



# **CITY OF COSTA MESA**

## **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **Agenda**

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**Thursday, August 8, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers  
77 Fair Drive**

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**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 8, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

**ELIZABETH DORN PARKER**  
District 6 - Chair

**SCOTT GLABB**  
District 1 - Commissioner

**KELLY BROWN**  
District 5 - Vice Chair

**BRANDICE LEGER**  
District 2 - Commissioner

**CRISTIAN GARCIA ARCOS**  
District 4 - Commissioner

**TERRY WALL**  
District 3 - Commissioner

**SHAYANNE WRIGHT**  
At-Large - Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or as otherwise directed.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or as otherwise directed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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1. **MINUTES** **24-262**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2024, Parks & Community Services Commission meeting.

**Attachments:** [05/09/24 PACS Draft Minutes](#)

2. **MINUTES** **24-313**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2024, Parks & Community Services Commission meeting.

**Attachments:** [06/27/24 PACS Draft Minutes](#)

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **24-266**

**Attachments:** [Director's Report - May, June, July 2024](#)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN** **24-267**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the commission receive and file the 2023 Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update (Attachment 1) per Council's budgetary decision and direction at the June 24, 2024 Council Meeting (Attachment 2).

**Attachments:** [Agenda Report](#)

[1. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update Draft Report](#)

[2. City Council Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2024](#)

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADDITIONAL COMMISSION MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024.



# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

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**File #:** 24-262

**Meeting Date:** 6/13/2024

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**TITLE:**

**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT:** PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2024, Parks & Community Services Commission meeting.

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**THE COSTA MESA PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

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**MAY 9, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Commissioner Glabb.

**ROLL CALL**

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<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>City Staff</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cristian Garcia Arcos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Glabb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassius Rutherford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
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**PRESENTATION:**

**1. COSTA MESA 311 SMART PHONE APP**

English and Spanish clip were shown on how to download the app.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Victor: Youth leader with *Chamoy* (Changing Hearts and Minds of Youth), discussed the organization's efforts and hopes it will lead to systemic changes to improve their city.

Araceli: Shared feedback regarding park improvement projects in District 4.

Jacob Sanchez: Costa Mesa resident invited the community to Love Costa Mesa Day.

Ben Strack: Costa Mesa resident and longtime youth baseball coach. Commended the City for the well-maintained fields at TeWinkle Park. Advocated for potential expansion and enhancement of facilities. Emphasized the importance of quality facilities for skill development, enjoyment, and pride among young athletes. Highlighted the need for improvements to drainage system for better field usability, especially during rainy seasons.

Eric Roberts: Chair of the Fairview Park Steering Committee, emphasized their focus on Fairview Park and their commitment to native species. Plans to regularly attend Parks and Community Services Commission meetings to provide updates and collaborate on park improvement initiatives. Shared the current priorities include the Master Plan update and enhancing transparency regarding capital improvement projects.

Dulce Saavedra: Resilience OC member inquired and encouraged for virtual input from the community if they cannot attend in-person community meeting. Suggested online surveys.

Itzia Olivera: Costa Mesa resident and member of *Chamoy*. Spoke about recent vandalism incident within her neighborhood. Shared idea of beginning beautification projects with

community members to create murals.

Leslie Salvador: Costa Mesa resident and *Chamoy* member addressed concern about graffiti in her community. She noted the recent increase in graffiti sightings near Pomona and 19<sup>th</sup> St. and expressed a desire to combat it by creating a mural or collage in the affected areas.

Orlando Mendez: Student from Bolsa Grande High School and *Chamoy* member. Discussed the need for advocating for youth-oriented resources, and supports the efforts to improve the parks. Advocated for a skate park to provide opportunities for fun and recreation for individuals in his age group and emphasized the importance of overall park improvements to benefit the community.

Tao: Resident of Costa Mesa expressed passion for greening the city. Highlighted participation and experience in an Arbor Day tree planting event and shared the benefits of planting trees. Advocated for a greener, more sustainable Costa Mesa and propose the creation of an Annual Greening Strategy (AGS) plan to track tree coverage improvement over time.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

**Commissioner Wright:** Emphasized the importance of timely public feedback for upcoming park projects and capital improvement plans. Suggested avenues such as QR code feedback systems and direct email communication to elected officials and highlighted ongoing initiatives, including lighting projects and the West Side Park expansion fund. Acknowledged requested for a skate park and alley beautification project, mentioning available budget allocations for these purposes. Invited the community to attend Love Costa Mesa Day and expressed gratitude for residents' dedication to improving the city.

**Commissioner Wall:** Discussed the Ketchum-Libolt Park outreach meeting and active engagement of both city staff and community with the architects designing park improvements. Encouraged participation in upcoming outreach meetings and suggested additional communication avenues to enhance outreach effectiveness.

**Commissioner Rutherford:** Expressed gratitude for the feedback and input shared during the meeting and emphasized the importance of community involvement in driving city initiatives. Encouraged continued engagement and feedback from residents to influence decisions at City Hall. Announced it would be his last meeting after serving for over five years on the Parks Commission.

**Commissioner Glabb:** Thanked Norma Hertzog Community Center staff and highlighted facility rental amenities it offers.

**Commissioner Garcia Arcos:** Expressed gratitude to Victor, public commenter, for their involvement and commends the youth for their inspiring involvement and encouraged them to persist in making a difference. Recommended the 311 app for graffiti removal but notes limitations in accessing back alleys for cleanup. Highlighted Shalimar Park community engagement and Love Costa Mesa Day events.

**Chair Dorn Parker:** Attended the State of the City event and expressed appreciation for the work done to beautify the city and enhance resources. Plans to tour parks on their bike to engage with residents and gather feedback. Expressed personal sadness at the departure of Commissioner Rutherford and encouraged the public to become engaged with the Commission. Encouraged participation in greening efforts and shared that all outreach flyers are available online. Highlighted upcoming events, including input sessions for improving the skate park. Expressed concern about the cost of graffiti cleanup in alleyways and sought clarification on the matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Minutes – 03/14/2024 PACS Draft Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approve the amended minutes of March 14, 2024 Commission meeting.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Commissioner Wall/Commissioner Rutherford.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Rutherford, Commissioner Wall, Commissioner Wright, Chair Dorn Parker

**Nays:** none

**Absent:** Vice Chair Brown

**Motion Carried:** 6 – 0

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 AND THE FIVE-YEAR CIP BUDGET THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2028-29**

Mr. Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager presented.

#### Public Comment:

Ralph Taboada: Costa Mesa resident and Financial and Pension Advisory Committee member. Voiced areas where the capital review and approval process could be improved. Pointed out that priorities changed but believed changes in the budget and expenditures should be addressed and communicated to make informed decisions. I'm just talking about the process. Believes the Commission should be aware what's in the CIP and the budget process.

Terry Lee: Costa Mesa resident and expressed support for the improvements at TeWinkle Sports Complex. Glad to see proposed project to address drainage issues.

James Lee: Baseball athlete at Newport Harbor High School. Regular player at TeWinkle Sports Complex and loves the facility. Believes adjustments of a regular bullpen can be improved by adding a Homeplate to signify a distance between the mound of home plate and warm up area. Suggested batting cages as an additional feature.

Victor: Expressed full support for proposed projects, emphasizing the need for attention to Shalimar Park. Additionally, urged for attention to other parks citing the disparity in equipment quality compared to neighboring cities and advocating for thoughtful consideration in proposed plans.

Stephen: Represented Costa Mesa Pony and drew concerns for smaller bases at TeWinkle Sports Complex and Luke Davis Field. Noted that placing a metal outline can allow younger ages to also play. Expressed drainage being an on-going issue and expressed that batting cages would be helpful to the growth of the players.

Tao: Happy of the upgrade plans for Costa Mesa facilities. Would like to see more lighting and exercise equipment for all the parks, in particular, Paularino Park.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos shared Shalimar and Ketchum-Libolt outreach meeting successes and inquired about the Young Tree Care Program. Questioned the budget allocated for program and care for trees.

Commissioner Rutherford commended Public Works presentation and appreciation for the draft CIP status report and emphasized its importance for transparency and project tracking. Suggested the total amperage savings from LED lighting upgrades to be utilized for the extra public EV charging stations. Inquired about the selection of a vendor for the Lions Park Cafe project and proposed potentially partnering with academic institutions to conduct studies regarding tree canopy. Questioned the high cost of the Fairview Park master plan and advocated for allocating funds toward project execution or collaborating with academic institutions to reduce planning expenses.

Commissioner Wall inquired if NFL usage at Jack Hamett would impact user groups. Would like to see CIP chart comparison from previous year, along with priority shifts to better understand priority changes.

Commissioner Wright recommended prioritizing neighborhood park projects that were previously pushed off, suggesting creative ways to elevate their importance. Proposed the inclusion of footnotes explaining changes made from previously approved plans and advocates for the addition of community gardens to the CIP plan due to high demand and their success as revenue-generating programs.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker highlighted the significance of good field drainage for play fields and suggests collaboration opportunities for procurement and cooling centers with other agencies and facilities. Proposed having a study session to thoroughly understand the budgeting process and project funding sources, aiming for improved transparency and informed decision-making.

Commissioner Rutherford emphasized the critical nature of addressing environmental concerns and suggests integrating EV charging infrastructure into existing projects as a cost-effective solution.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **1. PARK RANGER REPORT – MARCH AND APRIL 2024**

Mr. Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Public Comment: None.

## **2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MARCH AND APRIL 2024**

Mr. Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

Public Comment: None.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Dorn Parker thanked Commissioner Rutherford for his involvement and impact on the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Dorn Parker at 8:32 P.M.

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# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive  
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**File #:** 24-313

**Meeting Date:** 8/8/2024

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**TITLE:**

**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT:** PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2024, Parks & Community Services Commission meeting.

**JUNE 27, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Commissioner Garcia Arcos.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE** for Commissioner Leger.

**ROLL CALL**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kim Hendricks: With Fairview Park Alliance brought forward organization calendars of Fairview Park and child booklets.

Juana Trejo: Promoter for health and well-being in Orange County and District 3 resident. Concerned with the safety issues in Costa Mesa and gang and drug activity. Would like to see more program geared towards youth to help build a healthy community.

Evan Carey: Spoke about Moon Park and need for updating equipment/lighting and review of amenities to help provide more recreational options to the community.

Sergio Tellez: With Coastal Corridor Alliance and gave insight to the organization's new mission along with highlight of organization events. Encouraged the community to sign up for their newsletter or follow their social media for more information on their events.

Terri Fuqua: Encouraged the public to go to Fairview Park. Has recently seen sighting of swallows.

Hank Castignetti: Highlighted the Orange County Model Engineer Trains and activities happening at the Train Lot.

Araceli Rodriguez: Appreciates the tree planting that occurred on Wallace and Shalimar. Would like to see implementation of more activities and programs for the youth.

Lynn Redman: Spoke about previous public comments made at Council meeting and concerns of transient activity at Fairview Park.

Cynthia McDonald: Resident concerned for recent Del Mar gang-related tagging and would like to see Paularino Park install restrooms again and access to school playgrounds.

Eric Roberts: Congratulated Ms. Leger on her appointment to the Commission. Encouraged the Commission to attend the next Fairview Park Steering Committee scheduled for Wednesday, July 10.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

**Commissioner Wall:** Thank first responders for their action to the Fairview Park fire that happened on June 23. Spoke about aggressive dogs off leash discussions happening on Facebook page, *Costa Mesa Buzz*. Spoke about Mr. Carey's concern for Moon Park lighting and equipment updates.

**Commissioner Leger:** Thank everyone for the opportunity to be here and the warm reception received.

**Commissioner Garcia Arcos:** Thanked all the public speakers for coming out today. Spoke about safety concerns for recent violent activity. Highlighted Love Costa Mesa Day successful community day. Spoke about community opportunities for preservation with Ancient Forest Society and Boleros, organization that helps with safety and education for Spanish speaking individuals.

**Commissioner Glabb:** Echoed Commissioner Wall's comments and thanked Mr. Carey for sharing his concerns and issues with Moon Park.

## **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. PROPOSED DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS FOR KETCHUM-LIBOLT PARK**

Mr. Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director, and Mr. Tony Dodero, Public Information Officer and consultant presented.

*10-minute break occurred to help resolve technical issues.*

#### Public Comment:

Cynthia McDonough: Stressed the need for non-gender restroom with a changing table for the park improvements.

Erik Roberts: Would like to know the definition of whimsical and law enforcement theme selection as more whimsical votes were reflected in the report. Would like to see alternate view of the park renderings rather than just an ariel.

Ralph Taboada: Resident highlighted the city for their public outreach for this project. Would like to see restrooms added to the design to make park more useful and beneficial to the community.

Terri Fuqua: Stressed the need for a drinking fountain.

Commissioner Glabb inquired about restrooms installation and cost.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos inquired about pine tree concerns.

Commissioner Wall inquired if there was a standard park size for restroom installation.

Chair Dorn Parker inquired about park design considerations highlighting shade structures position layout, restroom feasibility and attraction of unwanted activity concerns, tree species selection and grass space perimeter fencing to help prevent dog walker use.

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendations for Ketchum Libolt Park.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Commissioner Glabb/Commissioner Leger.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Leger, Commissioner Wall, Chair Dorn Parker

**Nays:** none

**Absent:** Vice Chair Brown and Commissioner Wright

**Motion Carried:** 5 – 0

## 2. PROPOSED DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS FOR SHALIMAR PARK

Mr. Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director, and Mr. Tony Doderro, Public Information Officer and consultant, community works design group, presented.

### Public Comment:

Ralph Toboada: Resident spoke about the need for restrooms regarding size of park. Encouraged review of restroom installation cost to help create more utilitarian of the park.

Juana Trejo: Lived in the Shalimar community for 10 years and due to criminal activity left to show her kids living conditions with no criminal activity. Would like to see a safer park for the Shalimar community. Highlighted the need for a restroom.

Cynthia McDonald: Resident spoke about the need for restrooms for all park in the community.

Araceli Rodriguez: Resident from District 4. Recommended more lighting to the backside of the park, no artificial grass or turf, hopes to see speed bumps installed on the streetway to slow cars down, bag receptacles for pet pick-up, and a larger tree to help with shading area. Also, recommended the play area be moved to the front of the park, leave the tree in the center and not open the street along Shalimar.

Sergio: Representing District 4 shared his experiences at Shalimar Park. Supports installation of a restroom, citing its necessity during community events. Also mentioned that the lack of restrooms forces attendees to rely on nearby residents,

creating an inconvenience and discouraging visitors from staying longer. Expressed frustration with the difficulties of coordinating events in Shalimar, particularly the challenges posed by the city's protocols and permit requirements. Request flexibility from the City when issuing permits for community-focused events.

Paul Wagner: Resident expressed strong support for the proposed park overhaul in Shalimar and emphasized the importance of including a restroom in the plans. Advocated for the use of native or edible plants in park landscaping, rather than ornamental plants due to broader ecosystem concerns. Also stressed to steer away use of plastic materials in civic areas and parks. Expressed growing evidence of plastic degradation under sun exposure, which releases harmful particles into the air and water, posing serious health risks to humans and wildlife.

Ashley Rodriguez Romo: Would like to see the fences, restrooms, and cameras to help with activity at the park.

Rick Hoffman: Resident expressed the need for improvement and suggested the City to review surrounding property for purchase to enhance the area and keep it maintained.

Eric Roberts: Supported Mr. Wagner's comments regarding native plant species in parks. Emphasized the need for proper park orientation in design plans, shading distinction, and restroom inclusion.

Commissioner Leger inquired about park duration hours.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos inquired on bathroom installation costs and gave sticker survey feedback to consultant.

Commissioner Glabb inquired about crime data at our parks and drew concerns of a restroom bringing the wrong element to the park.

Chair Dorn Parker asked for staff clarification regarding a “mini pitch”, lighting placement, shading placement, grass material, restroom being a bigger need City wide and the Commission can ask the City Council to move forward with staff recommendation and really look for grant opportunity to really look at all our parks, all the restrooms, drinking fountains, so many of our parks. So many parks don't have shade structure. They don't have a lot of things.

**MOTION:** Approve Plan B, with a request for counsel to review for restroom option and navigate that in those comments during a council meeting.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos/Commissioner Wall.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Leger, Commissioner Wall, Chair Dorn Parker

**Nays:** none

**Absent:** Vice Chair Brown and Commissioner Wright

**Motion Carried:** 5 – 0

### 3. FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Kelly Dalton, Fairview Park Administrator, and MIG consultant presented.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos inquired about firework noise concerns with wildlife and mulching designated areas at Fairview Park.

Chair Dorn Parker asked for map key clarification.

#### Public Comment:

Lynn Redman: Christian Redmond's father. Highlighted the ongoing challenges of black mustard and concerns of maintenance.

Kim Hendricks: highlighted concerns about ongoing concerts at Fairview Park. Advocated for the proposed museum to be located on the grassy area on the east side of the park, suggesting it would be an ideal spot for a growing space. Expressed concern about the glider planes. urged the city to listen to experts from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, city staff, committees, and the community to ensure the protection and proper management of Fairview Park.

Paul Wagner: Resident and part of Coastal Corridor Alliance expressed support for the restoration and protection of the natural landscapes at Fairview Park. Also in favor of establishing a native plant nursery at the park and search for other venues for concert events to help with wildlife impacts.

Jennifer Thomas: Resident and Fairview Park Steering Committee member encouraged all commissioners to attend the next committee meeting. Urged the Commission to prioritize the removal of fill material from Fairview Park and advocating this also to City Council.

Kohl Crecelius: Vice Chair of the Fairview Park Steering Committee and a 15-year resident of Costa Mesa, emphasized the unique value of Fairview Park. Voiced that more community workshops and meetings are planned, providing additional opportunities for public input. Also, stressed the importance of balancing recreation and conservation, particularly for younger generations. As a father of two young boys, he believes that children need direct experiences in nature to understand its importance. He looks forward to seeing future plans that will better delineate the park's uses and preservation efforts, ensuring it remains a valuable resource for decades to come and thanked everyone involved in the park's stewardship.

Cynthia McDonald: Enjoyed staff presentation, would like to see more information in future staff reports. Recommended removing the gliders from Fairview Park and urged the restoration and preservation of Fairview Park.

Eric Roberts: Would like to see slides provided prior to the night of the meeting. Supported the restoration efforts and invited the Commission to attend Fairview Park Steering Committee meetings and restoration days at the park.

Hank Castignetti: Orange County Model Engineer and liaison to the Fairview Park

Steering Committee. Supported the restoration efforts for Fairview Park

Henry Smith (Zoom): Harbor Soaring Society member spoke about the glider flying at Fairview Park and youth wanting to learn about aviation when out there gliding.

Mike (Zoom): Former Harbor Soaring Society president, spoke about the benefits of flying glider within the youth and encouraged the continuation of gliders at Fairview Park.

Commissioner Garcia Arcos How do you think or how have you seen the harbor source Soaring Society affect the habitat around Fairview?

Item was received and filed.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Dorn Parker at 8:53 PM



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**File #:** 24-266

**Meeting Date:** 6/13/2024

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**TITLE:**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT - MAY, JUNE, AND JULY 2024**

**DEPARTMENT:                      PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**



## ***PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT***

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 8, 2024

ITEM NUMBER: MR

**SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MAY, JUNE, AND JULY 2024**

**DATE: AUGUST 1, 2024**

**FROM: BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

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### ❖ **Adaptive Programming**

- **A Night Under the Stars Dance**

- Join us for a night full of dancing and treats to enjoy at the Costa Mesa Senior Center! Friday, August 9 at 6:30pm. Ages 14 and up. *Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.*

### ❖ **Adult Sports**

- **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
  - Summer 2024 began May 13 – July 21
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
  - Spring 2024 begins Feb. 1 – Aug. 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Spring 2024	April 15 – June 26	6	6	139
Summer 2024	July 15 – Sept. 23	5	4	98

- **Fields**

Field Usage	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
# of Organizations	47	47	47	47	51	51	51
Hours	6,443	9,372	25,544	30,035	32,934	14,586	12,688

### ❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	129
Hamilton	42	42	33

## ❖ Contract Classes

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Youth & Adult Totals:	356	362	328	426	317	329	369

- New classes introduced for June and July: Minecraft Creative Coding, Ninja Parkour Camp, Flag Football Fueled by USA Football, US Nationals Prep Karate Camp, GK Karate Camp, Music Wiggles and Arts Camp, Harry Potter Literary Camp, Minecraft Building and Design, Volleyball Camp, Multi-Sport Camp.

