

JULY 28, 2022  
6:00 P.M. – OFFICIAL MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Rutherford at 6:09pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Director Minter

**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 type="checkbox"/> Scott Glabb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seung Yang, City Engineer
<input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua, Executive Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Vice Chair	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassius Rutherford, Chair	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Ashendorf:** Thanked staff for their hard work and busy month of July. From the Independence Day celebration, Concerts in the Park, the art exhibit show case to the ribbon cutting of the Pickle ball courts at Tanager Park. Reminded the public of the August 2 National Night Out at Lions Park. Acknowledged the Davis field is undergoing some major improvements and shared the Friends of the Library musical instruments installation has been completed and looking forward to the ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday, September 1.

**Commissioner Andrade Vallarta:** Concerts and movies in the park have been joyful to be around the community and staff.

**Commissioner Brown:** Attended the Concert in the Park with her daughter and had a great time walking to the event. Would like to see an OC Skate event held in Costa Mesa. The City of Santa Ana had a roller skating event a few months ago and was well attended.

**Vice Chair Dorn Parker:** Has been meeting with the community regarding Brentwood Park, Harper Park, and Lindbergh Park, and with Council member Harlan to understand how they really see the parks imagined to benefit the community. One of the areas looked at was dogs off leash; to try to find out what to do to keep them off the playground, how to encourage management of the park space for the dogs and, how do to make sure that there's supplies for the dog owners. Excited to see the construction at Jordan Park and thanked City staff.

**Chair Rutherford:** Thanked City staff with all the recent community events. Was happy to see the Council proclamation for the Department of National Parks and Recreation month. Also recognized the State Senator Dave Minh and Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie Norris

delivering the largest single state budget appropriation to Costa Mesa in the City's history for parks and open space. Was glad to see the new playground equipment and pickle ball courts at Tanager Park. Thanked staff for collaborating with Parks Department and Police Department to review park designs and wants further education of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Criteria. Attended his first Fairview Park Alliance at their monthly restoration event that occurs every second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at Fairview Park by the Vernal pools.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Glabb and Commissioner Murphy

**Motion Carried:** 5-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

Mr. Minter and Ms. Villasenor presented.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Ana Paula Lima:** Agreed with the "Parks Make life better!" motto. Has many great memories with her family utilizing Costa Mesa parks and enjoyed the art project opportunity.

**Hadassa:** Shared her favorite aspects of Lions Park through a drawing she made. Advocated what great job staff have done selecting playground equipment, especially the zip line at Lions and park community events.

**Rebecca:** Made a picture of Perez Park because it is close to her, fun, and calm there. Stated she was pleased to meet everyone.

*Photo-op occurred with Art Poster Submissions after public comment.*

*Two videos were shared during the meeting at 22 minutes and 15 seconds.*

*A following Photo-op with Commission occurred to commemorate the opening of the Tanager Park pickle ball courts.*

### **2. REVIEW OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TEWINKLE LAKE SYSTEM**

Mr. Ryan and Andy Comer from Pacific advanced engineering presented

Commissioner Ashendorf had questions regarding the retention of the five (5) trees on the island at the lake.

Commissioner Brown thanked the presenters. Asked if there can be a walkthrough of option 1 over option 2.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker was happy to see the project come through for safer lake access; especially coming from a mother of two boys who would run straight to the lake area. She referred to page 4.4 section of the duck feeding area and pointed out the area that looks like planks. She inquired if the area was for ducks or accessible for people to walk across. Expressed concerns of running children, and shared perspective of children's curiosity and possible effects of enjoying this park amenity while chasing ducks. Appreciates the removal of Lake Island due to personal experience of active sons. Shares that to her, the Lake Island represented a competitive challenge for children to swim over and appreciates how new renovations tackle safety issues instead of creating unnatural fencing boundaries. Mentions her appreciation for the park and is thankful to share her perspectives and receive more information.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked to address a couple of the disadvantages outlined in the proposal, as well as, project timeline.

**Public Comment:** None.

Chair Rutherford had questions about the damage, leaking and the 2004 installation. Inquired whether removal of tree on the side of the lake is due to health and safety reason an aesthetic reason. Shared public recommendation and advocated the use of rocks instead of chopped wood, unless a tree from the actual park is repurposed.

Chair Rutherford also had follow-up questions on pump design and the discharge of the pump.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker had questions about the cycling out of the water pollutants and whether the project is part of the State Senators \$10 million the City was given.

Report was for public input - no motion.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FROM MESA GROUP REAL ESTATE FOR A MUSIC IN THE PARK EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2022, AT BALEARIC PARK, 1975 BALEARIC DRIVE.**

Mr. Minter presented report.

Mesa Group Real Estate, Whitney Frenzel presented.

Commissioner Brown had questions about how often requests such as this come through. Is in support of more cultural events and music in the parks and just advocated this is open to everyone in the community and not just the park neighborhood.

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired about any event conflicts with event activities such as, the Diego Sepulveda tours. Wanted confirmation of the food truck location on the

map. Encouraged for crossing guards or police assistance on Adams to support guest crossing on busy street. Inquired about alcohol and bike racks at the event.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta inquired on the proposed community event this is geared towards.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker addressed concerns of the event sizing and the control of the event sizing. Appreciates seeing this request come through and just advocates for the preparation of a larger event than what is currently anticipated.

Commissioner Brown requested the Commission to be prepared to think about steps that will be taken in the future for hyper-focused neighborhood events. Was in support of this event, as long as, all from the public have the option to attend.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker mentioned there has been smaller mobile band shell-like events in the parks where organizations would sponsor the mobile event. In conclusion, she advocated that the event be open to everyone and not just the neighborhood of Balearic/Estancia Park.

**Public Comment:** None.

Chair Rutherford supports this event to move forward and was wondering what the total fee amount charged to the applicant for the proposed event and how residents received notice.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Rutherford made a motion to approve the event, extend the invite to all City residents, and provide notice to residents within the vicinity of the park. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Dorn Parker.

Brown requested to have assurance in writing and social media platform promotions that event is open to the public, and that event be treated as all other public City event.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Glabb and Commissioner Murphy

**Motion Carried:** 5-0

#### **4. REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

Mr. Minter presented.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Commissioner Ashendorf made a motion to approve Commission meeting dates to the second Thursdays of each month. Motion seconded by Chair Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Glabb and Commissioner Murphy

**Motion Carried:** 5-0

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **1. Park Ranger Report – JUNE 2022**

**Public Comment:** No comments.

### **2. Director's Report – June 2022**

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

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired if staff are happy with the application turnout for ARTventure and praised Arts Specialist, Laurette Garner, on her recent *Spotlight* for the event. She asked how long the Charger's training camp is and mentioned hopes of seeing free nonprofit facility rates as other surrounding Cities do for organizations that are non-profit status even if it's a select duration for free rates.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta inquired about in-person enrollment for the R.O.C.K.S School Year program and questioned the long line for enrollment.

Brown asked if utility box applications are still being accepted. Then questioned Department's approach on the website platforms for department information.

Chair Rutherford inquired if the Spotlight would include the Arts Commission information and echoed what Commissioner Ashendorf said about non-profit facility rentals. Asked staff if there was a timeline for the potential re-opening of the Fairview Park fly field.

**ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Rutherford at 8:33pm.