
THE COSTA MESA PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

JUNE 8, 2023
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Rutherford at 6:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Wall

ROLL CALL

☒ = Present ☐ = Absent

Commissioners

- ☒ Kelly Brown
- ☐ Cristian Garcia Arcos
- ☒ Scott Glabb**
- ☒ Terry Wall
- ☒ Shayanne Wright
- ☐ Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Vice Chair
- ☒ Cassius Rutherford, Chair

City Staff

- ☒ Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
- ☒ Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- ☒ Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- ☒ Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
- ☒ Kevin Stoddart, Sr. Recreation Supervisor
- ☒ Ashley Thomas, Sr. Recreation Supervisor
- ☒ Tracy Habiger, Recreation Supervisor
- ☒ Jose Guzman, Recreation Coordinator

PRESENTATION: STAFF UPDATE: PROJECT FOOD BOX

Presented by Project Food Box representative, Mr. Barrier.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenn Tanaka, Costa Mesa, spoke against the fencing at Harper Park, and requested collaboration with Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Glabb: Thanked staff for their service at Norma Hertzog Community Center and spoke about the facility amenities.

Commissioner Brown: Very excited to see all of the programs that are going to take place over the summer. Acknowledged Ms. Tanaka's public comment request and looks forward to seeing future public engagement within the community and for the future of Costa Mesa.

Commissioner Wall: Visited Harper Park and mentioned the high use for 9:30am and hopes to see a workable solution and communication with the public.

Commissioner Wright: Spoke in support of City Council action in support of Brentwood Park, community engagement, in support of more open space on the West Side and mobile programming in the neighborhoods. Requested information on the NMUSD Joint Use Agreement and highlighted the June 17th Luke Davis Field Extravaganza and the Movies in the Park.

Chair Rutherford read a letter provided by Vice Chair Dorn Parker.

Chair Rutherford: None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes – 05/11/2023 PACS Draft Minutes

MOTION: Agendize the May 11, 2023 meeting minutes to July 13, 2023 Parks and Community Services meeting.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Brown/Chair Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Wall, Commissioner Wright, Chair Rutherford

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioner Garcia Arcos and Vice Chair Dorn Parker

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SUMMER AQUATICS PROGRAMS

Presentation by Mr. Stoddart, Sr. Recreation Supervisor, and Mr. Guzman, Recreation Coordinator.

Discussion ensued on capacity at the pool, programming, and recruitment of staff.

Public Comment: None.

2. SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Presentation by Ms. Thomas, Sr. Recreation Supervisor, and Ms. Habiger, Recreation Supervisor.

Discussion ensued on SMART Camp registration, programming, and affordable or free programs.

Public Comment: None.

3. CITY BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Minter, Parks and Community Services Director, provided a verbal update from June 6, 2023 City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued on Animal Care Services and the Commission reviewing the room rental rates.

Public Comment: None.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. PARK RANGER REPORT – May 2023

Mr. Minter, Parks and Community Services Director, provided Ranger Report updates.

Public Comment: None.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – May 2023

Mr. Minter, Parks and Community Services Director, and Ms. Villasenor, Recreation Manager, presented.

Discussion ensued on the Chargers, Harper Park, clarification of Concerts in the Park dates, a chart to track the progress of projects with a timeline, future agenda items, Shalimar Park public engagement, the Open Space Master Plan, and partnering with the Women's Club for facility space.

Ms. Villasenor provided the correct dates for the Concerts in the Park Tuesday, July 11, July 18, and July 25.

Public Comment: None.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS - None.

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Rutherford at 9:23 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.