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