

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Rutherford at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Ashendorf

ROLL CALL

☒ = Present ☐ = Absent

Commissioners	City Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angely Andrade Vallarta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlene Ashendorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Glabb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua, Executive Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Murphy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Vice Chair	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassius Rutherford, Chair	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve S. – Requested review of protecting netting for foul balls at the TeWinkle Sports Complex.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ashendorf: Appreciated the cooling center being available during the heat wave. Also appreciates the “How-To” signage at Tanager Park for pickleball play. Requested clarity for the Jordan Park ribbon cutting based on Councilmember Harlan’s comment at Tuesday’s Council meeting. Attended the ribbon cutting for the musical instruments at the Donald Dungan Library. Mentioned Costa Mesa residents, Dom Jones and Richard Kuo, who live on the East side and are competing in The Amazing Race, starting on September 21.

Commissioner Murphy: Thanked staff on finding storage space for the Newport Mesa girls’ softball. Thanked staff for addressing the Dog Park issues. Looking forward to staff resolving the foul ball issues at TeWinkle Park.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta: Appreciates all the hard work staff have placed in summer programs. Wanted to see if an enclosed facility would be available for future summer camps as well as enrichment activities. Suggested stem exposure while being off on school break to continue to accelerate their learning.

Commissioner Brown: With high community interest for pickleball courts and the installation of Tanager Park courts, which locations are next for court additions? How late are they to be open for? Enjoys the aesthetic look of the Spotlight and the organization of the layout.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker: Acknowledged the benefits of having the MyCostaMesa App and the responsiveness with staff to fix the conflict. The more community use, the stronger we will be to help resolve any items that need assistance. Requested staff to review drinking fountains and shading structure at parks. To help ensure the community is staying hydrated and not overheating during heat waves. Inquired on indoor facility use where they can meet at no charge or very little charge. Mentioned organizations such as Girls Inc. likes to utilize local spaces. Thanked staff for the meeting date change to allow commissioners to being more engaged during the month.

Chair Rutherford: Commended staff on the release of the Spotlight. Would also like to see adjustment to park facilities having shade structures for more park use on hot days. Looking forward for indoor rental facility use and getting the facilities available for public use. Thanked staff on the Jordan Park project and addressing safety concerns at Wilson Park. Shared he had an opportunity to tour Wilson Park last week. Would like to see commissioner input regarding the group permit policy for groups larger than 10 to play in the parks.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2022 MEETING

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the minutes/Seconded by Commissioner Ashendorf.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Murphy, Vice Chair Dorn Parker, Chair Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

2. OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Minter presented.

Public Comment: No comments.

Commissioner Brown asked of when the Open Space Master Plan draft would be submitted. Would like to see a public draft document so the community has time to review and place input.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker would like to see backup material, so the public can reference information that has been provided and have a better understanding.

Chair Rutherford: Asked if there is an estimated timeline for when this will be brought up to City Council? This is for notifying the public on providing input.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Park Ranger Report – JULY/AUGUST 2022

Public Comment: No comments.

Commissioner Glabb asked the definition of off trail violation. Just what that would consist of just somebody's not on the trail, or I was looking Oh, well, I'm looking at the reports. Am I behind?

2. Director's Report – JULY/AUGUST 2022

Mr. Minter presented. Ms. Villasenor provided a recap regarding the events that occurred.

Commissioner Murphy requested if the gate for the Bark Park was now ADA compliant, as well as, the pavers.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta enjoys seeing partnerships with organizations like Ikea and having resource fairs for the public. Requested a status on the Ketchum Libolt project.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker is looking forward for the Brentwood Park project. Many families within the community are looking forward to placing input. Wants to make sure staff are doing public outreach, since she is seeing a lot of community engagement already to make the park more ADA compliant.

Chair Rutherford asked for community input regarding ideas for more garden placement within the community.

Commissioner Murphy asked if community garden involvement potentially be at school locations. There could be school interest to have community assistance with their current gardens, schools such as, Paularino.

Chair Rutherford inquired if there are any other future plans for pickleball spaces with the high levels on interest we see at the DRC. Also commended staff on their great work on the recent park projects and is looking forward to future ones.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Rutherford at 7:02pm.

Next Meeting: Parks & Community Services Commission regular meeting, October 13, 2022.