## ❖ Costa Mesa Senior Center

- The July 2024 monthly newsletter was mailed to 3,878 members. This is an increase of 169 members since June 2024.
- The Senior Center hosted an unforgettable Mother's Day event, complete with the sweet strings of a talented violinist, delectable Pizza D'Oro catering, entertaining games, and a delightful photo booth. It was a day filled with love and cherished memories.
- Seniors embraced their creativity by crafting beautiful origami flowers during the center's monthly art workshop. They created a vibrant bouquet of colorful lilies and roses.
- On June 14, the Senior Center celebrated Father's Day with goodie bags for all dads that came into the center.
- On June 20, twenty Senior Center members received a tour of the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Health Living (MHSCHL). MHSCHL houses various non-profit organizations to bring community services addressing everything from health care to legal services (for families), to mental and social support. Seniors were treated to a healthy and delicious lunch while Hoag Community Health program staff provided detailed information about MHSCHL's Nurse Navigation, Case Management, and Mental Health Center

Senior Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	May	June	July
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	3,528	3,381	3,885	4,416	3,576	1,582
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,732	1,127	2,002	2,400	1,929	1,493
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	180	398	184	623	501	405
Wellness Calls	1,356	1,972	1,752	2,146	1,950	2,118
Transportation Program Trips	1,079	1,775	1,656	2,445	1,773	2,413

❖ **Downtown Aquatics Center**

Aquatics Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Drop-In Participants	119	119	85	47	54	186	174
Total Drop-In Visits	441	481	234	128	146	641	678
Instructional Class Participants	N/A	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	292	516
Instructional Class Attendance	N/A	88	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,105	1,705

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	May		June		July	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	137	636	605	605	152	720
Youth Open Gym	34	73	119	119	87	207
Basketball	17	38	63	63	22	55
Volleyball	73	162	171	171	119	206

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Number of Rentals	33	36	48	47	59	38	41

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration days on May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with Fairview Park Alliance, focusing on non-native vegetation removal in the vernal pool 5/6/7 buffer area. The next Second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The City hosted its Third Saturday restoration days on May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and July 20<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Coastal Corridor Alliance (CCA). The 3rd Saturday Restoration days focus on the coastal sage scrub (CSS) areas in the upper canyon. The next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update project team is preparing for upcoming public engagement opportunities, including a scheduled community workshop in September.

❖ **Permits**

Park Rental Permits							
Park Location	Permits Issued			Park Location	Permits Issued		
	May	June	July		May	June	July
Del Mesa	8	8	3	Shiffer	2	4	14
Estancia	6	2	4	Smallwood	2	5	2
Gisler	-	1	-	Tanager	-	1	-
Heller	2	5	5	TeWinkle	26	24	8

Park Location	Permits Issued			Park Location	Permits Issued		
	May	June	July		May	June	July
Jordan	1			Vista	4	4	
Pinkley		1		Wakeham	10	18	12

Film Permits			
	May	June	July
Permits Issued for May	2	0	2
Permits at City Facilities	1	0	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1	0	1
Pending Permits on TESSA	0	0	0
Total Permits Issued for 2024	6	6	8

Special Event Permits			
	May	June	July
Permits Issued for May	4	9	8
Permits at City Facilities	2	4	33
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2	4	5
Pending Permits on TESSA	9	7	3
Total Permits Issued for 2024	13	21	29

Block Party Permits	
Permits issued for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	8

- Now accepting September 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day Block Party Applications
  - Deadline to Submit: 5:00 PM, Thursday, August 15, 2024

## ❖ Youth Programs

- **L.E.A.P. Program**
  - August 21, 2023 – May 24, 2024
  - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 20
  - Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
3-5 year old	40	34	37	38	39	39

- **Camp Mini Explorers**
  - June 10 – July 29, 2024
  - Held at Balearic Community Center
  - Operates Monday – Friday
  - Waitlist consisted of 25 participants

Age (Days)	Capacity	June	July
3-5 year old	44	44	44

- **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

- August 22, 2023 – June 9, 2024
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
Adams	43	39	39	40	39	38
California	102	103	103	100	101	93
College Park	47	44	43	46	51	47
Davis	165	160	164	167	169	159
Killybrooke	58	59	66	60	56	55
Paularino	26	25	23	23	23	21
Sonora	39	37	39	41	41	41
Victoria	48	47	44	44	43	38
Whittier	35	37	36	37	37	36

- **Summer R.O.C.K.S**

- Free resident summer program from June 10, 2024 – August 16, 2024
- Held at Balearic Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center
- Registration began on May 7, 2024

Balearic Community Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 10-July 12)	321
Session 2 (July 15-August 9)	363
Session 3 (August 12-August 16)	317
Downtown Recreation Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 10-July 12)	118
Session 2 (July 15-August 9)	127

- **Youth Sports**

- **Happy Feet Running Club**

- Free program teaching short and long-distance running techniques in a fun, non-competitive environment
- Split into three (3) divisions, with practices held at Balearic Park throughout the week and Fairview Park on Saturdays
- Season: June 11 – August 3, 2024
- Season ends with a Fun Run at Fairview Park

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	35
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	34
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	43

- **Mobile Recreation**

- Free drop-in program providing recreation to elementary-age children at neighborhood parks with limited access to summer programs
- Registration is not required
- Attends City events to provide interactive games and crafts to the public

Day of the Week	Location	March	April	May	June	July
Monday	Paularino Park	36	44	42	45	32
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	11	17	26	25	19
Wednesday	Ketchum-Libolt Park	6	4	10	10	8
Thursday	Wilson Park	3	1	3	2	3
Weekends	City Events	N/A	N/A	N/A	Movies in the Park	July 3 Event, Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park

- **Summer Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess
- Held at Estancia Park
- Registration began on May 7, 2024

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 10-June 14)	90	90
2 (June 17-June 21)	90	62
3 (June 24-June 28)	90	66
4 (July 1-July 5)	90	40
5 (July 8-July 12)	90	77
6 (July 15-July 19)	90	77
7 (July 22-July 26)	90	90
8 (July 29-August 2)	90	90
9 (August 5-August 9)	90	90

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades from August 21, 2023 – June 6, 2024
- Teen Centers at TeWinkle Middle School and Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)
- Offers shuttle transportation from Ensign Inter./Newport Harbor High School to the DRC Teen Center and Save Our Youth (SOY)

Program Location	January	February	March	April	May	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61	41	52	66	56	10
TeWinkle Middle School	241	167	200	201	233	22

Shuttle Service	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61	41	44	53	45	10
Save Our Youth (SOY)	63	39	52	61	75	9

- **Teen Camp**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess
- Held at Downtown Recreation Center

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 10-June 14)	27	16
2 (June 17-June 21)	27	23
3 (June 24-June 28)	27	27
4 (July 1-July 5)	27	26
5 (July 8-July 12)	27	25
6 (July 15-July 19)	27	25
7 (July 22-July 26)	27	27
8 (July 29-August 2)	27	27
9 (August 5-August 9)	27	27

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
A Night Under The Stars – All Abilities Dance	Friday, August 9	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Dive In Movie Night – Luca	Friday, August 9	Downtown Aquatics Center
Movies in the Park – Goonies	Saturday, August 17	TeWinkle Park
International Food Fair	Thursday, August 22	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Teens Dive-In Movie Night	Friday, August 23	Downtown Aquatics Center
Symphony on the Go!	Saturday, August 24	Heller Park



# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive  
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**File #:** 24-267

**Meeting Date:** 6/13/2024

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**TITLE:**

**OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN**

**DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the commission receive and file the 2023 Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update (Attachment 1) per Council's budgetary decision and direction at the June 24, 2024 Council Meeting (Attachment 2).



# City of Costa Mesa

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## Agenda Report

### Parks and Community Services Commission

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Item #: 24-267

Meeting Date: 8/8/2024

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**TITLE:** OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

**DEPARTMENT:** PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the commission receive and file the 2023 Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update (Attachment 1) per Council's budgetary decision and direction at the June 24, 2024 Council Meeting (Attachment 2).

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The City's Open Space Master Plan serves as a guide for the orderly development and management of the City's parks, programs, and facilities. Industry standards dictate that Open Space Master Plans get updated every 10 years, depending on development and other environmental factors. The original Open Space Master Plan was adopted by City Council in 1969, which was previously known as the Long Range Comprehensive Master Plan. It has been updated multiple times, including most recently in 1996, 2003 and 2017.

On March 17, 2015, the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group to update the Master Plan. The original agreement was approved for a not-to-exceed amount of \$161,270. Two (2) change orders executed due to scope changes, resulted in the total value of the agreement of \$183,407. The updated plan process included community workshops, a random telephone survey, stakeholder interviews which included Council and Commission members, School District representatives, City staff, and sports organizations and three (3) public meetings including the Parks and Recreation Commission.

On May 25, 2017, the draft plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission which included results of the analysis of existing inventory, demand analysis, and community input. The draft provided facility and program recommendations that were developed consistent with stated goals and policies at the time. The commission voted to approve the draft updated Master Plan with edits for recommendations.

The January 2018 updated draft of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan incorporated recommendations and findings as well as requested edits and additional recommendations. This final draft of the updated Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was presented to Council in a special study session on February 13, 2018. This Master Plan review was deferred to a later date due to staffing vacancies and changes and then the interruption of operations due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

On August 3, 2021, staff requested City Council to award a contract to RJM Design Group for a professional services agreement to continue the update to the 2018 draft master plan. After a brief presentation by staff, the Council voted to continue the item to a future meeting for the review and refinement of the scope of work in the agreement. Staff worked with the consultant, RJM, to refine the scope and prepare a new proposal for the completion of the Open Space Master Plan.

RJM provided the City with a revised Scope of Services that included project familiarization, a demographic update, updated service area analysis, an additional 16 stakeholder interviews, phone surveys, study sessions and final draft. The updated scope removed several components from the original submission for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$56,600. The components removed included a project website, a commission kick-off study session, a custom park standard calculations update and an online community survey/virtual townhall meetings.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The primary purpose of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan document is to provide a comprehensive community-based assessment of the uses and needs of parks and recreation facilities, analyze recreation program needs, and develop realistic recommendations to be implemented over time.

As a result of the analysis of existing inventory, demand analysis, and community input, facility and program recommendations were developed for the May 2023 updated draft (Attachment 1) of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan which incorporated recommendations and findings from the 2018 draft as well as updated information derived from the additional scope of work approved in 2021.

While the 2023 draft looked to present a comprehensive update of recommendations, the report does not account for the many projects and programs the City currently has underway nor did it account for updated City Goals and Objectives or updated budgets that include significant grant funding the City recently received. The evolution of community needs has evolved in the last few years as well as a shift in funding strategies and priorities. The draft provides an exhaustive list of different opportunities and recommendations of which the City has already completed or is in the process of completing as well as future priorities for the City.

Based on the analysis and the current status of programs and projects, it was recommended that the 2023 draft report be received and filed, with a new master plan process to begin after the completion of the ongoing programs and projects. This includes the expansion projects at Shalimar and Ketchum-Libolt parks, and the Costa Mesa Skatepark. Furthermore, the Fairview Park Master Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan, both currently in progress, and the Arts and Culture Master Plan should be integrated into an updated comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. At the June 4, 2024, City Council meeting, the Council amended the proposed FY 24/25 budget by removing \$350,000 from the budget that was allocated to develop a new updated Open Space Master Plan. Council voted to defer allocating more funds for an updated Open Space Master Plan until a more structured approach can be identified through strategic planning. Staff would then develop a high-level strategy to review and identify future open space and recreation projects. The Public Works Department

along with the Parks and Community Services Department will start the strategic planning process by conducting a comprehensive facility and parks assessment in FY 24/25.

By receiving and filing the May 2023 draft report and initiating a new master plan process post-completion of significant current projects and strategic planning, the City can ensure that its Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan remains relevant, comprehensive, and responsive to the community's evolving needs and priorities. This strategic approach will ensure that the City's parks and recreational facilities are planned and developed in a way that meet the community's evolving needs and priorities.

### **FISCAL REVIEW**

This report is administrative and no fiscal review required.

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

There is no legal review required for this report.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends the commission receive and file the 2023 Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update per Council's budgetary decision and direction at the June 24, 2024 Council Meeting.

# City of Costa Mesa

## Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update

**DRAFT REPORT**  
**MAY 2023**





# City of Costa Mesa

## Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update Updated 2023

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## Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update

Updated 2023

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## Executive Summary

The Costa Mesa Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update (referred to as Master Plan Update) serves as a guide and implementation tool for the management and development of parks and recreational facilities and programs for the City of Costa Mesa. The Master Plan Update is part of the defined strategy of the City's 2015-2035 General Plan, setting forth the vision for Costa Mesa for the next two decades:

***“This Vision recognizes that Costa Mesa’s focus remains on protecting and enhancing our diverse residential neighborhoods, accommodating an array of businesses that both serve local needs and attract regional and international spending, and continuing to provide cultural, educational, social, and recreational amenities that contribute to the quality of life in the community.”***

### The Needs Assessment Process

The Needs Assessment Process as part of this Update of the existing Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, commenced with an examination of the characteristics that define the City of Costa Mesa and an inventory of the existing recreational opportunities and resources available within the community. The inventory and analysis provides the foundational understanding of the community and serves as the starting point from which community members are engaged and their needs are identified. Established methods of community involvement include; a Costa Mesa-specific telephone survey, stakeholder interviews, community workshops, sports organization questionnaire, and demographics analysis, provide multiple opportunities to engage the community members. These methods also provide multiple measures from which a broad understanding of community issues, recreational facility and program usage patterns, and community needs for parks and recreation facilities are developed. Identified needs, facility usage patterns, recreation standards, and population projections provide the basis for the quantification of facilities required to meet such identified community needs. Facility recommendations are then derived based on priority of needs and finally, general cost for recommendations are also identified.

### Existing Recreation Resources

The City of Costa Mesa has thirty (30) parks, two (2) community gardens, and six (6) recreational facilities. As outlined by the 2015 General Plan, Park and Open Space Inventory are categorized into the following resources;

1. Neighborhood and Community parks
2. Regional Nature Preserve
3. Institutional Uses
4. OC Fair & Event Center
5. Open Space Easements
6. Golf Courses

These resources contain a variety of recreational opportunities including sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, handball courts, volleyball courts, playground, exercise areas, picnic areas, trails, passive recreation areas, community centers, programs, and a dog park.

### Community Participation

The Master Plan Update process utilizes a variety of methods to gather community information to ensure the process is as inclusive as possible and has the greatest benefit to the community. Information was gathered from residents and stakeholders through a variety of methods including stakeholder interviews, community workshops, a sports organization questionnaire, and a Costa Mesa-specific telephone survey conducted using cell phones and landlines.

The 2022 phone survey respondents were compared to the relative demographic makeup of the community based on the Esri 2022 dataset for Costa Mesa. The results indicated that the phone survey pulled information from a relative demographic makeup of Costa Mesa yielding a significant degree of statistical validity of the responses.

#### **Stakeholder Interviews:**

One on one and group stakeholder interviews were conducted with selected individuals to establish an initial impression of relevant issues related to facilities, parks, recreation, programs and services within the City of Costa Mesa. A total of seven (7) interviews were conducted among sixteen (16) individuals.

#### **Community Workshops:**

Four (4) community workshops were held at different locations during the months of June, July and August, 2016. Approximately seventy-seven (77) individuals participated overall. Each workshop had a separate goal and topic. Workshop #1A and #1B focused on community characteristics and issues. To maximize the public's opportunity to attend this workshop it was held in two different geographical locations (on the east side of the 55 freeway and on the west side); Workshop #2 involved sports organization user groups; and Workshop #3 included community feedback and prioritization.

#### **Sports Organization Survey:**

Nineteen (19) sports organizations (representing over 8,263 players) responded to a questionnaire designed to gather information about organization participation, needs, and facilities used. The survey provides quantitative information on how sports organizations use parks and recreation facilities within the City, and qualitative information that allows for feedback from sports organization representatives on issues and concerns related to facility use and needs.

#### **City of Costa Mesa Telephone Survey**

A total of 400 household residents were surveyed. A survey of this size yields a margin of error of +/-5%, with a confidence level of 95%. Interviews were conducted with respondents on both landline (37%) and mobile phones (63%) and were offered in English (93%) and Spanish (7%) languages.

### ***How Many Fields, Courts, Swim Facilities, and Other Recreation Elements Does the City Need Now and in the Future?***

Knowing “how much” and “how often” residents use parks and recreation facilities and the specific types of recreational activities in which they participate, is essential to establishing the type and number of facilities in which to plan. Some of the most important information derived from the telephone survey highlights how Costa Mesa residents actually participate in parks and recreation activities. Information from the telephone survey, along with the usage data from the sports organization survey, provide the basis for calculations which quantify how many parks and recreation facilities are actually needed by the community. The facility needs and demands can be found for 2016 and 2035 in Section 3.6.

### ***Are Neighborhood Parks Conveniently and Appropriately Distributed throughout the City?***

In addition to providing appropriate quantities and types of recreation facilities, the location and accessibility of facilities influences how they will be utilized by the community. The City of Costa Mesa strives to provide access to parks and recreation facilities to all members of the community. The Service Area Analysis analyzes the distribution of parks within the City, and their accessibility to residents.



*Workshop #1A participants summarizing their ideas for the “Issues” in Parks and Recreation.*



*Workshop #1B participants discussing the “characteristics” that make Costa Mesa a great place to work, live and play.*



*Workshop #2 participants prioritizing their program and facility needs.*



*Workshop #3 participants prioritizing their program and facility needs with dots on a matrix.*

### **What Are the Top Priority Facility Needs for Costa Mesa?**

Utilizing a variety of methods and tools of community engagement and analysis provides the greatest amount of feedback and ensures that the Master Plan Update is as inclusive as possible. The Facility Needs Summary (Exhibit 3.8-1) combines these methods together and highlights the specific facilities identified by each process as being needed by the community. This provides a means for prioritization.

#### **Top Priority Facilities:**

	<b>Tools Totaled</b>	
	(2022)	(2016)
• Walking / Jogging / Running / Hiking Trails	14	10
• Soccer Fields (Youth / Adult)	8	7
• Bike Paths	7	3
• Lights (Sports Field)	7	6
• Swimming Pool	7	5
• Picnic Tables	7	6
• Open Space / Passive Recreation Space	6	6
• Pocket Parks / Neighborhood Parks	5	3
• Skate Park	5	4
• Maintenance / Equipment	4	2
• Dog Park	3	1
• Pickleball Courts	3	1
• Restrooms	3	3

### **Recommendations**

Based on the Needs that were identified in the Master Planning Update process, key elements were identified and recommendations for these elements were developed; these items are summarized in detail in Section Five (V). The process for continuing the development of the Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation system will necessitate a multi-phase approach including maintenance improvements, park renovations, as well as new facility and programming opportunities. Funding sources are also identified and paired to the specific recommendations in Section Six (VI).



