
THE COSTA MESA PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

MAY 26, 2022
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Rutherford at 6:01pm

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"/> Raja Sethuramen, Public Services Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Glabb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Murphy*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seung Yang, City Engineer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Vice Chair**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua, Executive Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassius Rutherford, Chair	

*Commissioner Murphy attended via Zoom

**Vice Chair Dorn Park entered via Zoom at 6:05pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In Person - None

Martha O'meara (Zoom): Requested for more disability services/resources be available on our City website for youth.

[Vice Chair Dorn Parker entered the meeting via Zoom]

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta: Thanked City staff in the last couple of City events.

Commissioner Brown: Acknowledged recent school shooting.

Commissioner Glabb: Attended the Spring Bark Bash and had a great time talking to vendors and seeing performance. Mentioned it was a good turnout and thanked City staff.

Chair Ashendorf: Participated in the Mother's Day Brunch at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Also mentioned two other upcoming events: Father's Day celebration, Independence Day at the end of June. Also, attended Love Costa Mesa Day and renewed Moon Park with some repainting of structures. Wanted to remind the public that they have a week from Friday to get in there Park and Recreation posters. Shared an invitation from Trellis for the City leaders gathering on June 9 from 12-130pm at the Crossing Church. They will be providing a free lunch while they give us an update on homeless issues in our community.

Chair Rutherford: Expressed sympathy for the tragic events. Thanked City staff on the latest events and their successful turnouts. Had a great time on Arbor Day. Would like staff

to look into the public comment to address the concerns for the need of more programming/resources. Reached out to the public to spread the word for the part-time positions available in the Parks & Community Services Department.

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

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta made a motion to approve the minutes with the adjustment of hyperlinked correspondence received/Seconded by Vice Commissioner Glabb.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

2. OLD BUSINESS - None

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) REVIEW OF PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 THROUGH 2026-27 22-706

Mr. Sethuraman, Mr. Yang, and Mr. Ryan presented.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker mentioned two challenges: dogs in the park off leash and not a lot of infrastructures to support owners to clean up their pet's mess. Inquired if there is anything in the CIP to begin a launch of more specific signage at Parks to educate the public.

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired more about the Mesa Verde Library and ADA compliance improvements and if there can be more specific timelines.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta thanked City staff and asked about the Shalimar Park expansion and if there can be more specifics to the amount of land that is being acquired. Also mentioned she is looking forward to improvements at her District parks and if there would be opportunity to evaluate space usage at parks to potentially repurpose spaces in a more engaging way for the public to maximize the space.

Commissioner Brown: Inquired about what staff's view for the CIP are. As in, if everything staff want represented in this report?

Commissioner Ashendorf is happy to see progress in current project and future ones, such as the Butterfly Garden. This is what we wanted. They didn't even have to ask me what was happening. But it was a good way to ensure that the community sees what's finally happening out there. So really wanted to share that. That's really exciting. Where the direction that this new department this new city we have is really going in a good strong, positive direction. And one other comment about the butterfly gardens. I know you, you said that you hadn't I identified yet locations for them. But I do hope that

at some point in the conversation, we'll be able to include opportunities for the community to take ownership and somehow in those butterfly gardens like they have in, in Huntington Beach in some other cities. Thank you.

Public Comment: None.

[Vice Chair Dorn Parker left the meeting via Zoom.]

Chair Rutherford asked for more detail about what is going on with the parking lot in the parking spaces and the status of the construction of those.

Vice Chair Rutherford asked for the Jack Hammett updates, if there is opportunity to a look at a level two charger or at least the wiring for it. For future updates to the complex down the line.

Chair Rutherford express strong support for the Shalimar expansion.

Chair Rutherford inquired about the priority for set renovations at the Costa Mesa Country Club.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta Yeah, Echoed some of the comments made by councilmember Chavez in at the last Council meeting about opportunity of expanding green space on the West side.

- b) **MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Rutherford made a motion to move forward the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget For Fiscal Year 2022-23 Through 2026-27 22-706 to Council/Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair Dorn Parker

Motion Carried: 6-0

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

- a) Park Ranger Report – April 2022

Mr. Minter mentioned that the Police Department rotates leadership and there is a new lieutenant who oversees Park Rangers and will be inviting him to the Commission to help address any questions or concerns the commission may have.

Chair Rutherford shared concern that it is more of a safety issue when the public are not following rules and can affect the youth.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta inquired about the misuse of a shopping cart.

Mr. Minter mentioned he would follow-up with the Police Department.

Public Comment: None.

- b) Director's Report - April 2022
Mr. Minter & Ms. Villasenor presented.

Chair Rutherford inquired about any specific hashtags for the Parks and Recreation month in July.

Ms. Villasenor confirmed it was #ParksMakeLifeBetter.

Commissioner Brown inquired about disability services on the City's website.

Chair Ashendorf asked about the Master Plan and if Newport Mesa School District are involved.

Chair Ashendorf then inquired about Teen Camp enrollment and the low enrollment.

Chair Ashendorf inquired about April Park reservations and comparison from previous numbers.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta gave kudos regarding the website updates and making information more accessible.

Chair Rutherford encouraged the public to vote and encouraged the public to spread the word about part time positions available in the City.

Mr. Minter mentioned that it is a challenge faced in Orange County cities.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta inquired how much is the starting rate for a leader.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta also mentioned we are entrusting these staff with our children and if there is opportunity to increase the rate, so we do not compete with places such as Del Taco.

5. ADJOURNMENT by Chair Rutherford at 7:53pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JUNE 23, 2022 AT 6:00P.M.