the bidding process.</p>	<p><b>Design - Fall 2024</b></p> <p><b>Bidding and Award of Contract – Winter 2024</b></p> <p><b>Construction - Early 2025</b></p>
<p><b>TeWinkle Athletic Complex Improvements</b> – This project will address ongoing drainage issues on the fields and add batting cages.</p>	<p>Rob Ryan</p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>State Grant funds from Senator David Min, City Funds</p>	<p>Staff is working to develop a scope of work for the project to add batting cages and to address the drainage issues.</p>	<p><b>TBD</b></p>
<p><b>TeWinkle Park LED Retrofit</b> – (Athletic Complex, Bark Park and Tennis Center) - This project will convert existing lighting to LED lights utilizing existing poles and infrastructure. The project will improve energy efficiency, reliability and field safety while reducing operating costs.</p>	<p>Rob Ryan</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p>	<p>State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min</p>	<p>The purchasing of the lights was approved by City Council on September 19, 2023.</p> <p>The contractor for the installation of the lights was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024</p> <p>Installation began August 12, 2024 and is now complete.</p>	<p><b>Summer/Fall 2024</b></p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>
<p><b>TeWinkle Park Lake Repairs</b> – This project will replace damaged shoreline and lake liner, provide a water treatment system, upgrade the pump system and enhance landscape and surrounding environment.</p>	<p>Rob Ryan</p>	<p>Bidding and Contracting</p>	<p>City CIP funds and State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min</p>	<p>The design is now complete.</p> <p>All bids from the initial advertisement were rejected.</p> <p>Plans have been revised and the project will be re-advertised in September.</p>	<p><b>Construction to begin Spring 2025</b></p>

<p><b>TeWinkle Skate Park Expansion</b> – This project will expand the footprint of the existing skate park. Goals for the project include: providing a dedicated area for young and beginning skaters and add new elements.</p>	<p>Irina Gurovich</p>	<p>Design</p>	<p>Grant funds from OC Supervisor Katrina Foley</p>	<p>This project is currently in the design phase. Design phase is expected to take up to ten (10) months. Outreach meeting held in May 2024 Consultant is preparing conceptual plans based on initial outreach. A second outreach meeting is scheduled for Fall 2024.</p>	<p><b>Design – Fall 2024</b>  <b>Construction - Summer 2025</b></p>
<p><b>Phase 1 – Fairview Park Grant Funded Projects</b></p>					
<p><b>Fairview Park Mesa Restoration &amp; Cultural Resource Preservation</b> – This project consists of native habitat restoration on the Fairview Park Mesa and surrounding area, while preserving the site’s cultural resources.</p>	<p>Kelly Dalton</p>	<p>Design</p>	<p>State Grant Funds from Senator Dave Min</p>	<p>Final design completed in August 2024.  Advertisement for implementation scheduled for late August – early September 2024.  Construction anticipated to begin in Fall 2024.</p>	<p><b>Design – Summer/Fall 2024</b></p>
<p><b>Fairview Park West Bluffs Stabilization and Restoration-</b> The project involves repairing and stabilizing the west bluffs of Fairview Park and restoring areas of disturbed vegetation to provide quality native habitat for birds and wildlife.</p>	<p>Kelly Dalton/ Hector Soriano</p>	<p>Design</p>	<p>State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min</p>	<p>This project is currently in the design phase.  Geotechnical evaluation report completed in July 2024.  RFP for engineering design, environmental planning, and restoration design scheduled to be released in September 2024.</p>	<p><b>TBD</b></p>

<p><b>Fairview Park – Pump Station &amp; Wetlands Recirculation System –</b>  This project will design and implement water supply, water quality, and recirculation improvements the Fairview Park constructed wetlands system.</p>	<p>Kelly Dalton</p>	<p>Design</p>	<p>State Grant Funds from Senator Dave Min</p>	<p>This project is currently in the planning phase.</p>	<p><b>TBD</b></p>
<p><b>Phase 1 – CIP Funded Projects</b></p>					
<p><b>Brentwood Park Improvements –</b> This project will upgrade the playground equipment, provide additional play elements, provide walkways, replace the existing shelter, upgrade park lighting to LED and add site furnishings.</p>	<p>Rob Ryan</p>	<p>Planning and Design</p>	<p>City CIP funds</p>	<p>Developing the scope of work and preliminary design with the official design phase to begin in late 2024.</p>	<p><b>Design - Summer 2024</b>  <b>Construction - Summer 2025</b></p>