# Introduction



*Skateboarders enjoying The Costa Mesa Skate Park that features street elements, a kidney-shaped pool, and a bowl.*

## Section ONE: Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update

The Costa Mesa Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update (referred to as Master Plan Update) serves as a guide and implementation tool for the management and development of parks and recreation facilities within the City boundaries. The Master Plan Update builds on the previous Master Plan efforts and provides an up-to-date understanding of the current and future recreation and program needs and opportunities within the City. In accordance with City's 2015 General Plan, the City should provide a high-quality environment through development of recreation resources and preservation of open space that meets community needs in Costa Mesa per the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSR-1, OSR-2, OSR-3, and OSR-4, 2016) as indicated below which will:

- Provide a high-quality environment through the development of recreation resources and preservation of open space that meets community needs in Costa Mesa.
- Enhancing the community through the delivery of innovative recreational programs, quality parks and facilities and services that promote social, physical and emotional well-being. High-quality community services programs demonstrate the City's commitment to providing opportunities for recreational, physical, and educational activities for residents of all ages.
- Open space conservation to ensure that the network of parklands, trails, hillsides, and undeveloped natural areas remain viable for supporting biological communities and providing sanctuary for future generations. This commitment includes expanding public access to open space, where appropriate, and acquiring additional lands where feasible.
- Provide comprehensive and multifaceted arts and culture programs and services that provide education and entertainment to the community and a broader audience, reflective of the Historical and Cultural Resources Element.

This Master Plan Update is intended to be flexible and presents findings and recommendations that should be evaluated, and/or modified every 10 years, as feasible, as the City responds to unforeseen opportunities and constraints as well as changes in residents' needs and demands in the context of other City priorities.

### 1.2 Benefit of Parks and Recreation

The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) *Vision Insight and Planning Project—Creating Community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* identified the mission of California's parks and recreation agencies as:

***To create community through people, parks and programs.***

The plan also identified benefits of park and recreation services including:

- Foster Human Development
- Promote Health and Wellness
- Increase Cultural Unity
- Facilitate Community Problem-solving
- Protect Natural Resources
- Strengthen Safety and Security
- Strengthen Community Image and Sense of Place
- Support Economic Development

A study conducted by Pennsylvania State University, *"The Benefits of Local Recreation and Park Services - A Nationwide Study of the Perceptions of the American Public,"* compiled a listing of the benefits of local recreation and park services as perceived by the American public.

Conclusions of the study included:

- The vast majority of the American public uses local recreation and park services.
- Playground use is the most common use.
- Park and recreational service use continues throughout an individual's life. Recreational participation declines with age, but park use does not. In fact, people between the ages of 65 and 74 use local parks more frequently than those 14 and under.
- Local parks and recreation are associated with a sense of community. Community level benefits are considered more important than individual or household level benefits.

### 1.3 Approach and Document Organization

The Master Plan document is organized into the following sections:

#### Section One: Introduction

This section summarizes the Master Plan Update's purpose, organization, benefits of parks and recreation, and a brief summary of the City's physical and demographic context. A list of related documents that were reviewed as part of the Master Plan Update is also identified.

#### Section Two: Existing Recreation Resources

Section Two provides inventory and classification of existing City parks and recreation facilities, key recreational resources available, and potential opportunities for future parks and recreation facilities and improvements.



Tot lot at Jordan Park on Tustin Avenue.

### Section Three: Recreation Facility Need Assessment

Section Three outlines the methods utilized during the Master Plan Update process to assess the recreation facility needs specific to the City of Costa Mesa. These methods include:

- *Community Involvement:* provides direct responses from the local community and stakeholders; including stakeholder interviews, community workshops, and sports organization questionnaires.
- *City of Costa Mesa Resident Telephone Survey:* provides statistically valid information regarding the types of recreation facilities most often utilized by residents.
- *Recreation Demand and Needs Analysis:* estimates current and future facility needs based on the City of Costa Mesa Resident Telephone Survey and the sports organization questionnaire.
- *Service Area Analysis:* examines how parks and recreation facilities are distributed throughout residential areas in the City.
- *Acreage Analysis:* evaluates the parkland acreage needs in the City based on established standards and specific facility needs of the City.
- *Existing Recreation Facilities Maintenance Condition:* evaluates existing recreation facilities and their current conditions establishing where deficiencies may exist and where improvements can be made.
- *Program Needs:* examines where program needs exist driving future facility needs through inclusive and representative identification tools.



*Meandering sidewalks provide access to Marina View Park, a neighborhood park 2.29 acres in size.*

### Section Four: Recreation Program Needs Assessment

Section Four outlines the methods utilized during the Master Plan Update process to assess the recreation program needs specific to the City of Costa Mesa. These methods include:

- *Societal and Recreation Trends and Implications Report:* reviews the current literature and studies on state and national, social and recreational trends and patterns, and discussion of potential impacts on recreation in the City.
- *Current Recreation Programming:* examines the City's existing recreational programs and services, program revenue rate, as well as identifies other service providers within Costa Mesa.
- *Recreation Programming Recommendations:* Identifies which recommendations are being made, and where such programming is needed within the community.

### Section Five: Recreation Facility Recommendations

This section provides facility recommendations, which are intended to address the recreation needs identified in the demand needs analysis.

## Section Six: Core Services and Pricing

This section outlines funding sources for park and recreation facility and program recommendations, current City budget, current City capital improvements budget, and a seven year capital plan.

## Appendix (under separate cover)

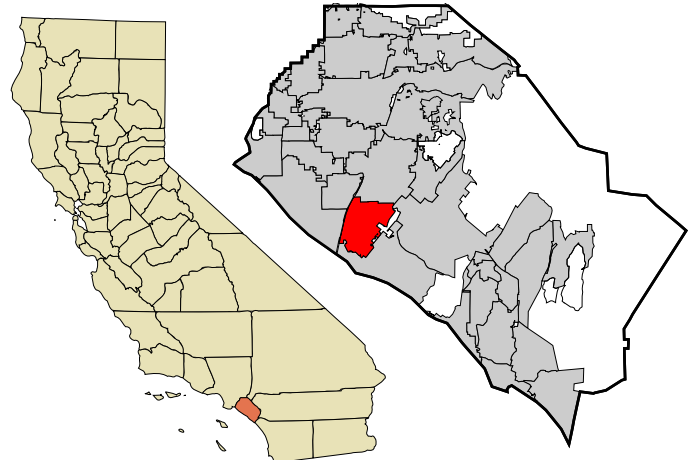
The Appendix contains all of the original reports (workshop summaries, trends analysis, demand and needs analysis, etc.), which have been summarized in the Master Plan Update.

### 1.4 City of Costa Mesa Physical Setting

The City of Costa Mesa is nestled in central Orange County, above Newport Bay and adjacent to the Santa Ana River, just one mile from the Pacific Ocean. It is bordered by the neighboring cities of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, and Irvine. The roughly 16 square mile city easily connects to the Orange County region and beyond via several freeways and Orange County John Wayne Airport.

Exhibit 1.4-1: City of Costa Mesa Vicinity Map

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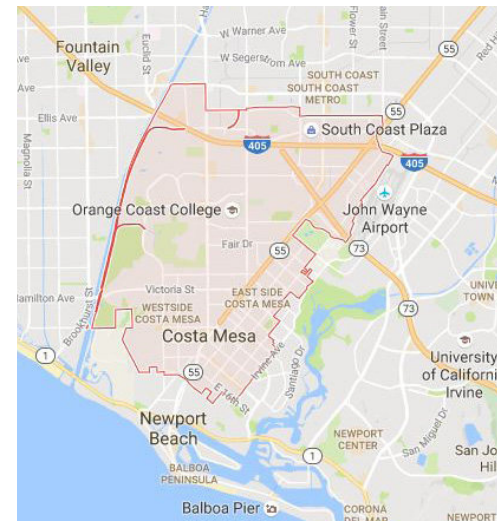


ORANGE COUNTY, CA

The City of Costa Mesa is known as a major commercial and cultural center within the region. It is home of South Coast Plaza, the Orange County Fair & Event Center, The Segerstrom Center for the Arts, The Pacific Amphitheater, and South Coast Repertory Theater. City-wide robust retail, professional office, industrial businesses, and residential neighborhoods make up much of the land use in Costa Mesa.

Additionally, a wide array of community facilities contribute to the community's quality of life, including over 30 parks, 19 public schools, several private and public colleges, 6 community facilities including a municipal golf course and a senior center.

COSTA MESA

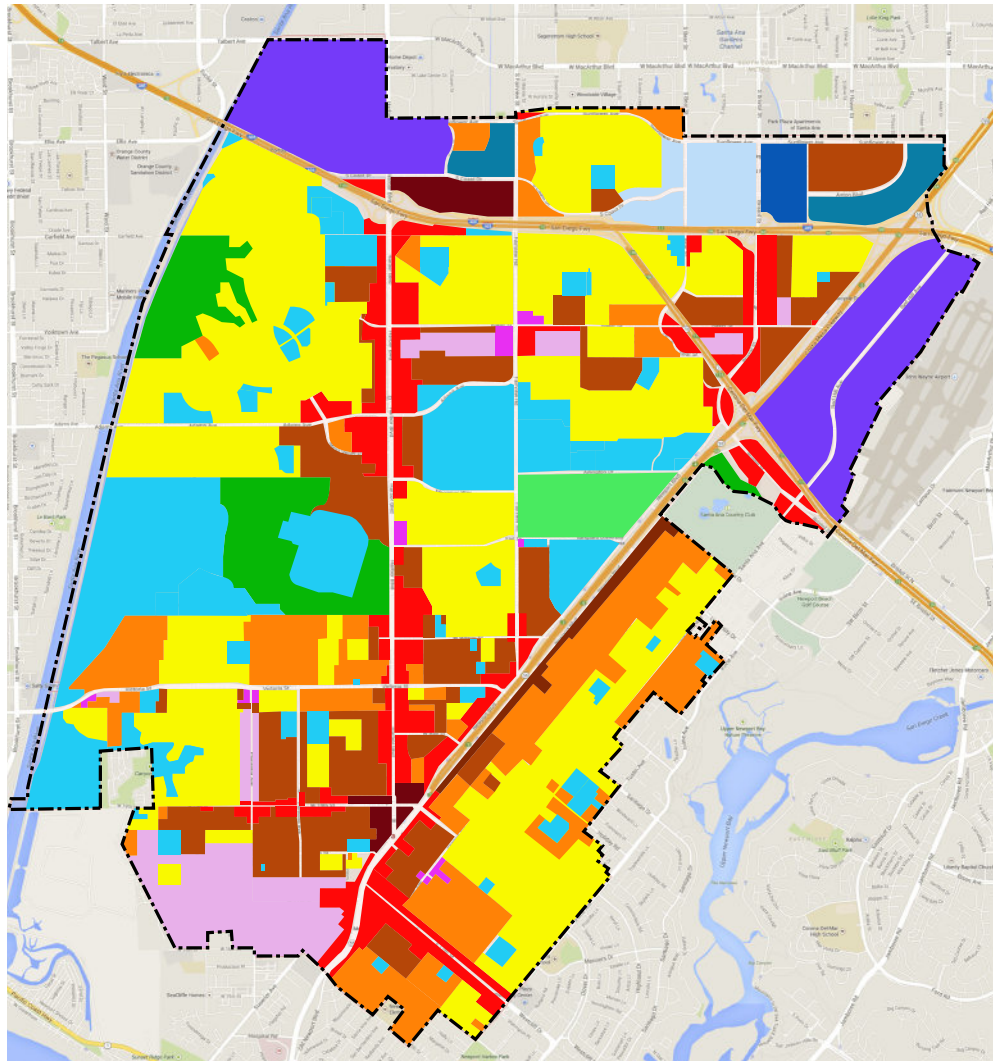


Within the Costa Mesa City boundaries, and the surrounding area, several significant natural and man-made features help shape neighborhoods and provide both opportunities and constraints with respect to parks, recreation, transportation, and community life. These features include:

- *Interstate 405 (I-405):* Provides residents and visitors access to Costa Mesa. The freeway runs along the northern edge of the City.

- *State Route 55 (SR-55)*: Provides residents and visitors access to the City. The freeway runs North to South, bisecting the East and West sides of the City.
- *State Route 73 (SR-73)*: Provides access to the SR-55 and I-405 via The Toll Road.
- *John Wayne Airport*: Provides residents and non-residents convenient access to major destinations across the country.
- *Neighborhoods*: provide more than 50% of the land area and extend into all areas of the City, with the exception of the business park between SR-55 and John Wayne Airport.
- *Open Space*: provides a variety of natural open spaces and parks to residents.  
\*For the purposes of this report, “Open Space” shall be defined as both passive and active areas generally accessible by the public.

Exhibit 1.4-2: City of Costa Mesa Land Use Map



LEGEND General Plan Land Use Designations			
RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC/MISC.
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## 1.5 City of Costa Mesa Demographic Context

Understanding the demographic context of a community can create a valuable perspective for understanding current parks and recreation facility and program requirements and, moreover, for anticipating parks and recreation facility and program needs in the future. A complete demographics analysis was developed utilizing the 2021 Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri) 2021 demographic datasets. With this information a deeper understanding of “whom” the community is and “where” they are geographically and economically.

Six community characteristics have been prepared as a foundation for understanding City residents’ recreation needs and preferences now and in the future.

- Population estimates and forecasts
- Age distribution
- Racial and ethnic character
- Household information
- Household income
- Tapestry LifeMode groups

### POPULATION ESTIMATES AND FORECASTS

Exhibit 1.5-1, Costa Mesa Population Growth, presents a twenty year history of population growth within the area.

As the data illustrates, population growth in the area during the 2010 to 2021 time frame grew from 110,015 residents to 115,162 residents, reflecting a 4.7% change, with approximately 468 new residents documented each year on average.

The Esri forecast data set indicates this trend will slow down and the population will increase to 118,250 by 2026. The five year growth from 2021 to 2026 of 2.7% is above the County’s average growth rate of 2.5% change from 2021 to 2026. The forecasted population for 2031 is 121,016.

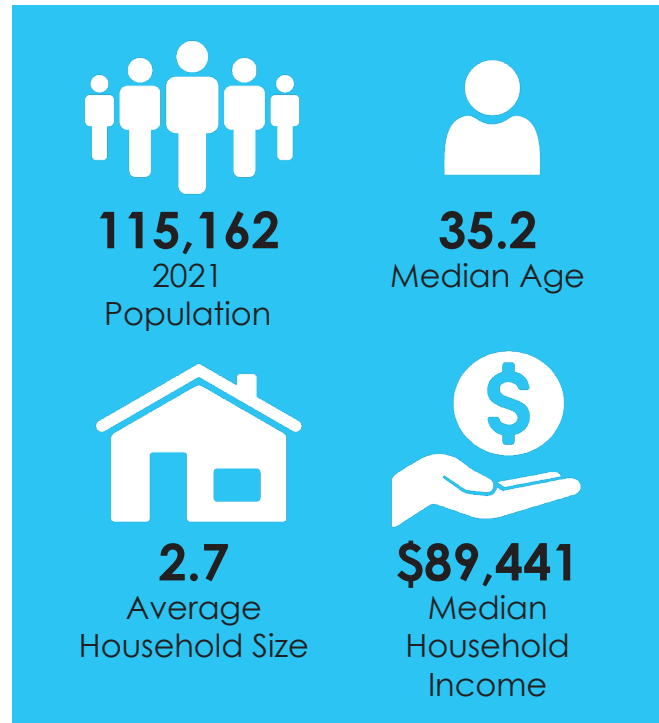


Exhibit 1.5-1: Costa Mesa Population Growth

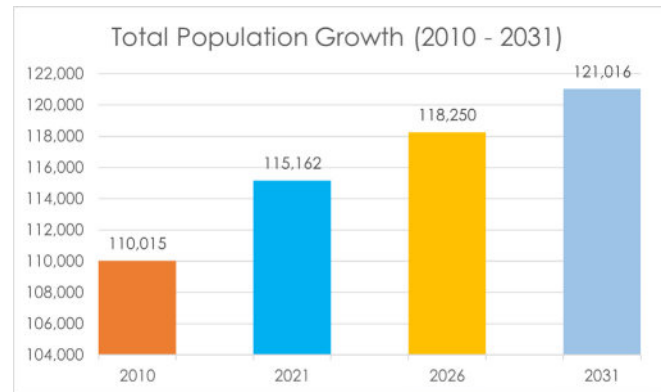
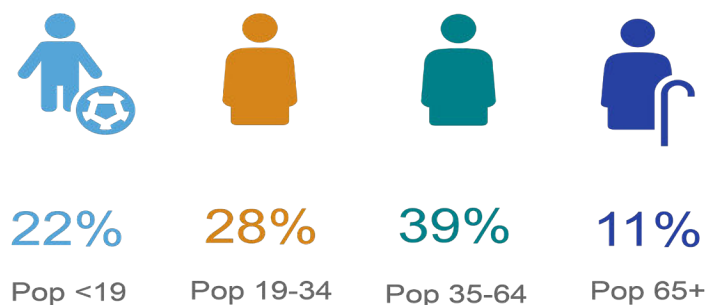


Exhibit 1.5-2: 2021 Costa Mesa Age Profile



## AGE DISTRIBUTION

The Age Profile as illustrated in Exhibit 1.5-2, shows significant large portions of the population to be classified in the 35-64 category. The under 19 years of age segment (22%) is slightly lower than the Orange County population (24%).

Exhibit 1.5-3: Population Change by Age Group (2010, 2021, 2026)

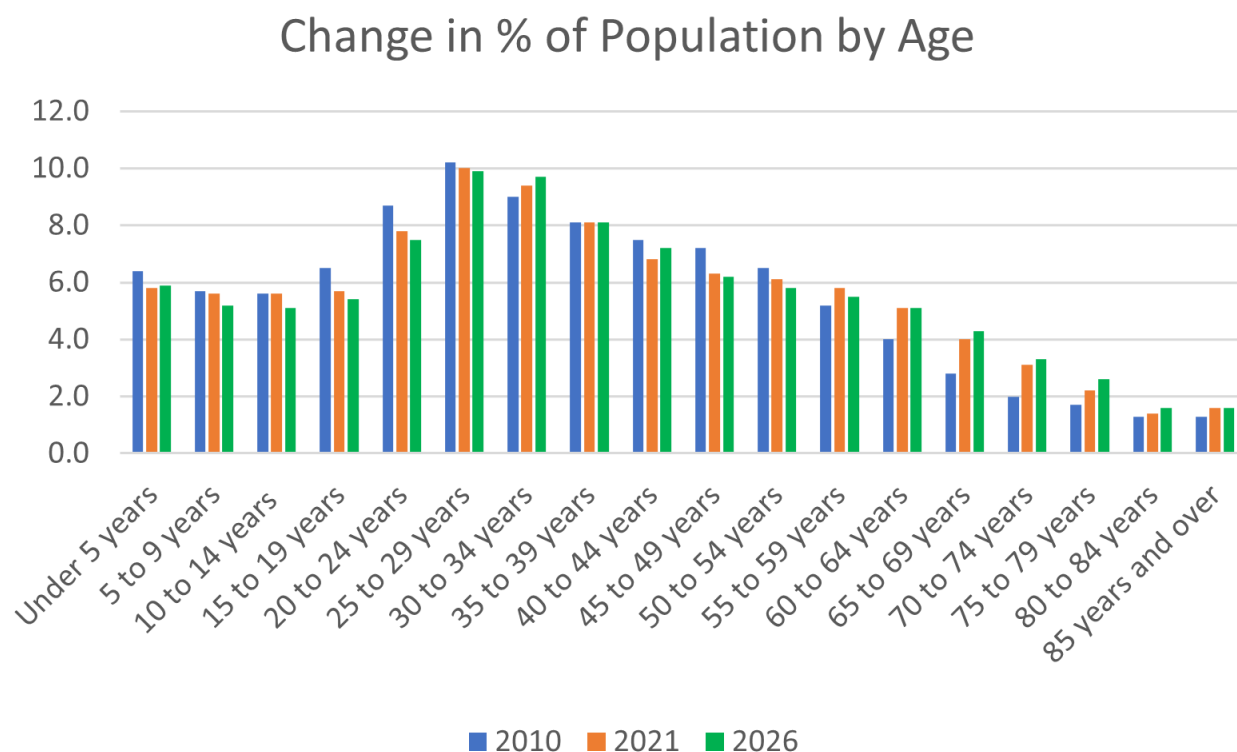


Exhibit 1.5-3, Population Change by Age Group, presents a fifteen-year pattern of population growth by age group within the City. Exhibit 1.5-3 reveals:

- During the 2010 to 2021 time frame, the *greatest growth* in population by age group was evidenced among City residents 70 to 74 years (55%) and those 65 to 69 years (42.9%).
- During the 2010 to 2020 time frame, the *greatest decline* in population by age group was evidenced among City residents 45 to 49 years of age (-12.5%), those 15 to 19 years of age (-12.3%), and those 20 to 24 years (-10.3%).
- The overall the population under 19 has been declining and will continue to decline which is similar to the County trend.
- In 2010, 30.8% of Costa Mesa households had children under the age of 18.
- As a result of the changes in the distribution by age, the median age in the City grew from 35.8 years in 2010 to 38.2 years in 2021.

## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Average household size in the City of Costa Mesa increased slightly from 2.68 persons per household in 2010 to 2.70 persons per household in 2021 which is lower than the County average of 3.02 persons per household in 2021.

Housing unit growth in the City during the 2010 to 2021 time frame occurred at a 3.2% rate, with approximately 124 new housing units documented each year on average. The City housing unit growth during the 2010-2021 time frame was below the rate in the County which was 5.9%. The rate of new housing units is predicted to decrease to 1.9% during the next five years.

The City's proportion of homeowners has been similar over the past ten-year period from 37.5% to 35.7%. Rental properties have increased slightly during the 2010 to 2021 time frame while vacant housing units have decreased.

The median housing value of \$810,450 in the City of Costa Mesa in 2021 is above the median value of \$747,128 in Orange County.

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The median household income in 2021 for the City was \$89,441 and was \$97,972 in Orange County. The median income in the City is projected to grow 13.9% during the 2021 to 2026 period compared to 10.3% for the County.

Exhibit 1.5-4: Average Household Size

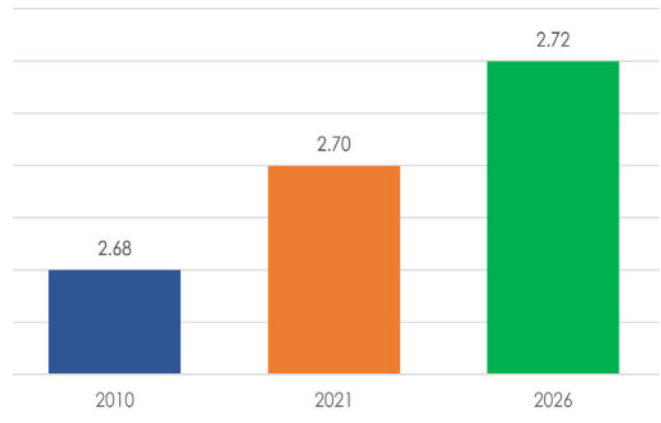


Exhibit 1.5-5: Costa Mesa Housing Units

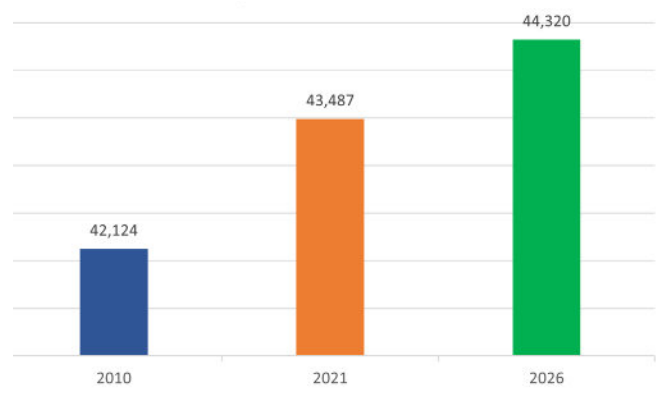
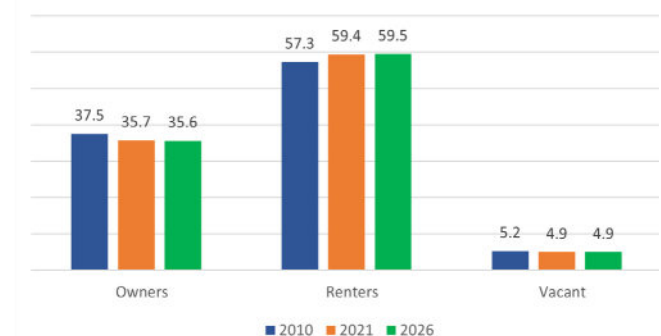
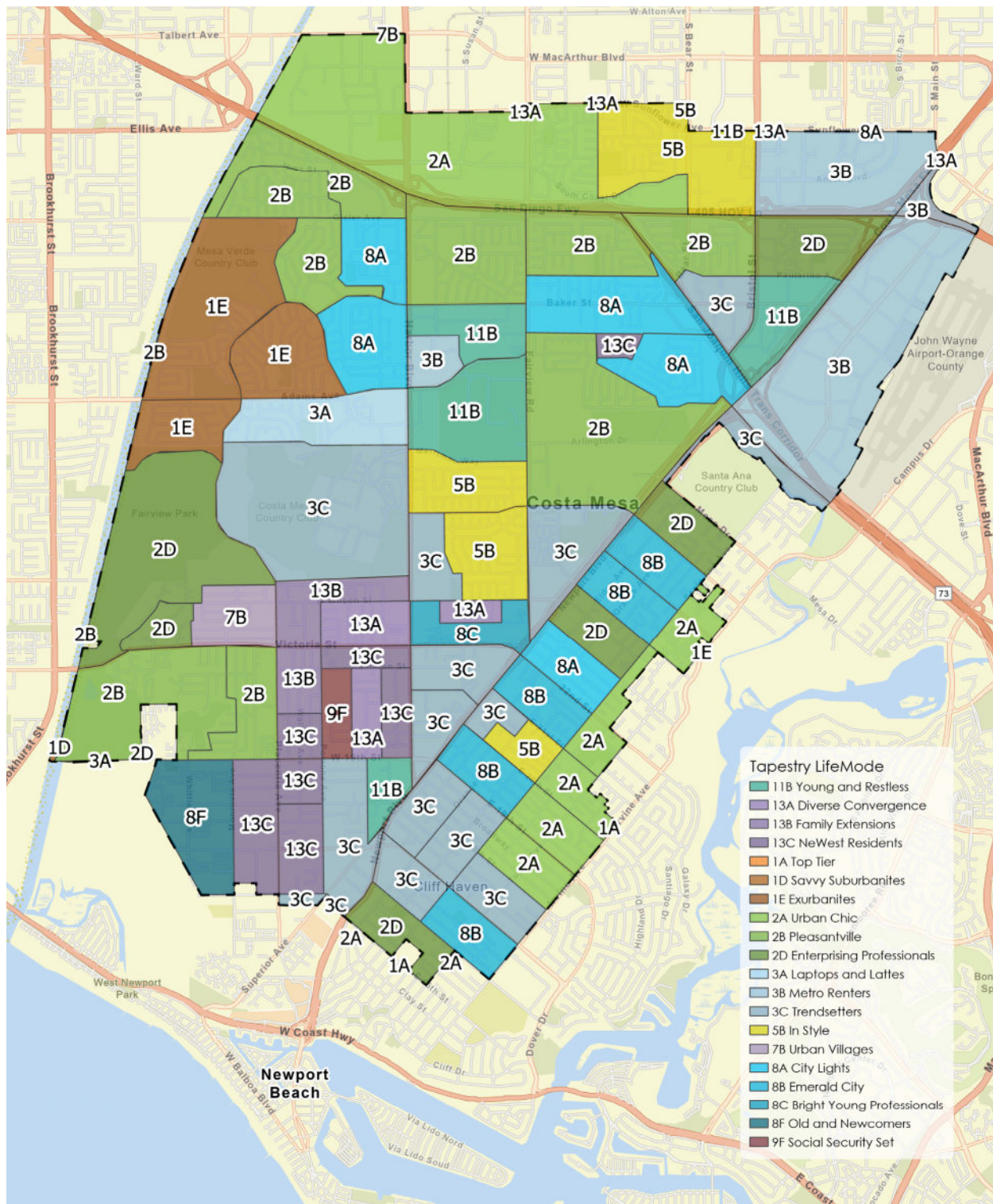


Exhibit 1.5-6: Costa Mesa Owners vs. Renters



## TAPESTRY SEGMENTS

Exhibit 1.5-7: City of Costa Mesa Tapestry Map



Most (98%) of Costa Mesa households fall into one of the seven Tapestry LifeMode groups:

<b>1</b>	<b>Uptown Individuals (3A,3B,3C)</b> Average Age: 35.4 Average Income: \$81K % of Costa Mesa HH: 27.8%	Successful singles. Well educated and hard working. Environmentally conscious consumers. Commonly interested in arts and culture.
<b>2</b>	<b>Upscale Avenues (2A,2B,2D)</b> Average Age: 40.4 Average Income: \$96K % of Costa Mesa HH: 25%	Typically prosperous married couples living in older suburban neighborhoods or townhomes. Majority are homeowners. Many with older children. Generally interested in active recreation and fitness.
<b>3</b>	<b>Middle Ground (8A,8B,8C,8F)</b> Average Age: 37 Average Income: \$57K % of Costa Mesa HH: 17%	Mix of single/married, renters/homeowners, and middle/working class. Majority attended college. Internet savvy. Commonly interested in night life and outdoor activities.
<b>4</b>	<b>Next Wave (13A,13B,13C)</b> Average Age: 29.5 Average Income: \$38K % of Costa Mesa HH: 14%	Young, diverse, hard-working families with children. Multi-generational households, some may be multi-lingual. Most are renters.
<b>5</b>	<b>Midtown Singles (11B)</b> Average Age: 29.8 Average Income: \$40K % of Costa Mesa HH: 5.6%	Millennials seeking affordable rents in apartment buildings. Usually work close to home. Embrace the internet, for social networking and downloading content. Brand-savvy shoppers select budget-friendly stores.
<b>6</b>	<b>GenXurban (5B)</b> Average Age: 42 Average Income: \$73K % of Costa Mesa HH: 5.5%	Gen X in middle age. Families with fewer kids and a mortgage. Invest wisely, well insured, comfortable banking online or in person. News enthusiasts.
<b>7</b>	<b>Affluent Estates (1A,1D,1E)</b> Average Age: 47.8 Average Income: \$128K % of Costa Mesa HH: 3.1%	Typically successful, highly educated professionals. Mostly homeowners. Married couples with children ranging from grade school to college. Known to participate actively in their communities. Generally interested in sports.

The remaining Tapestry LifeMode groups represent 2% of the Costa Mesa population:

<b>8</b>	<b>Sprouting Explorers (7B)</b> Average Age: 34 Average Income: \$62K % of Costa Mesa HH: 1%	<b>9</b>	<b>Senior Styles (9F)</b> Average Age: 45.6 Average Income: \$18K % of Costa Mesa HH: 1%
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## 1.6 Relationship to Other Documents

This Master Plan Update is developed directly in response to the City's 2002 Master Plan Update with the objective to provide a community-based description of parks, recreation facilities, recreation program issues, needs, and realistic recommendations. In addition, there are other existing documents and plans that relate to the Master Plan Update and influence its direction. These documents and their relationship to the planning process include:

### **The City of Costa Mesa General Plan (1996, 2015-2035):**

Each city in California is required by state law to adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan for its own physical development. The General Plan consists of mandatory and discretionary elements including land use, housing, circulation, conservation and open space, safety, noise, air quality, and economic development. California State law requires that the day-to-day decisions of a City should follow logically from, and be consistent with, the General Plan.

### **The City of Costa Mesa General Plan/Open Space and Recreation Element and Historical and Cultural Resources Element (2016):**

The Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update is intended to be used in conjunction with the Costa Mesa General Plan to provide a coordinated program of recreational facility development and management.

The goals for the Open Space and Recreation Element from the General Plan include:

- Objective OSR-1A: Maintain and preserve existing parks, and strive to provide additional parks, public spaces, and recreation facilities that meet the community's evolving needs.
- Objective OSR-2A: Provide activities, classes, and a variety of programs to meet the year-round recreational needs of all residents: children, adult, seniors, and persons with special needs.
- Objective OSR-3A: Preserve the City's open space lands and provide additional community and neighborhood parkland in underserved areas.
- Objective OSR-4A: Support performing and visual arts programs, facilities, and activities that stimulate the minds and intellectual thinking of community members to increase awareness of the City's motto, "The City of the Arts."

**The current version of the Costa Mesa 2015 General Plan can be viewed on the City website: <http://www.costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=1159>**

### **TeWinkle Park Master Plan (2002):**

A focused planning effort conducted for TeWinkle Park which led to a Preliminary Plan addressing identified recreation needs sensitive to existing recreational features, natural, visual, and cultural resources, and to adjacent land uses.

#### Fairview Park Master Plan (1998, 2001, 2002, 2008, 2023):

Approved in 1998, pursuant to the Master Plan, a series of improvements to wetlands and riparian habitat were accomplished consisting of enhancement of 17 acres of riparian habitat, rehabilitation of ponds and streams, and installation of a new irrigation system. In 2013, the City restored six acres of wetland ponds, five acres of native grasslands, three acres of native oak trees, and nine acres of coastal sage scrub habitat. The Master Plan provides “a framework for future park improvements which can be constructed in an orderly and consistent manner”. The Fairview Park Master Plan is currently undergoing an update, with an anticipated completion date in Fall 2024.

#### Brentwood Park Master Plan (2009):

Part of the Park Development section that acquires, develops, and renovates City-owned park facilities, as well as the design and construction of new park projects and master planning of new park and open space facilities.

#### Orange Coast River Park Master Plan (2001):

A proposal created by The Friends of Harbors, Beaches & Parks (FHBP) to create a 1,000+ acres Orange Coast River Park at the lower end of the Santa Ana River, in the central coastal area of Orange County, California. The concept plan and program aim to coordinate development, operation, and maintenance under a cooperative to provide for inter-connecting trails, shared support facilities and a wildlife habitat and park management program.

#### Orange County Fairgrounds Master Plan (2003):

The Fairgrounds developed a Master Plan that describes future renovation and changes on the 160-acre campus. In the current draft, a provision for an Arts Theatre is included, which may be a new venue for performing arts in Costa Mesa.

#### Orange Coast College Vision 2020 Facilities Master Plan:

A Master Plan which involves construction of new academic, administrative, residential, and parking facilities on the Orange Coast College campus located at 2701 Fairview Road in the central portion of Costa Mesa.

#### Bicycle Master Plan (2002, 2014):

A comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan will be incorporated into the City General Plan Circulation Element. New Bicycle facilities and amenities will be added to complement the established bicycle network.

#### Active Transportation Plan (2018):

A comprehensive Active Transportation Plan was approved and incorporated in to the City General Plan Circulation Element in 2018. New bicycle facilities and amenities will continue to be added to complement the established bicycle network.

#### Santa Ana River Trail in Costa Mesa (2008):

The Santa Ana River flows through multiple cities across Orange County. The river runs approximately 4.25 miles through Costa Mesa. Costa Mesa's Santa Ana River Vision Study further defines the opportunities for recreational experiences. Through this plan the City of Costa Mesa is connected to a much larger regional trail network of recreational opportunities. The full report can be found online at: <http://www.costamesaca.gov/ftp/bikewaycommittee/documents/SantaAnaRiverTrailVisionStudy.pdf>



## Existing Recreation Resources



*Community members playing a game of volleyball in Shiffer Park: A Neighborhood Park 7.09 Acres in size.*

## Section TWO: Existing Recreation Resources

Section Two provides inventory and classification of existing city parks and recreation facilities, key recreational resources available, and existing and planned trails.

### 2.1 Park Definition

Title 12, Parks and Recreation, of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code describes 'parks' as:

***“All grounds, roadways, avenues, parks, buildings, parking lots, school facilities when they are in use as recreational facilities, or to serve recreational facilities, and when they are under the control of the director of public services or the director of administrative services, and areas under the control, management or direction of the director of public services or the director or administrative services of the city.”***

For purposes of this Master Plan Update report, the term “park” is broadly defined. This report will use the term “park” and “recreation facility” interchangeably and, consistent with the 2015 General Plan, the terms refer to all six City park types described in Section 2.2.

Areas not generally considered as “park or parkland” include: roadways, avenues, street medians, parkways, buildings, parking lots, natural preserved or conserved open space areas without access or improvements; unimproved land zoned for uses other than recreation; and flood zones.

Additionally, “Open Space” shall be defined as both passive and active areas generally accessible by the public.

### 2.2 Costa Mesa Park Types

Parks can be classified by type based on their size, function and character. The Costa Mesa General Plan (2015) Open Space Inventory (OSR-1) contains six park type classifications: 1) Neighborhood and Community Parks; 2) Regional Nature Preserve; 3) Institutional Uses; 4) OC Fair & Event Center; 5) Open Space Easements; and 6) Golf Courses.

The 2002 Update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan identifies four basic park types and recreation facilities: 1) Neighborhood Parks; 2) Community Parks; 3) Community Center; and 4) Active Recreation Site.



*Shalimar Park: A Neighborhood Park 0.18 Acres in size.*

For clarity of this report, five (5) park types shall be identified and recommended, representative of the existing recreation facilities and their uses.

Classifications include;

1. Neighborhood Parks
2. Community Park
3. Community Center
4. Joint-Use
5. Special Use Facilities.

These park classifications are useful in a number of ways. They can help define a set of characteristics to serve as a guide when parks are constructed or renovated. They can also restrict incompatible activities by limiting those activities to only certain types of parks.

### 1. Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are 10 acres or smaller in size and are intended to serve the daily recreational needs of residents in the immediate park vicinity; typically a .5 mile radius. Primary uses include passive and active open space, tot-lots, and picnic facilities. Community gardens fall under this classification and some larger neighborhood parks may include active recreation elements such as ball fields.

### 2. Community Parks

Community parks are 10 acres or larger in size and are intended to provide a wide variety of open space and recreational opportunities. Primary uses include lighted athletic fields and courts. Community parks serve a larger number of residents than neighborhood parks and are typically accessed by car.

### 3. Community Centers

Community centers provide locations for a variety of social and recreational services. The City of Costa Mesa operates and maintains four community centers; Balearic Community Center, Downtown Recreation Center, Neighborhood Community Center (currently closed, to be reopened in 2020), and Costa Mesa Senior Center. Each facility



*Del Mesa Park: A Neighborhood Park 2.47 Acres in size.*



*Lions Park: A Community Park 12.82 Acres in size.*



*TeWinkle Park's Volcom 15,000 square foot skate park facility features street elements, a kidney-shaped bowl, large bowl, viewing area and artificial turf.*

provides recreational activities and room rentals for individuals and groups. Many of the community services programs are operated through these centers including; recreational and physical activities, action sports, cultural and performing arts, youth programs, human services, older adult programs and services.

#### 4. Joint-Use

Joint-Use Agreements with School Districts can provide for reciprocal use of facilities by both parties. Responsibilities for capital improvements and facility maintenance can be defined with specific wordage to identify restrictions and usage. Joint-use sites may also be set aside for active, organized group sports or teams.

#### 5. Special Use Facilities

Special Use Facility—this category refers to stand-alone parks that are designed to serve one particular use such as a golf course. These parks may serve a second or third use such as trails, but the primary use is prioritized with regard to design, maintenance, and funding decisions.

### 2.3 Existing Recreation Facilities

A number of unique and diverse recreational opportunities are available throughout the City of Costa Mesa. Together, the many facilities constitute a park system of passive and active recreation experiences. Exhibit 2.3-1 is a map showing the location of each existing park and recreation facility; Exhibit 2.3-2 is a matrix that describes size and amenities of existing public parks and recreation facilities within the City of Costa Mesa.

