

NOVEMBER 14, 2024
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Dorn Parker at 6:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Wall.

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners

- Cristian Garcia Arcos
- Scott Glabb
- Brandine Ledger
- Terry Wall
- Shayanne Wright
- Kelly Brown, Vice Chair
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Chair

City Staff

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John: Acknowledged Scott Glabb for his involvement as a Commissioner. Highlighted the heavy use of the pickleball courts at Tanager Park. Emphasized the need for essential amenities, particularly fencing. He stated inefficient fencings can lead to safety hazards. Additionally, he mentioned that while new courts have been developed at the Costa Mesa Tennis Center, they are not free or publicly accessible. He urged the City and Commission to consider both additional courts and better amenities at existing and future locations.

Charles Peltier: 26-year resident, and frequent park court user and expressed a need for fencing. Drew concern for how wet, slippery, and/or sandy it can get when retrieving the ball to play the game. Also, expressed the demand for more free courts.

Ellen Quan: Huntington Beach resident, expressed appreciation for the existing pickleball courts and strongly advocated for fencing. She emphasized the safety concerns and concluded by thanking the Commission for their time and consideration.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Wall: Announced that this meeting will be his last, as he is relocating to Huntington Beach. He reflected on the bittersweet nature of his departure, expressed gratitude for the meaningful experience and hope he has made a positive contribution. He emphasized the importance of addressing the high demand for community gardens, and more pickleball courts. Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and expressed his continued interest in the city’s progress.

Commissioner Ledger: Expressed appreciation for Commissioner Wall and suggested naming a future community garden in his honor. Addressed residents’ safety concerns regarding the pickleball courts, Ledger proposes installing rubberized material, similar to playground surfaces, to help absorb moisture and reduce slipping hazards. Additionally,

supported adding more benches for player comfort.

Commissioner Glabb: Thanked John, the public commenter, for showing up and speaking.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos: Thanked public commenters, emphasized the importance of speaking up to help staff understand community needs. Highlighted the heavy use of the pickleball courts. Mentioned the growing issue of graffiti, expressing concern and urging the community to organize efforts to educate residents in Costa Mesa. Concluded by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve and thanked Commissioner Wall for his contributions.

Vice Chair Brown: Expressed gratitude to Commissioner Wall for his service, highlighted his warm and engaging presence at events. She also thanked Commissioner Garcia Arcos for raising concerns about graffiti. Spoke out disparities in park access, mentioning that her district lacks easily accessible parks compared to others and supports efforts to improve the park and enhance its community value. Lastly, she expressed a desire for the return of Park Ranger reports. She noted past discussions about modifying the reports and suggested potential collaboration with Costa Mesa Police department to improve data accessibility.

Chair Dorn Parker: Expressed appreciation for Commissioner Wall's contributions, emphasizing the diversity of priorities within the commission and noting that Costa Mesa's loss would be Huntington Beach's gain. She addressed the ongoing discussions about community gardens, advocating for innovative approaches to improve accessibility and efficiency. She thanked public commenters for voicing their concerns, recognizing the importance of active users in identifying strengths and weaknesses on park use. She also highlighted the impact of Save Our Youth organization providing crucial resources and safe spaces for students. Additionally, she shared observations from walking and biking around local parks, noting their high usage and the valuable feedback from the community. Lastly, expressed appreciation for the city's evolving communications, including the *Spotlight*.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes – 09/12/2024 PACS Draft Minutes**
- 2. Department Report – October 2024**

MOTION: to approve Consent Calendar

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Leger/ Wall.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Ledger, Commissioner Wall, Vice Chair Brown, Chair Dorn Parker

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioner Wright

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

MONTHLY REPORTS

- 1. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Mr. Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented. Mr. Ryan to provide Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

Commissioner Garcia Arcos expressed concern over vehicle driving on tree roots and expressed route mapping to avoid impacts to tree roots.

Commissioner Leger asked about Brentwood Park construction and if it could be scheduled around the summer break, so it does not impact during summer use.

Vice Chair Brown expressed curiosity about the duration of the lakes' repairs, given the project's scale.

Chair Dorn Parker thanked the city for supporting marginalized communities through programs like *Think! Together* and free-swimming lessons. Spoke about construction debris under the bike jumps, noting potential hazards. Asked for clarification on security for city facilities, inquired if it was separate from the security agreement with Newport-Mesa Unified School District schools. Also suggested creating a framed "thank-you" photo for State Senator Min. Lastly, confirmed that formal input would be solicited for Brentwood Park's design, similar to previous park projects.

Public Comment: None.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DONATION OF TREE AND PLAQUE AT CANYON PARK

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

Commissioner Garcia Arcos spoke about oak trees in the area were thriving but noted one tree near the bridge that had split in half, leaving only part of it standing. He emphasized the importance of selecting suitable trees to prevent such issues. He also acknowledged the presence of sycamores and eucalyptus in the area, appreciating the effort put into the tree selection and planning.

MOTION: to approve donation of tree and plaque at Canyon Park.

MOVED/SECOND: Commissioner Wall/Leger.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Ledger, Commissioner Wall, Vice Chair Brown, Chair Dorn Parker

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioner Wright

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Garcia Arcos raised concerns about the presence and displacement of coyotes in the area, near Victoria Street. He expressed concern over their poor condition, noting that they appeared unhealthy and distressed.

The Commission inquired about Commissioner term expiration and application process.

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Dorn Parker at 7:19 PM.