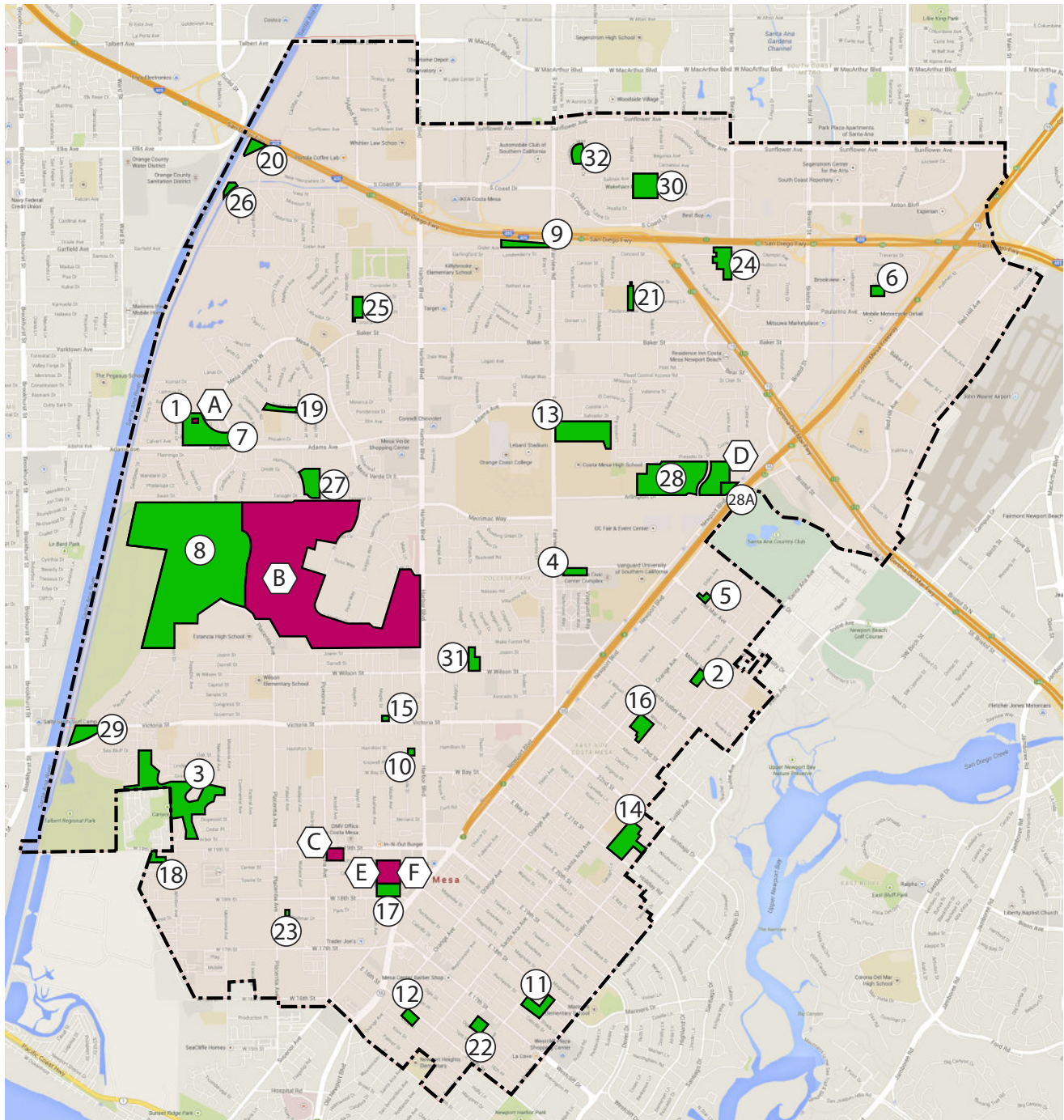


*Fairview Park: A special use park 210.04 acres in size, has a number of developed trails in the North Quad.*

#### ***It is worthwhile noting items of special interest:***

- When asked “What Park or Recreation Facility Do You Use Most Often?” Fairview Park was volunteered by 16.5% (2016 survey was 21%) of residents who used indoor/outdoor parks and recreation facilities in the last year.
- Of the residents polled in 2022, 63% (2016 survey was 52%) stated that they were Frequent Users (at least 1-2 times per month) of parks and recreation facilities in the last year. Non-users represented 12.3% of City households (2016 survey was at 15%).
- The five recreation facilities identified as most used in the telephone survey included; Fairview Park, TeWinkle Park, Canyon Park, Beaches, Marine View Park, and Back Bay (Newport).

## Exhibit 2.3-1: Costa Mesa Existing Facility Map



### PARKS



1. Balearic Park
2. Brentwood Park
3. Canyon Park
4. Civic Center Park
5. Del Mar Community Garden
6. Del Mesa Park
7. Estancia Park
8. Fairview Park
9. Gisler Park
10. Hamilton Community Garden
11. Harper Park
12. Heller Park
13. Jack Hammett Sports Complex
14. Jordan Park
15. Ketchum-Libolt Park
16. Lindbergh Park
17. Lions Park
18. Marina View Park
19. Mesa Verde Park
20. Moon Park
21. Paularino Park
22. Pinkley Park
23. Shalimar Park
24. Shiffer Park
25. Smallwood Park
26. Suburbia Park
27. Tanager Park
28. TeWinkle Park
29. Vista Park
30. Wakeham Park
31. Wilson Park
32. Wimbledon Park

### FACILITIES



- A. Balearic Community Center
- B. Costa Mesa Golf Course
- C. Costa Mesa Senior Center
- D. Costa Mesa Tennis Center
- E. Downtown Recreation Center
- F. Neighborhood Community Center

## Exhibit 2.3-2: Costa Mesa Existing Park and Facility Inventory Matrix

CITY OF COSTA MESA EXISTING CITY PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES																																						
KEY	CITY RECREATION FACILITIES	TYPE	LOCATION	Parkland Acreage	Amphitheater	Barbeques	Bike Rack	Community Building	Community Garden Plots (15x15)	Dog Park	Drinking Fountain	Exercise Stations	Gymnasium	Kitchen	Multi purpose Rooms	Parking	Playground / Tot Lot	Picnic Shelters / Gazebos	Picnic Tables	Restroom	Swimming Pool	Trail / Paseo Linkage	** Model Trains	** Model Planes	Baseball Field (Youth)	Baseball Field (T-ball)	Basketball (Indoor - In Gymnasium)	Basketball (Outdoor) (Full, Half)	Concession Building	Handball Courts (3-Wall)	Multi-Purpose Field	Softball Field	Skate Park	Soccer Field	Tennis Court	Volleyball(G - Grass, S - Sand, A - Asphalt)		
PARKS																																						
1	Balearic Park	Community Park	1975 Balearic Drive	10.06				1	1		1					19	2	3																				
2	Brentwood Park	Neighborhood Park	265 Brentwood Street	2.6												OS	1	2											2.0								1A	
3	Canyon Park	Community Park	950 Arbor Street	35.96				3								33	2	9					3						1.0								1S	
4	Civic Center Park	Neighborhood Park	77 Fair Drive	2.5																																		
5	Del Mar Community Garden	Special Use Park	170 Del Mar Street	0.77					60							30																						
6	Del Mesa Park	Neighborhood Park	2080 Mainstee Drive	2.47						1						OS	1	8	1										1.0								1S	
7	Estancia Park	Neighborhood Park	1900 Adams Avenue	9.03				1								48	1	7	1																			
8	Fairview Park	Special Use Park	2501 Placentia Avenue	210.04							2					103	1	18	1																			
9	Gisler Park	Neighborhood Park	1250 Gisler Avenue	4.59						1						10	1	5																			1S	
10	Hamilton Community Garden	Special Use Park	523 Hamilton Street	0.45					42							LOS																						
11	Harper Park	Neighborhood Park	425 East 18th Street	1.06						1						LOS	1	2																				
12	Heller Park	Neighborhood Park	257 East 16th Street	2.61						1						LOS	1	7	1																		2	
13	Jack Hammett Sports Complex	Special Use Park	2750 Fairview Road	18.50												171																						
14	Jordan Park	Neighborhood Park	2141 Tustin Avenue	2.48												OS	1	4																				
15	Ketchum-Libolt Park	Neighborhood Park	2150 Maple Street	0.34						1						LOS	1	3																				
16	Lindbergh Park	Neighborhood Park	220 East 23rd Street	2.00												LOS	1	2																				
17	Lions Park	Community Park	570 West 18th Street	12.82					1	1						95	1	4	2	1						1L												
18	Marina View Park	Neighborhood Park	1035 West 19th Street	2.29						1						LOS	1	2																				
19	Mesa Verde Park	Neighborhood Park	1795 Samar Avenue	2.73												OS	1	3																				
20	Moon Park	Neighborhood Park	3337 California Street	1.67						1						9	2	3																				
21	Paularino Park	Neighborhood Park	1040 Paularino Avenue	2.23												LOS	1	3																				
22	Pinkey Park	Neighborhood Park	360 East Ogle Street	2.57						1						LOS	1	3																				
23	Shallmar Park	Neighborhood Park	782 Shallmar Park	0.18												LOS	1	2																				
24	Shiffer Park	Neighborhood Park	3143 Bear Street	7.09						1						21	2	7	1	2									1.0								1	
25	Smallwood Park	Neighborhood Park	1646 Corsica Place	3.39						1						OS	2	3	1									1.0										
26	Suburbia Park	Neighborhood Park	3302 Alabama Circle	0.53												LOS																						
27	Tanager Park	Neighborhood Park	1780 Hummingbird Drive	7.41						1						LOS	2	4											2.0								1S, 1A	
28	TeWinkle Park	Community Park	970 Arlington Avenue	43.67	1	5	3			1	5					400	2	3	37	3					1L													
29	Vista Park	Neighborhood Park	1200 Victoria Street	5.92												10	1	7	1																			
30	Wakeham Park	Neighborhood Park	3400 Smalley Street	10.33						1						19	2	3	14	1																	1S	
31	Wilson Park	Neighborhood Park	360 Wilson Street	3.61												LOS	1	6	1																		1S	
32	Wimbledon Park	Neighborhood Park	3440 Wimbledon Way	3.29							1	4				OS	2	9											0.1								2S	
COMMUNITY FACILITIES																																						
1	Balearic Community Center	Recreation Facility	1975 Balearic Drive													1	2	19																				
2	Costa Mesa Golf Course	Recreation Facility	1701 Golf Course Drive					1								2	2	350																				
3	Costa Mesa Senior Center	Senior Rec. Center	695 West 19th Street													1	1	2	145																			
4	Costa Mesa Tennis Center	Recreation Facility	970 Arlington Avenue							1																												12L
5	Downtown Recreation Center	Recreation Facility	2000 Main St.													1	1	3	95																			
6	Neighborhood Community Center	Recreation Facility	1845 Park Avenue													1	6	114																				
TOTALS FOR CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES																														415.19								

DEFINITIONS

L = Lighted

OS=On Street (Parking)

LOS=Limited On Street (Parking)

\*Otherwise defined by column

## 2.4 Joint Use School Agreements

The City of Costa Mesa is home to many public schools, a community college, a private university, and the OC Fair & Event Center. These facilities have open space and recreational opportunities, though not all are available for public recreational use. Due to the limited availability of such facilities and the demand from various sports organizations the City has pursued a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) partnership with the Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD), with some schools subject to third-party agreements. Exhibit 2.4-1 is a map that describes the existing public schools within the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and the facilities each school has.

As of 2015, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District facilities included 27 utility fields, 19 of which were baseball/softball diamonds. The City utilizes NMUSD elementary and middle school facilities for after-school programs, and all elementary, middle, and high school athletic fields, with the exception of Jim Scott Stadium, for youth and adult sports programming.

In the past, NMUSD has closed elementary schools due to low enrollment with the facilities remaining available for recreational use.

The City's 2015 General Plan suggests the goal of encouraging the use of public school facilities during non-school hours on a year round basis.

## 2.5 Adjacent Parks and Recreation Facilities

Within Costa Mesa City limits and in close proximity are a number of Recreation Facilities not included in the four basic park types.

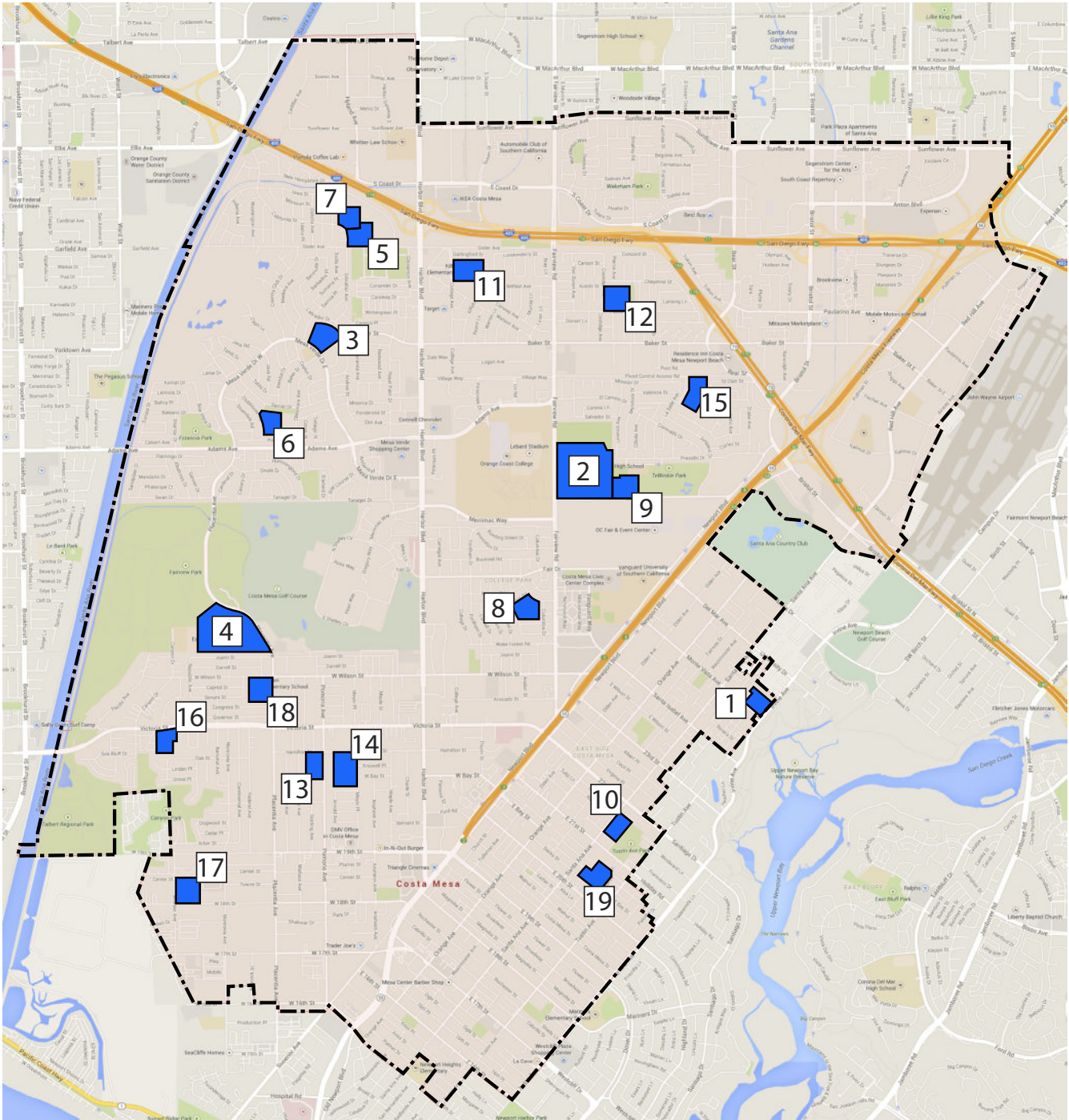
### OC Fair & Event Center


In 2010, the County of Orange acquired the site from the State, with the core objective to preserve and promote the fairground and event uses. It is a major entertainment, recreational, cultural, and educational asset to Orange County. Including the OC Fair every summer, over 100 events occur every year supporting cultural and nonprofit organizations, and attracting over 4.1 million visitors annually. The 150 acre property includes Centennial Farm, an Equestrian Center, Grandstand Arena, Orange County Market Place, Pacific Amphitheater, Showroom Buildings, Festival Fields, and Mall Areas.

### Golf Courses

The Costa Mesa Country Club is a municipal golf course located adjacent to Fairview Park. It has two 18-hole golf courses, a pro shop, coffee shop, banquet facility and a driving range. The Mesa Verde Country Club golf course is a private facility that includes an 18-hole golf course, tennis and pool complex, and club house. The private Santa Ana Country Club and Newport Beach Golf Course, both located outside of City limits are part of the City's sphere of influence.

Exhibit 2.4-1: Costa Mesa School Facility Inventory Map



 Newport-Mesa Unified School District

High Schools

- 1. Back Bay/Monte Vista High School
- 2. Costa Mesa High School
- 3. Early College High School
- 4. Estancia High School

Intermediate School

- 5. TeWinkle Intermediate School

Elementary Schools

- 6. Adams Elementary School
- 7. California Elementary School
- 8. College Park Elementary School
- 9. Davis Magnet Elementary School
- 10. Kaiser Elementary School
- 11. Killybrooke Elementary School
- 12. Paularino Elementary School
- 13. Pomona Elementary School
- 14. Rea Elementary School
- 15. Sonora Elementary School
- 16. Victoria Elementary School
- 17. Whittier Elementary School
- 18. Wilson Elementary School
- 19. Woodland Elementary School

## Exhibit 2.4-2: Costa Mesa School Facility Inventory Matrix

CITY OF COSTA MESA EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS (All within Newport-Mesa Unified School District)																								
KEY	CITY RECREATION FACILITIES			TYPE	LOCATION			School Site Acreage (Approx.)	SCHOOL FACILITIES															
	Playground / Tot Lot	Backstops	Baseball Field		Basketball Court (Outdoor) (Full, Half)	Batting Cages	Football Field		Handball Courts	Multi-Purpose Fields	Running Track	Softball Field	Swimming Pool	Track & Field Stations	Tennis Court	Volleyball (Asphalt/Concrete)								
SCHOOLS																								
1	Back Bay/Monte Vista High School	High School	390 Monte Vista Avenue	6.11								1.0			2	1		2						
2	Costa Mesa High School	High School	2650 Fairview Road	48.27				4	8.0	5	1L	5	2	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	8L	8	
3	Early College High School	High School	2990 Mesa Verde Drive	11.25					2.0					2										
4	Estancia High School	High School	2323 Placentia Avenue	37.19				1	6.3	2	1SL				3	1	1SL	3	1	1	1	8L		
5	TeWinkle Intermediate School	Middle School	3224 California Avenue	23.42				3L	4.0	2		4	1	1	2L									6
6	Adams Elementary School	Elementary School	2850 Clubhouse Road	8.84	3	3			2.0			8	1											
7	California Elementary School	Elementary School	3232 California Street	8.21	3				3.0			4	1											1
8	College Park Elementary School	Elementary School	2380 Notre Dame Road	8.21	2	3			4.0			4	1											
9	Davis Magnet Elementary School	Elementary School	1050 Arlington Drive	18.60	3				9.0			6	2	1										2
10	Kaiser Elementary School	Elementary School	2130 Santa Ana Avenue	13.80	2	2	1	3.0							3	1								
11	Killybrooke Elementary School	Elementary School	3155 Killybrooke Lane	9.79	3				3.0			4	1											2
12	Paularino Elementary School	Elementary School	1060 Paularino Avenue	8.97	2	2			2.1			4	2											
13	Pomona Elementary School	Elementary School	2051 Pomona Avenue	7.75	3	2			2.0			6	1											2
14	Rea Elementary School	Elementary School	661 Hamilton Avenue	13.66	3				6.0			8	2											2
15	Sonora Elementary School	Elementary School	966 Sonora Road	9.90	2				3.0			4	1											1
16	Victoria Elementary School	Elementary School	1025 Victoria Street	7.46	3	1			1.1			6	1											
17	Whittier Elementary School	Elementary School	1800 Whittier Avenue	8.97	3	1			1.0			4	2											
18	Wilson Elementary School	Elementary School	801 Wilson Street	8.97	3	1			2.0			4	1											
19	Woodland Elementary School	Elementary School	2025 Garden Lane	7.17	3				2.0			4	1	1										

## DEFINITIONS

S = Synthetic

L = Lighted

### Talbert Regional Park

The County of Orange preserves and maintains the 244-acre Talbert Regional Park which encompasses the Talbert Nature Preserve. Located in the southwest portion of the City, along the Santa Ana River lowlands, Talbert Regional Park provides passive recreation opportunities, including walking, picnicking, and hiking. When combined, Canyon Park, Fairview Park, and Talbert Regional Park provide almost 490 acres of restored and enhanced natural open space.

### Santa Ana River

The Santa Ana River forms the western boundary of Costa Mesa. The Santa Ana River Trail provides a major recreation and circulation element that extends from the Pacific Ocean to the Inland Empire. OC Parks owns and manages that nearly one mile of the mouth of the Santa Ana River, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers controls river area north above the mouth.

### Upper Newport Bay

Located east of Costa Mesa in the City of Newport Beach, it is the largest of only a few remaining natural estuaries in Southern California. The Upper Bay is a recreational and educational resource for the area, with a multipurpose trail and many wildlife viewing stations.

### Bikeways

The City's bikeway network is a significant recreation facility. The network includes a series of local bike lanes, routes, and trails, as well as the regional Santa Ana River Bike Trail.



*The Santa Ana River trail provides a major recreation and circulation elements that is designated by Congress as a "National Recreational Trail".*



*Approximately 1,000 acres of preserve and open space are available in the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Preserve.*



*Moon Park adjacent to the Santa Ana River Bike Trail.*

## 2.6 Private Commercial Recreation Facilities

Due in part to the adjacent proximity of the Pacific Ocean and the mild Mediterranean climate, Costa Mesa is home to numerous commercial health and fitness operators. A partial listing includes:

- 24 Hour Fitness
- Planet Fitness
- Club Pilates Costa Mesa
- Crossfit Costa Mesa
- Pure Barre
- Orange Theory

The Downtown Recreation Center offers a designated room and office for the Childs-Pace day-care program. Beyond this provided, numerous private providers have stepped in to fill the gap between City and School District programs. A partial list includes:

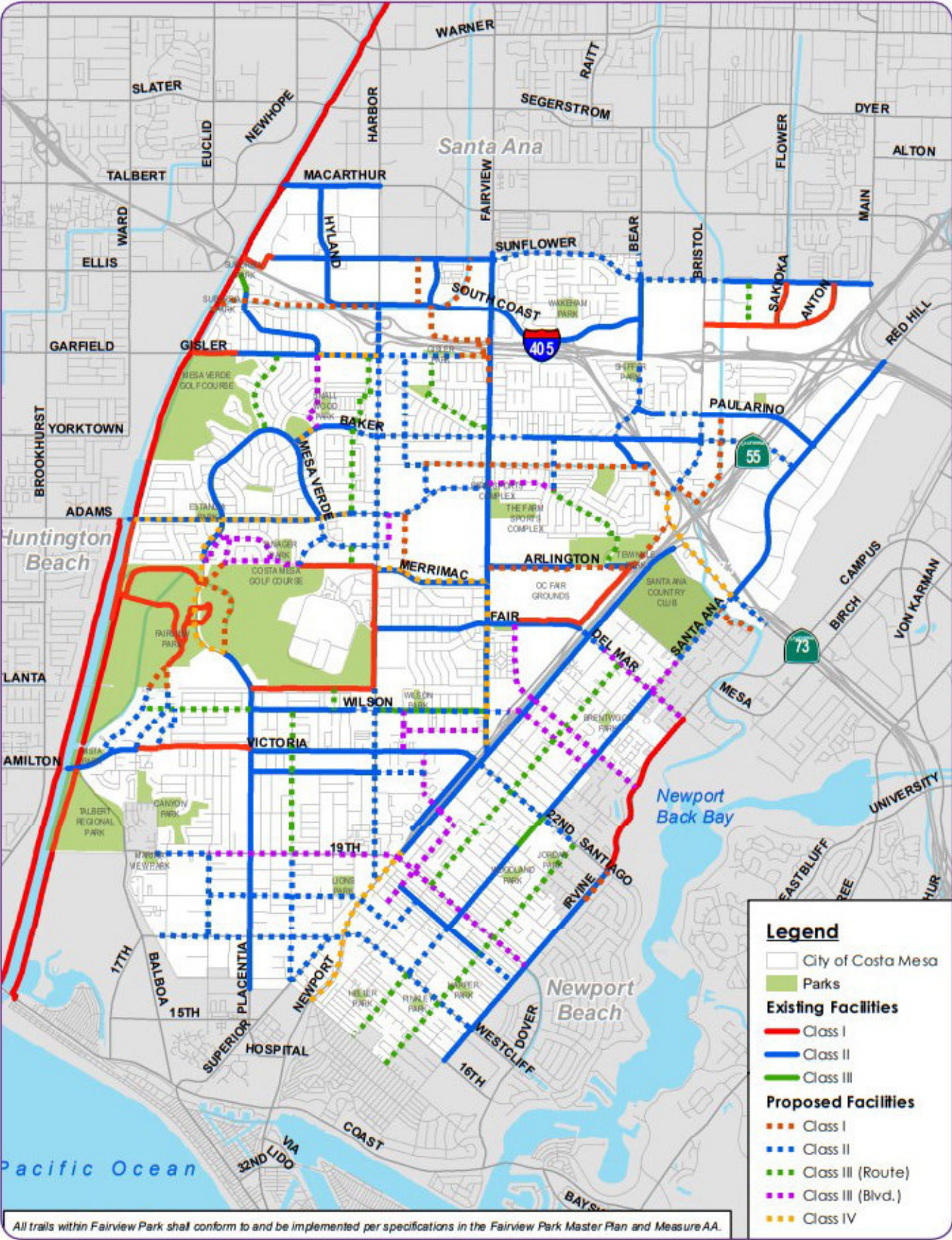
- Giant Step Learning Center
- Parentz View Child Care
- Davis Family YMCA
- Coastal Children Learning Center
- Woodland Primary Child Development Center
- OCC Children's Center

Costa Mesa has a large number of “bootleg” classes which utilize city-owned park and recreation facilities without the benefit of contractual arrangement nor the payment of fees. Fitness classes held at parks are a common example. The impact of these programs are a loss of revenue to the City and competition with similar city-sponsored programs.

## 2.7 Existing and Planned Trails

The City of Costa Mesa has developed a distinct trail network in Fairview Park, Mesa Park, Gisler Park, and Canyon Park which connect to several surrounding neighborhoods, open spaces, and Talbert Regional Park. Additionally, multi-purpose and Class I bicycle trails include; Joann Street Bicycle Trail, Harbor Boulevard Bicycle Trail, Victoria Street Bicycle Trail, Fairview Channel Trail, Santa Ana River Trail, Greenville-Banning Channel Bikeway, Tanager Trail, Arlington Drive Trail, Fair Drive and Newport Boulevard along the OC Fair Grounds, and a segment along Merrimac Way.

Exhibit 2.7-1: Costa Mesa Existing Trails Map



The City of Costa Mesa General Plan (2015) recommends C-7.A.12 as “prioritize safe access to major regional trails such as the OC Loop/Santa Ana River Trail and the Newport Back Bay Trail System. Where feasible, plan and provide a continuous low-stress Class I and/or Class IV facility from east to west across the city between these facilities.” The 2015 General Plan also outlines Policy CD-1.F as “promote linkages between separate districts using bike trails, pedestrian paths, common medians or parkway landscaping, and other location-appropriate physical improvements.”

The City of Costa Mesa's Existing and Proposed Bicycle Facilities Map from the 2018 Active Transportation Plan identifies and proposes an additional 53.7 miles of bicycle facilities including 7.8 miles of Class I trails.

The City is concurrently developing a Bicycle Wayfinding Signage program to help residents and visitors navigate the rapidly expanding system.

As various projects outlined in the Active Transportation Plan are implemented, the City is achieving a grid of low stress, east-west facilities that increase safety and mobility for bicycle riders of all ages and abilities. The City has explored several options for implementation of an east-west bicycle connection and determined that the flood control maintenance roads could be used effectively as part of this system, based on Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) concurrence.

Overall, the City of Costa Mesa has a tremendous opportunity to design trails to double as transportation routes for bicycles and pedestrians, joining gaps that currently create challenges for cross-town travel and accessibility. The additional development of shared use pathways could include both paved and decomposed granite surfaces, providing opportunity for both the casual walker and utilization of the trail as a transportation route for maintenance areas or service access. Exhibit 2.7-1 is a map from the 2018 Active Transportation Plan identifying existing and proposed bike routes and trails.



# Recreation Facility Needs Assessment



A Workshop #3 participant presenting the group's top facilities in Costa Mesa.

## Section THREE: Recreation Facility Needs Assessment

Section Three provides analysis of community participation methods used to identify recreation facility needs and prioritization in Costa Mesa.

### 3.1 Community Participation

The purpose of the Master Plan Update is to identify the current recreation facility and program needs within the community, identify which are met and which are unmet, and to suggest the relative priority of each identified need.

These needs have been identified and prioritized by evaluating a series of community inputs and other analysis tools. The process involved gathering both inclusive input (e.g. stakeholder interviews, community workshops, and portions of the sports organization questionnaire) and representative input (e.g. telephone survey, sports organization questionnaire, and demand analysis). Each need identification tool and each bit of information gathered is a piece of the puzzle leading to a deeper, more thorough understanding of the community. All of the pieces, taken together, creates an overall picture of recreation needs specific to the City of Costa Mesa.

The following methods and processes were utilized to conduct the facility needs analysis and are addressed in this section:

- *Community Involvement*: provides direct responses from the local community and stakeholders; including stakeholder interviews, community workshops, and sports organization questionnaires.
- *City of Costa Mesa Resident Telephone Survey*: provides statistically valid information regarding the types of recreation facilities most often utilized by residents.
- *Recreation Demand and Needs Analysis*: estimates current and future facility needs based on the City of Costa Mesa Resident Telephone Survey and the sports organization questionnaire.
- *Service Area Analysis*: examines how parks and recreation facilities are distributed throughout residential areas in the city.
- *Acreage Analysis*: evaluates the parkland acreage needs in the city based on established standards and specific facility needs of the city.
- *Existing Recreation Facilities Maintenance Condition*: provides in depth analysis of existing park and recreation facility conditions and maintenance operations indicative of exceptional practices and/or where gaps may exist.

### What are Costa Mesa residents saying about recreation?

Costa Mesa's community outreach ranged from group discussions, surveys, questionnaires, and one-on-one telephone interviews with over 400 households representing approximately 9,124 residents. The community input portion of the Master Plan provided a number of opportunities to obtain perspective from residents, users and providers of facilities and programs.

Within this section, community feedback has been organized into three (3) separate categories:

1. Stakeholder Interviews
2. Community Workshops - Four (4)
3. Sports Organization Survey

The information received from each of these sources has been included in the overall prioritization of needs and recommendations. A summary of each community input is provided below. Complete summary reports can be found in the Appendix Document.

## Stakeholder Interviews

Stakeholder interviews were conducted between April 14 and July 25, 2022. Seven (7) questions were asked of sixteen (16) community stakeholders including the Council Members, Commissioners, and Community Leaders. Stakeholders were emailed a one-page questionnaire related to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update. They were asked to fill out the questionnaire, then later schedule an in person or video conference interview with a RJM representative to discuss their responses in more detail. The following is a summary of their responses.

### **1. What do you consider to be the most important issues in the community related to the parks, recreation facilities, programs and services currently provided?**

Parks not inviting / need to improve & modernize parks	6
Lack of park / green space	5
Youth programs	4
Lack of access to parks & programming	3
Safe walking / bike paths	3
Lack of dog parks	2
High level maintenance / cleanliness	2
Lack of sports fields (baseball/softball)	2
Affordable programs (like ROCKS)	2

### **2. What do you consider to be the most important parks, facilities, programs, and recreation services for residents in the future?**

Programs (arts, affordable, afterschool)	5
More park amenities / recreational amenities (shade structures, baseball fencing, dog waste stations, off-leash areas, shaded seating)	4
Parks / Pools / Skatepark on west side	4
Pocket parks on small parcels of land / green space	2
Pickleball facilities	2

**3. What does the Parks & Community Services Department do best in providing parks, recreation facilities, programs, and services to community residents?**

Great programs and classes (variety, senior programs, affordable childcare)	8
Community events (concerts in the park)	5
Senior Center & programs	2
Communication / Response time	2
Maintenance	2
Youth programming (camps)	2

**4. How can the Parks & Community Services Department improve in providing parks, recreation facilities, programs, and services to community residents?**

Communication / outreach & advertising / responsive to feedback	4
Lack of staff (provide competitive wages & benefits)	3
Affordable or free classes & events	2
Work with community based organizations to improve parks, bikeways & walking paths	2
Work with schools / non profits to provide more options for the community	2

**5. What is your vision for parks, recreation facilities, programs, and services in 2032?**

Additional parks & recreational amenities for everyone	7
Additional parks and pocket parks on the west side	3
Focus on activating parks and programs	2
All residents within 10 minute walk to a park	2
Collaboration with schools	2

**6. What is the one program, class, or activity you would most like to see added or improved in Costa Mesa to meet the needs of the community?**

Pickleball (lessons, league, tournaments)	5
Aquatics (swim lessons, water aerobics)	4
Soccer	2
Environmental / nature programs	2

**7. What is the one recreation facility you would most like to see added or improved in Costa Mesa to meet the needs of the community?**

Skatepark	4
Community Center improvements (space for teens, art center)	4
Pump track	3
Pickleball courts	3
Community pool	2
More sports fields with lighting (baseball, softball, pickleball, basketball)	2

**Additional Comments:**

- Increased investment in youth sports opportunities within the City with more fields and access.
- Fairview Developmental Center turned into open spaces with lighted youth sports fields, playgrounds and areas for the community to walk and exercise.
- Additional park use due to pandemic - parks need updating / maintenance.
- Problem with off leash dogs in parks.
- How to get to a park - need more accessibility.
- Sustainability. Park Design. Social emotional health index. How to improve health of individual within the community via parks.



*Downtown Recreation Center aquatic facility and basketball court.*

## Community Workshops

### **Community Workshop #1A and 1B – Community Characteristics and Issues**

The first community workshop (identified as Workshop #1A) was held Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, located at 695 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Costa Mesa. The Consultant Team worked with City Staff to develop and coordinate the workshop. Forty-One (41) residents attended the workshop. A second workshop (identified as Workshop #1B) based on the same principals of the first workshop was held on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Lindberg School, located at 220 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Costa Mesa. Eleven (11) residents attended the workshop.

The purpose of these workshops was to identify what community characteristics make the City of Costa Mesa a great place to live, work, and play; what issues or trends may negatively impact those important community characteristics; and what role can the City play in addressing those issues.

The following are the consensus responses transcribed verbatim from the workshop participants.

According to the workshop participants, the most important community characteristics that make the City of Costa Mesa a great place to live, work and play are:

#### **Workshop 1A:**

- Location / Accessibility
- Diverse/ Eclectic Community and Neighborhoods
- Open Space / Parks / Trails

#### **Workshop 1B:**

- Diverse / Eclectic Community
- Location
- Open Space




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**OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN  
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1    6:30 - 9:00PM**



**LOCATION**

COSTA MESA  
SENIOR CENTER  
695 WEST 19 STREET  
COSTA MESA, CA 92627

FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**Topics:**  
Be a part of the City's Open Space and Recreation Master Plan.

- What are the recreation needs in Costa Mesa?
- Who currently uses your parks and facilities?
- What parks, facilities, and programs are needed as the city grows?
- What is missing for youth, adults, and seniors?

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The issues or trends that may be negatively impacting the community and should be considered in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update are:

**Workshop 1A:**

- Excessive / High Density Development
- Crime / Group Homes / Homelessness
- Loss / Shortage of Open Space

**Workshop 1B:**

- Homelessness
- High Density / Overdevelopment
- Traffic

The role that parks, recreation and community services can play in addressing community issues and support the positive characteristics that make the City of Costa Mesa a great place to live, work and play:

**Workshop 1A:**

- Create / Protect / Preserve Open Space and Parks
- Represent and Support Community's Needs / Desires
- Manage / Reduce Homelessness and Crime

**Workshop 1B:**

- Preserve Parks / Open Space
- Remedies for Homelessness
- Consult with Environmental Experts and Community Leaders

**Community Workshop #2 – Sports User Groups**

The workshop was held Wednesday, July 6th 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the TeWinkle Middle School, located at 3224 California Street in Costa Mesa. The Consultant Team worked with City Staff to develop and coordinate the workshop. Thirteen (13) residents attended the workshop. This workshop identified the best and worst sports facilities in Costa Mesa and, the most important sports facility needs. The following are the consensus responses transcribed verbatim from the workshop participants.

According to the workshop participants the best sports/park facilities in Costa Mesa are:

- Jack Hammet Park
- Fairview Park
- TeWinkle Park



The flyer for the Costa Mesa Open Space Master Plan Community Workshop features the city's logo at the top left, which includes a stylized sun and waves. To the right is a photograph of a park with a playground. The main title, "OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP", is centered in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, the date and time, "WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 6:30 - 9:00PM", are listed. A photograph of a paved path through a wooded area is on the left side of the lower half. To its right, a box contains the location information: "TEWINKLE MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 3224 CALIFORNIA ST COSTA MESA, CA 92626". Below this, it states "FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED". A "Topics" section lists four bullet points: "What are the recreation needs in Costa Mesa?", "Who currently uses your parks and facilities?", "What parks, facilities, and programs are needed as the city grows?", and "What is missing for youth, adults, and seniors?". At the bottom, a blue banner provides contact information, including the city's website, phone number, and email address.

Community Workshop Flyer



Community members participating in Workshop #2 at TeWinkle Middle School

The worst sports/park facilities in the city were identified as:

- Lions Park / Wilson Park
- Geisler / Moon / Fairview Developmental Center

The top sports park/facility needs in the city are:

- Better Permanent Lighted Fields
- Maintenance / Upkeep of Fields



### **Community Workshop #3 – Needs Summary and Prioritization**

The final community workshop was held Wednesday, August 10th 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, located at 695 West 19th in Costa Mesa. The Consultant Team worked with City Staff to develop and coordinate the workshop. Twelve (12) residents attended the workshop. This workshop recapped the needs assessment summary and allowed individuals to identify their top facility and program priorities. Group consensus was made discussed and also identified. The following responses have been transcribed verbatim from the workshop:

According to the workshop participants the **Top Facility Needs** in Costa Mesa are:

- Open Space/Passive Recreation
- Model Trains

The **Top Program Needs** in Costa Mesa are:

- Walking/Jogging/Running/Hiking Trails
- After School/Day Care/Early Childhood Programs

### **Sports Organization Questionnaire**

To supplement the information regarding participation in organized sports which was obtained from the telephone survey, a questionnaire was designed and distributed to the sports organizations that use City facilities. This questionnaire obtained information regarding the number of players and teams in the league or sports organization, age ranges of the players, what seasons they play, if they travel outside Costa Mesa to play, if they participate in tournaments, ratings of field/facility maintenance and scheduling, projections of growth and facilities they have the greatest need for both now and in the future.

The questionnaire was distributed by the City staff and nineteen (19) sports organizations responded. A portion of the factual information is summarized in the list below. The information regarding the number of players, size of teams, seasonality and turnover of facilities for both games and practice are used to better define peak day demand and convert that to the number of facilities required to meet the needs of this segment of the recreation market.

Information regarding which of the facilities are currently being used by the sports groups provides input to the inventory of sports facilities regarding usage for adult sports, youth sports and practices.

Another question addresses the percentage of the players in each organization that live within the City of Costa Mesa. This varies widely by type of sport and in Costa Mesa reflects that a number of participants in certain sports reside outside of Costa Mesa. The results are tabulated as such:

Organization	Percent of Players from Costa Mesa	
	(2022)	(2016)
1. AYSO Region 120	84%	80%
2. AYSO Region 97	56%	49%
3. AYSO United	42%	NA
4. California Youth Soccer League	57%	90%
1. Costa Mesa American Little League	*	100%
2. Costa Mesa Back Bay Rugby	36%	80%
3. Costa Mesa National Little League	95%	90%
4. Costa Mesa Pony Baseball	88%	50-75%
5. Costa Mesa Pop Warner	44%	NA
6. Costa Mesa Youth Basketball	*	100%
7. Forever Soccer Champions	85%	NA
8. International Soccer League	66%	90%
9. LB/OC Surf & Sun Softball League	*	NA
10. Mad Dog Lacrosse	4%	NA
11. Major League Softball, Inc.	*	NA
12. Mesa Athletics	*	95%
13. Newport Beach Women's Soccer	24%	50%
14. Newport Harbor Baseball Association	26%	35%
15. Newport Mesa Church (Adult Soccer)	*	20%
16. Newport Mesa Church (Adult Softball)	*	20%
17. Newport Mesa Girls Softball	42%	50%
18. Newport Mesa Soccer Club	24%	77%
19. Orange County Football Association	40%	NA
20. Pateadores SC	23%	NA
21. Pescadores Recreational League	*	90%
22. Strikers FC	67%	NA
23. Total Futbol Academy	100%	NA

*\*No longer issuing permits.*

The impact of non-resident use of City facilities is an important consideration in assessing facility needs. Ordinarily, demand for facilities to accommodate organized sports are adjusted to accommodate all players in the leagues, regardless of whether they are living in Costa Mesa. However, in order to more fully explore the impact of the non-resident demand, the demand and needs analysis will include two levels of facility needs – from residents only in addition to when the non-resident demand is considered.

Additional, more qualitative, information regarding respondents included: rating of facilities, comments on facility maintenance and scheduling, assessment of usage fees, perceived needs for additional facilities both now and in the future, as well as desired enhancements. These responses will be used by the City staff and the Consultant team to better understand the usage patterns and needs of the active sports groups. A complete summary of the responses is available in the Appendix.

### 3.2 Costa Mesa Resident Telephone Survey

The purpose of the resident telephone survey is to obtain statistically valid, community-wide input on a variety of issues. Gathering community input through a variety of methods including the phone survey is to ensure that the Master Plan is as inclusive as possible and that it reflects the view, preferences, and recreating patterns of City of Costa Mesa residents.

Surveys were conducted in 2002, 2016, and most recently on May 12 through May 19, 2022. Surveys were offered in English and Spanish via land lines and cell phones with an overall margin of error of  $\pm 5.0\%$  and a 95% confidence level.

***The following subjects explored were compared to previous surveys conducted in 2002 and 2016:***

- Parks, recreation facilities/programs info sources
- Recreation benefits that are the most important
- Frequency of parks and recreation facilities/program usage
- Most used park or recreation facility
- Frequency of usage of active sport fields or courts in the City of Costa Mesa
- Frequency of picnicking at picnic table sites in the City of Costa Mesa
- Frequency of walking/jogging/running/hiking in the City of Costa Mesa
- Frequency of biking/skateboarding in the City of Costa Mesa
- Desired recreation facility, program, or feature added to meet household needs
- Selected Demographic Characteristics

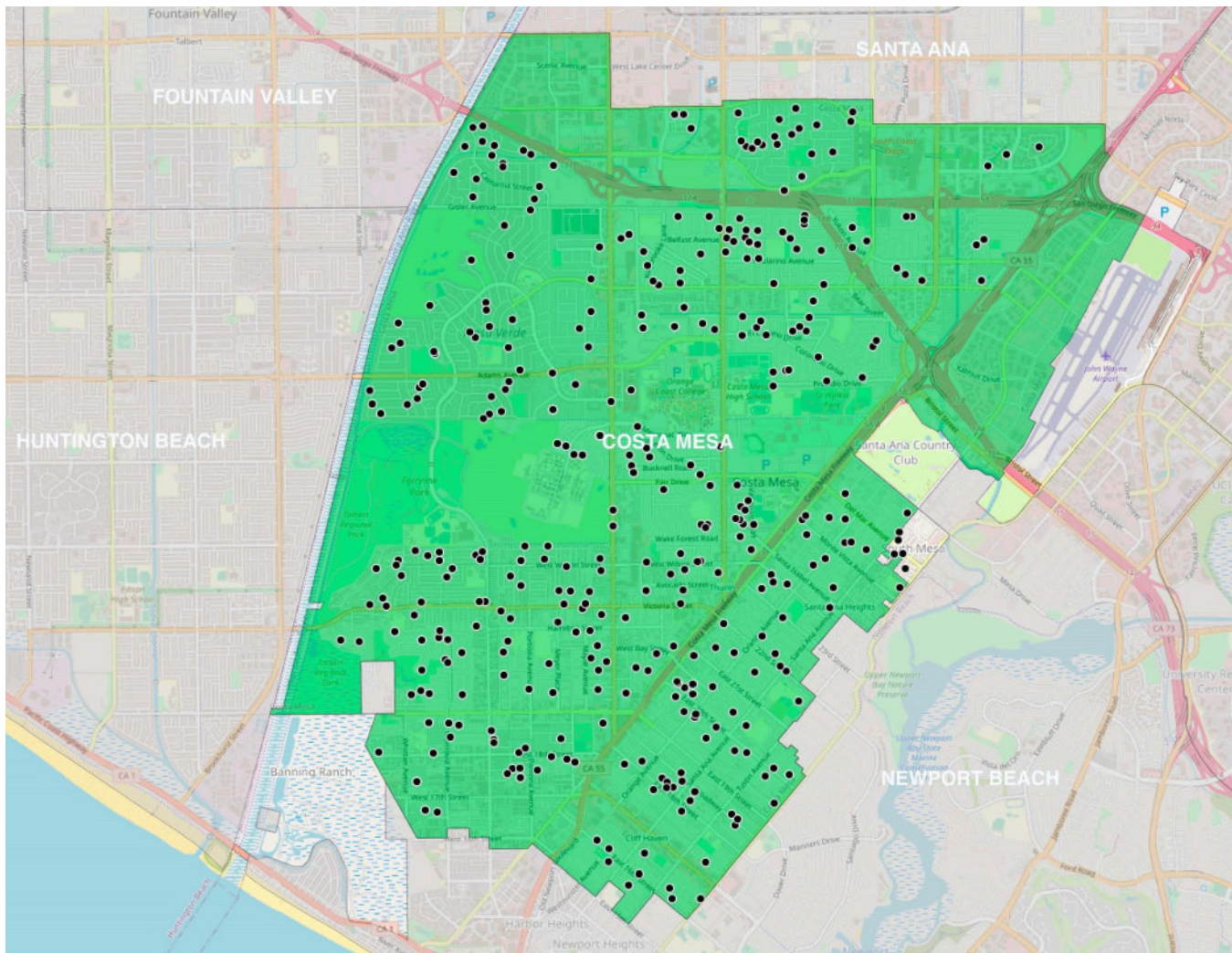


*Downtown Aquatic Center*



*Costa Mesa Tennis Center*

### Exhibit 3.2-1: Costa Mesa Resident Telephone Survey Map



Participant responses are geolocated to identify the trends in recreation desires as well as verification community members from across the community are included in the analysis. Exhibit 3.2-1 indicates that there was an equal geographic distribution of participants across the City. This not only validates the statistically valid component of the survey but also indicated there is not a geographic bias in the data being recorded from only one end of the community and not the other.

#### **Most Used Recreation Facility**

- The answer categories (in order) receiving the largest number of responses from parks and recreation facilities users polled in 2016 and 2022 in response to “What Park or Recreation Facility Do You Use Most Often?” were similar and included Fairview Park, TeWinkle Park, Parks in Newport Beach or Irvine, Canyon Park, and Bark Park.

#### **Most Important Recreation Benefit**

- Four in ten residents polled in 2016 (40%) chose “Physical Fitness, Health and Well-being” as the most important benefit when seeking recreation. In 2022, “Physical Fitness, Health, and Well-being” was still the most important benefit. “Opportunities to Gather and Socialize” as well as “Learning Opportunities” were the next most frequently chosen benefits.

Exhibit 3.2-2: Most Used Recreation Facility

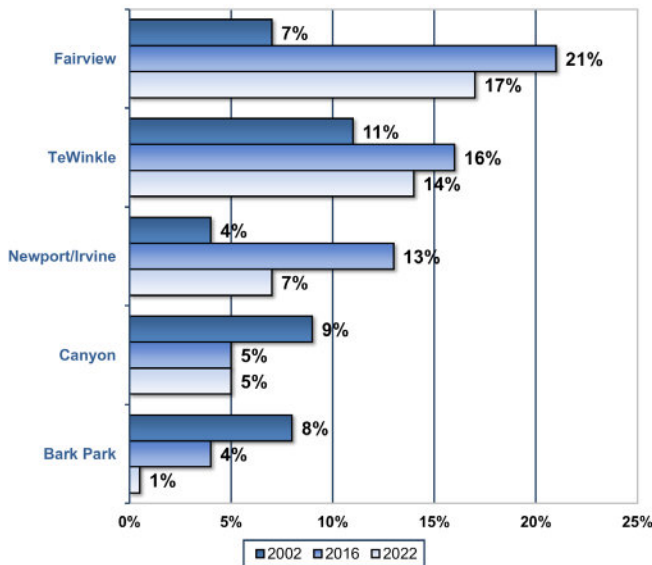
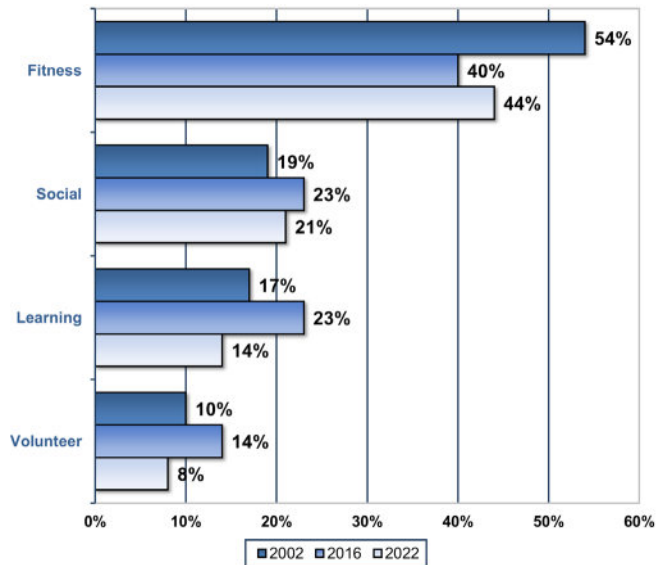


Exhibit 3.2-3: Most Important Recreation Benefit to Costa Mesa Residents



### 3.3 Service Area Analysis

In addition to providing appropriate quantities and types of recreation facilities, the City of Costa Mesa strives to provide them in useful and appropriate locations. A Service Area Analysis was conducted with respect to all Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation facilities. Proximity to parks is more than a convenience issue. It helps to establish an excellent park system by providing improved air quality, circulation, social neighborhood parks were nearly twice as likely to be physically active as those without access to parks.

One-half (0.5) mile is approximately a 15-minute walk for most people. It is segments of the population will tend to decline walking opportunities. Therefore, most residences should be within one-half mile, a convenient walkable distance for most people, of a neighborhood park or other park that may satisfy common recreation needs. This 0.5 mile radius around parks and recreational facilities is noteworthy in a community in which families, neighborhoods, and active-living are central issues.

To analyze the distribution of existing Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation facilities, a service area radius map is provided (see Exhibit 3.3-1). A one-half (0.5) mile service area radius is generated around the park boundary, representing the residential areas, which are within the one-half (0.5) mile service area of the park. The service area boundaries also reflect the physical obstructions to pedestrian travel created by arterial roadways, which limit easy access to the park, and are reflected by truncated shapes in the service areas shown on Exhibit 3.3-1. When areas zoned for residential use fall outside graphic service area designations, it can be said that the area may be underserved by the existing parks.

These potentially underserved areas (identified in orange on Exhibit 3.3-1) are evaluated for other possible park lands open to the public though not necessarily owned outright by the City. The remaining areas that do not have either a City owned facility or other "non City" park lands open to the public are identified as areas of interest. These areas of interest should be focused on for future land acquisition and park development. See Exhibit 5.4-1 in recommendations for Future Park Acquisition and Development Areas.

Exhibit 3.3-1: Service Area Map

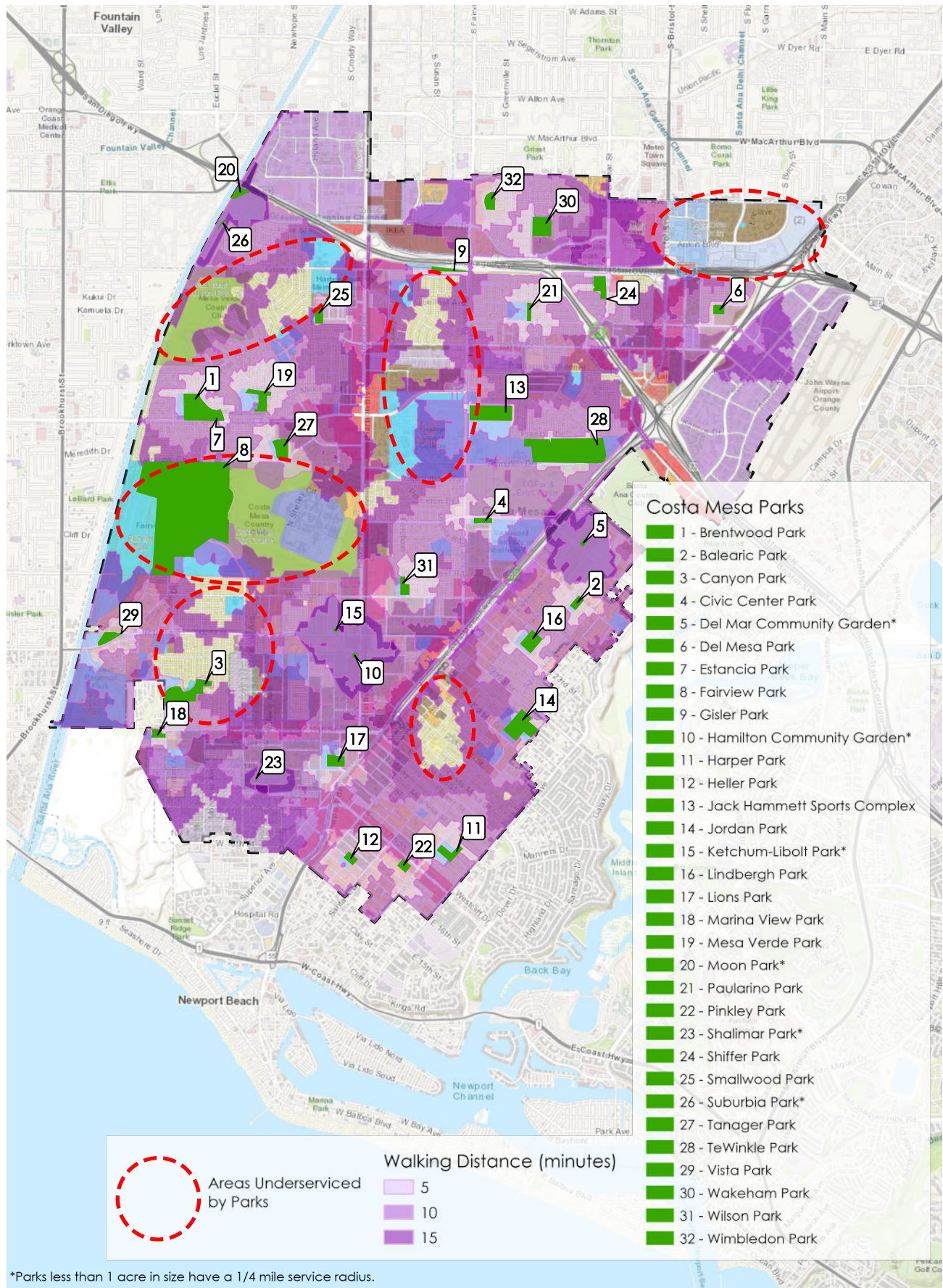
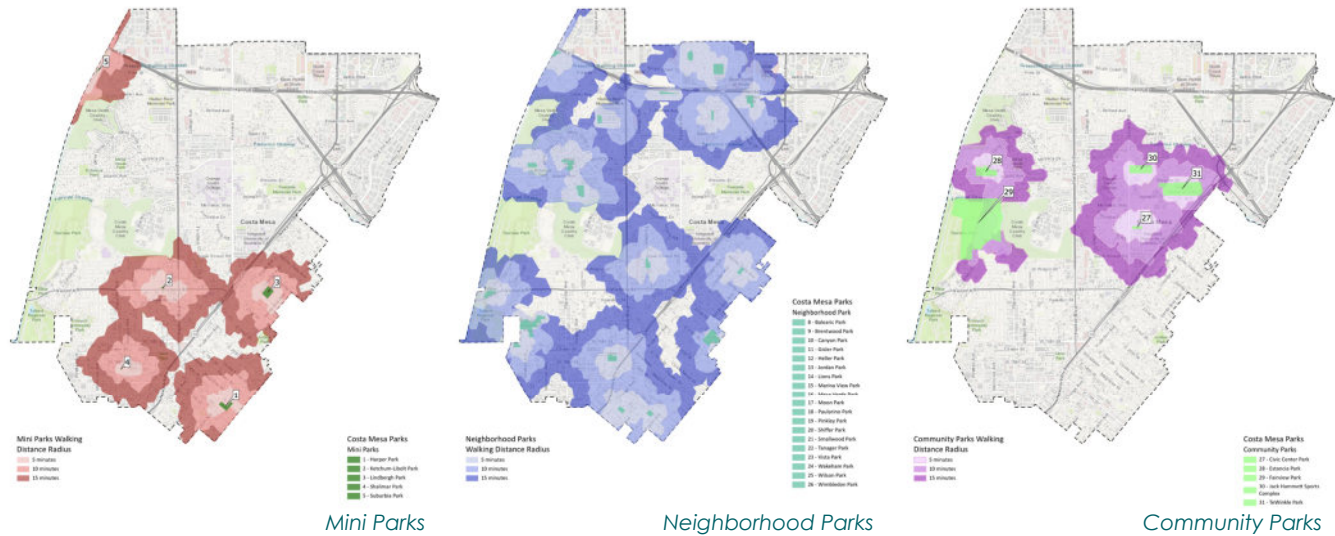


Exhibit 3.3-2: Walking Distance to Parks Maps



### 3.4 Acreage Analysis

#### How Much Parkland Acreage is Needed for Costa Mesa?

Currently, the City of Costa Mesa's inventory of open space and recreation resources includes a diverse number of facilities, ranging from highly developed, active recreation sites to low-activity, passive open spaces. The City's thirty (30) parks, two (2) specialty parks, and two (2) community gardens can be categorized by three (3) broad categories:

- Neighborhood Parks 82.92 Acres
- Community Parks 102.51 Acres
- Special Use Parks 229.76 Acres

Other significant parkland acreage within the Costa Mesa city limit includes:

- Costa Mesa Golf Course (Public) 237.20 Acres
- Mesa Verde Country Club (Private) 136.00 Acres
- Talbert Regional Park (Orange County) 243.61 Acres

Per the 2015 General Plan, the City of Costa Mesa had a park standard of 4.26 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. Such parks and recreation facilities provide residents and visitors the opportunity to practice passive and active recreation, community engagement, health and wellness.

The 2015 General Plan statement of 4.26 acres of parkland is a goal and should not be treated as a limit of required parkland. Instead the City should continue to secure parkland, when opportunities arise for future recreation resources.

### 3.5 Existing Recreation Facilities Maintenance Condition

The objective and outcome of the park site assessment and maintenance assessment was to evaluate, assess, and make recommendations on the maintenance operations of the City of Costa Mesa as part of the Master Plan Update process. Several of the following areas of maintenance operations were assessed:

- Maintenance standards
- Asset management of City parks and recreation facilities
- Budget availability to meet desired outcomes
- Staffing levels to achieve desired outcomes
- Contract management of park elements
- Facility management
- Cost of services
- Data management
- Performance measures

This assessment and accompanying recommendations found in Section Five are based on April, May, and June 2015 tours of park and recreation facilities within the City of Costa Mesa guided by Parks and Community Services and Public Works Department personnel and by RJM Design Group; Interviews and communications with Parks and Community Services and Public Works personnel; and review of standards, policies and procedures as provided by personnel from the Parks and Community Services and Public Works Departments.

Overall, Park and Recreation facilities within the City of Costa Mesa were found to be well maintained in generally clean and safe conditions. Additionally, a limited number of deferred maintenance needs were found within park structures, facilities, irrigation systems, and buildings. Deferred maintenance needs generally existed within older buildings and parks such as Balearic Park and Community Center.

Based on observations and discussions with staff, it appears that the level of maintenance is currently in the lower range of Mode 1, a maintenance category established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) which is considered an above average operating standard for municipal parks and recreation systems the size of the City of Costa Mesa. While Costa Mesa's level of maintenance is at a very high standard, the park system does show signs of aging infrastructure and need for capital upgrades. The City is not faced with future population increases but is facing a demand for new and upgraded park facilities.

Below are the City's existing conditions, identified by facility type. Final recommendations are made in Section Five.

## Existing Conditions

### Park Grounds and Amenities

The park tour was completed in April, May, and June 2015, during a time of the year with spring conditions with extensive periods of marine layer/coastal fog. The following are significant findings regarding the condition of park grounds and turf areas;

Several parks are irrigated with reclaimed water. Most reclaimed water from urban areas is slightly saline. High salt concentrations reduce water uptake in plants by lowering the osmotic potential of the soil. Plants differ in their sensitivity to salt levels so the salinity of the particular reclaimed water source should be measured so that appropriate species and/or application rates can be selected. Most turf grasses can tolerate water with 200-800 mg/L soluble salts, but salt levels above 2,000 mg/L may be toxic.

Most City sports fields and open turf areas were in good condition with thick growth mass and generally limited invasion of broadleaf's. Several areas, of high intensity use, such as Fairview Park, exhibited poorer conditions with significant bare spots, uneven surfaces, and adjacent thinning areas. Gopher issues were present at a limited number of parks such as Tanager and Balearic.

Very few parks showed signs of limited water due to drought restriction. Foremost among those with evidence of drying turf was Estancia. Soil compaction was not evident at the parks as regular turf aeration occurs throughout the park system.

Shrub beds for the most part appeared to be well maintained and weeded. As a whole, park grounds were free of litter with obvious signs of park staff paying immediate attention to grounds clean-up.

The City standardizes picnic tables, benches, and trash cans.

### Sports Fields

At the majority of park locations, sports turf was maintained in a good playable condition. Gophers, soil compaction, and broadleaf's were not issues throughout the park system.

The NRPA standards are thru CAPRA—Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)

#### MODE I

- *State of the art maintenance applied to a high quality diverse landscape.*

#### MODE II

- *High level maintenance associated with well-developed park areas with reasonably high visitation.*

#### MODE III

- *Moderate level maintenance-associated with agencies that, because of budget restrictions, are unable to maintain at a high level.*

#### MODE IV

- *Moderately low level of maintenance.*

The park tours were conducted during daylight hours. Therefore, lighting systems on sports fields could not be checked for proper illumination including 1) alignment of luminaries to avoid dark spots on the playing fields, and 2) proper functioning of light fixtures such as burnt out bulbs.

In general, fences, backstops, bleachers, and benches were in good repair showing evidence of regular and on-going maintenance. The sports complex at Tewinkle Park was exceptionally well maintained.

### **Park Roads and Parking Areas**

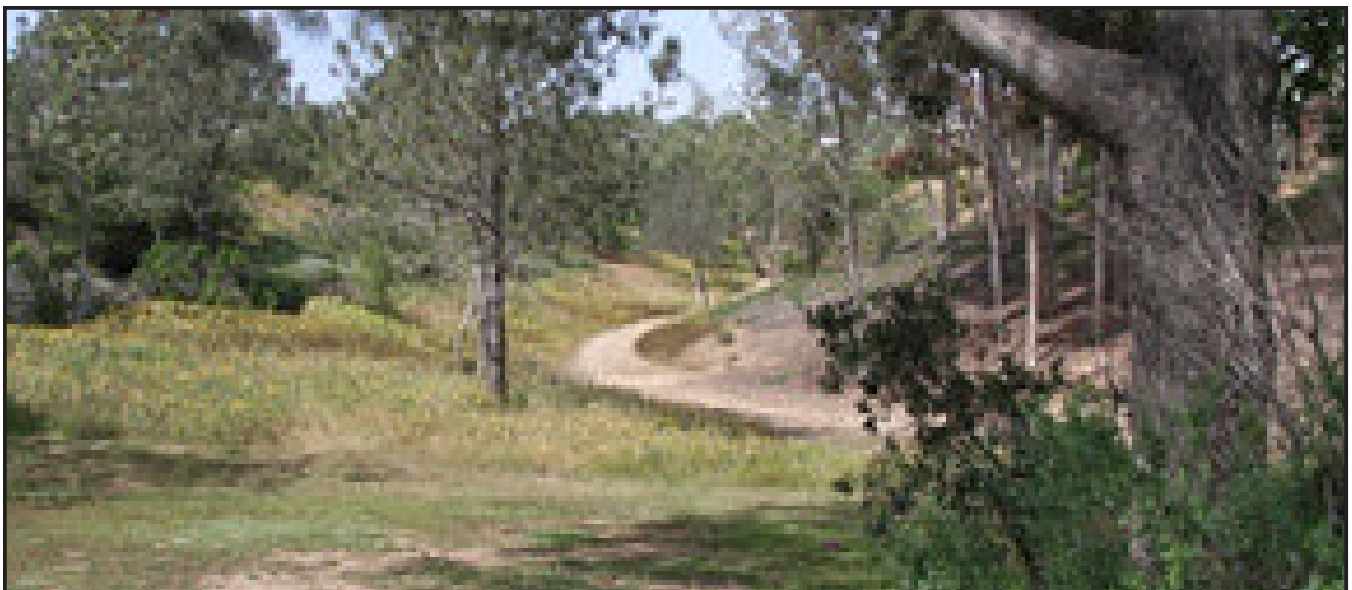
Overall, park roads and parking areas were found to be in fair to good condition. Some deterioration was found partially from overspray of adjacent turf and shrub beds and the subsequent ponding in the parking lot. This was most obvious at Shiffer Park where the parking lot was in an early stage of deterioration. The City currently provides funding to resurface parking lots as was evident at Balearic Park.

### **Park Sidewalks and Walkways**

Park sidewalks, generally concrete, were in good condition with little evidence of cracking and uplifting from tree roots. Examples of problem areas include asphalt walkways at Fairview Park and Canyon Park. The City regularly inspects sidewalks and repairs raised surfaces by either ramping or “smoothing” raised concrete, sidewalks, and walkways.

### **Trails**

The City is served by major Orange County trails that run along the eastern and western boundaries. The 22-mile Mountains to Sea trail from Irvine Lake to Upper Newport Bay and Newport Beach is along the eastern City boundary and on the west is the 29-mile Santa Ana Regional Bicycle Trail connecting Riverside County and Huntington Beach. While there are many access connections to these regional trails in Costa Mesa, there is not a defined and direct bicycle trail or system that links both trails.



*Canyon Park*

East-west bicycle facilities in Costa Mesa are typically Class II on-street bicycle lanes and are provided on Adams Avenue, Merrimac Way, and Fair Drive. The Santa Ana/Delhi Channel connects Bristol Street south of Newport Boulevard North Frontage Road and Irvine Avenue. Existing bicycle lanes on Irvine Avenue provide access to the Upper Newport Bay trail system.

### **Ball Courts**

Numerous ball courts were visited during the maintenance tour including tennis, basketball, and volleyball. Tennis courts at the Costa Mesa Tennis Center were found to be in good condition with fencing, surface, nets, and lining all in a well maintained condition. Basketball courts were in a variety of conditions and design. Generally the courts were in poor to condition, some, such as Balearic Park, were an asphalt surfaces in need of repair. The courts at Wakeham, with 4 backboards, needs a redesign.



*Recently resurfaced basketball court.*

### **Park Structures and Buildings**

Many of the City parks structures and buildings were found to be in fair to good condition, some in need of major renovation, and a general backlog of required maintenance. The Balearic Community Center is an older and undersized facility that should be Master Planned if the City moves forward to take ownership of the park site. The Neighborhood Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center were both in good condition with evidence of regular maintenance. Many park buildings or structures are or should be scheduled for renovation suffering from age, facility deterioration, and unusable space including picnic shelters at Brentwood and Heller Parks, and renovation of restrooms at Wilson and Fairview Parks.



*Shade structure members in need of repair.*

### **Playgrounds**

Overall, the playground equipment at each park area was creative, generally well maintained, and in a good state of repair. Angel's Playground at TeWinkle Park features newer and very creative play equipment while facilities at other locations generally were older and should be scheduled for replacement over the next several years.

Landing areas in some rubberized surfacing, has deteriorated and are in need of attention. Equipment at Brentwood and Pinkley Parks were older and should be scheduled for removal.



*Angel's Playground at TeWinkle Park .*

### **Park Trees and Landscaping**

Park landscaping which includes trees, shrub beds, turf, and landscaped drainage areas were found to be in good condition. The City prunes all trees on an every three to five year cycle. Therefore, most evergreen and deciduous trees appeared to be healthy, with little need for thinning and structural pruning.

Young trees were staked in a variety of fashions, some limited weed growth underneath.

Shrub beds were also in good condition with little evidence of dead or declining vegetation due to soil conditions, age of the planting, and/or watering issues. The City has reported that the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) is affecting many park trees. This is a new pest to Southern California and this boring beetle, from the group of beetles known as ambrosia beetles, drills into trees and brings with it a pathogenic fungus (*Fusarium euwallacea*), as well as other fungal species that may help establish the colonies. The PSHB attacks many species of trees, but some trees are resistant to the fungus it carries. Thirty-three tree species have been confirmed as reproductive hosts including the native riparian species Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), California sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*), and red willow (*Salix laevigata*), and white alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*) and 52 species (about 57%) of the most common street trees in the area, including box elder (*Acer negundo*), liquidambar (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), and Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*).

Overall, the City maintains over 23,000 street and park trees within the City limits and they are pruned on an every three to five year cycle. The City spends approximately \$680,000 annually on pruning and planting of trees.

The City has developed a park tree inventory that tracks species, age, location, and maintenance history. This will assist with workload and help to develop a tree replacement program as older trees reach the end of their lifecycles.

### **Specialized Facilities/Skate Parks/Community Garden/Dog Parks**

The skate park at TeWinkle Park was found to be in well-maintained and safe condition. Cracking within the surface concrete was limited with little debris collection evident at the corner and lower locations of the skate park.

Costa Mesa currently has two Community Gardens and features one Dog Park at TeWinkle Park. Several parks, such as Gisler Park, contain sites with limited public use that would be suitable for the development of either a Community Garden or Dog Park.

Community Gardens, such as the Del Mar and Hamilton Gardens are collaborative projects on park sites or other publically owned locations where participants share in the maintenance and products of the garden, including healthful and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables.

### **Park Signage**

The City has moved toward a standardized signage program that includes the development of a visible and colorful park entry sign. Informational signage throughout the park should be standardized and include verbiage in a positive context.

### **Fencing**

Park and decorative metal fencing was found at various locations throughout the system utilized both as decoration and pedestrian control. Overall this fencing appeared to be well maintained and in good condition with limited damage and little rust.

### ***Irrigation Systems***

Irrigation throughout the park system showed few examples of poor irrigation practice including over or under watering at sport fields, open turf areas, and shrub beds. The irrigation systems is now 80% centrally controlled.

### ***Public Art***

In 2021, the City Council approved the City's first Arts and Culture Master Plan which included the formation of a dedicated Arts Commission. This Commission was formed in 2022 and includes in its responsibilities the consideration of public art opportunities. The Community Needs Assessment for the Master Plan found that nearly one of every five City of Costa Mesa households (20%) identified a preference for Fine Arts or Performing Arts Facilities and Programs improvements.

### ***Park Maintenance***

Maintains the City's 30 parks, 2 specialty parks, sports fields and related facilities.

### ***Facility Maintenance***

Maintains, repairs, and rehabilitates 22 City-owned buildings, including those leased to outside agencies. Administers and supervises contract services required for maintaining City facilities.



*Ketchum-Libolt Park is found to be in good maintenance condition.*

**Park Development**

Acquires, develops, and renovates park facilities. Manages the design and construction of new park projects and renovation of existing park facilities. Responsible for master planning new park and open space facilities and managing compliance of Capital Improvement Projects with the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. Secures park and open space development grants.

**Parkway & Median Maintenance**

Maintains 12 acres of landscape street medians and approximately 22,000 parkway trees.

**3.6 Recreation Facility Demand and Needs Calculations**

This section analyzes the demand for recreation and park facilities by the residents of Costa Mesa. A key element in any planning strategy is an understanding of the nature of demand for parks and recreation facilities. Without this understanding, policy can only be based on general standards of supply and demand, such as population ratios (acres per thousand population) or service area (distance to park facility). Such standards are useful guides but the demand analysis ensures that the needs assessment reflects the character of Costa Mesa.

The citywide telephone survey provides the basis for determining how the residents of Costa Mesa participate in recreation activities. The nature of growth and population change establishes trends in demand for recreation and leisure services. The survey, workshops and interviews provide the qualitative aspect of demand - the perceptions of the residents toward recreation and the prioritization of need for facilities and programs.

The participation rates in each of the active recreation activities analyzed (based on the telephone survey) provide a basis for calculating demand for active recreation facilities in relationship to the population served. These participation rates are shown in the first column of Exhibit 3.6-1 and are taken directly from the participation rates as reported in the survey.

In order to convert these demand estimates into facility requirements, it is necessary to make some assumptions regarding design standards for the peak level of demand. Peak day demand refers to how many participants will be involved in a given recreational activity on the busiest day of the year. Calculation of peak day demand involves multiplying the current population estimates by the participation rate in each activity. These estimates of gross annual demand are then adjusted to allocate part of the demand to private recreation facilities and part to government or public facilities, if applicable, using California Department of Parks and Recreation data regarding patterns of facility usage. Similarly, a locational adjustment is made to account for those activities which participants would normally engage in at locations outside of Costa Mesa.

Peak day demand is determined on the basis of the seasonality of participation in each of the various activities and, within peak seasons, the peak days of usage. The calculations of peak day demand included in Exhibit 3.6-1 (excluding those for fields or courts used for organized games) are designed to accommodate all but three to five days per year of peak activity for most of the activities analyzed, in order to avoid overbuilding.

The actual facility requirement, however, is less than the aggregate of peak day demand to allow for daily turnover in the use of recreation facilities. Peak day demand was modified as shown in Exhibit 3.6-1 by the anticipated turnover and capacity for each type of facility. These estimates of daily turnover and capacity on peak day usage periods are derived from studies conducted by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, U.S. Department of the Interior regarding optimum recreation carrying capacity as well as from sports group surveys, discussions with City staff and other park studies in which the Consultants have been involved. For sports leagues operating within the City of Costa Mesa, allowance is made to calculate demand from the entire league, regardless of where the players are living as well as considering only sports organization players who are Costa Mesa residents. The demand for fields/courts for sports organizations is shown for games only and does not address needs for practice fields.

The calculations in Exhibit 3.6-1 are based on the current (2015) population level in the City of Costa Mesa of 114,603, as estimated by the State of California Department of Finance. Included in the Exhibit is an estimate of the number or size of facilities required to accommodate peak day demand in the context of the peak day design standards discussed above.

The relationship of the current need for facilities in Costa Mesa to the current population level is the basis for the “facility need ratio” or the measure of the level of population in Costa Mesa that creates the demand for one facility or one unit of measure such as miles or acres. This ratio for each of the types of facilities analyzed is also presented in Exhibits 3.6-1 and is calculated by dividing the total population by the number of facilities demanded. This will be the basis for the needs analysis presented in the following section. Comparisons of Costa Mesa's current “facility-need-ratios” to those found in selected other cities in California are presented in Exhibit 3.6-2 in order to add perspective to the analysis.



*Organized Adult Basketball players.*

## Exhibit 3.6-1: Peak Day Facility Demand Analysis - 2016 Estimate

Activity	Per Capita Participation Days/Year	Peak Day Demand (Participants)	Turnovers Per Day	Design Standard for Facility	Number of Facilities Demanded*	Facility Need Ratio - City of Costa Mesa
<b><u>A. Demand Analysis Considering Demand from All Sports Organization Players Using Costa Mesa Facilities</u></b>						
Softball:						
Organized Youth	0.1	86	2x	22 players/field	2.4 fields	1/47,100 pop.
Organized Adult	1.6	374	5x	30 players/field	3.1 fields	1/22,000 pop.
Baseball:						
Organized Youth	1.0	1,146	4x	22 players/field	16.3 fields	1/7,050 pop.
Soccer						
Organized Youth	3.8	4,311	5x	22 players/field	49.0 fields	1/2,350 pop.
Organized Adult	9.1	688	4x	30 players/field	7.2 fields	1/16,000 pop.
Rugby						
Organized Youth	0.1	144	4x	40 players/field	1.1 fields	1/102,050 pop.
Picnicking	9.9	1,747	1.5x	4 persons/table	291 tables	1/394 pop.
Swimming (Public Pool) Recreational**	6.9	1,194	3x	25 sq ft/swimmer	1.6 pools	1/70,850 pop.
Indoor Basketball:						
Organized Youth	0.9	153	4.5x	15 players/court	2.3 courts	1/50,700 pop.
Walking/Jogging/Running-Public Trails	73.5	4,921	1.5x	90 persons/mile	36.5 miles	1/3,150 pop.
Bicycling-Public Trails	36.0	10,919	5x	30 bicycles/mile	72.8 miles	1/1,575 pop.
Skate Boarding at Skate Board Park	4.8	344	8x	20 persons/facility	2.1 facilities	1/53,350 pop.
<b><u>B. Demand Analysis Considering Demand Only from Sports Organization Players who are Costa Mesa Residents</u></b>						
Softball:						
Organized Youth	0.1	43	2x	22 players/field	1.2 fields	1/94,100 pop.
Organized Adult***	1.6	374	5x	30 players/field	3.1 fields	1/36,750 pop.
Baseball:						
Organized Youth	1.0	779	4x	22 players/field	11.1 fields	1/10,350 pop.
Soccer						
Organized Youth	3.8	2,932	5x	22 players/field	33.3 fields	1/3,450 pop.
Organized Adult	9.1	516	4x	30 players/field	5.4 fields	1/21,300 pop.
Rugby						
Organized Youth	0.1	113	4x	40 players/field	0.9 fields	1/129,300 pop.

\*Demand for ball fields includes an adjustment to allow for resting of fields.

\*\*Assumes One Pool = 25 meters x 25 yards, or 6,150 square feet.

\*\*\*No information available regarding percent of players who are Costa Mesa residents.

## Exhibit 3.6-2: Comparison of Costa Mesa Needs Ratio to Other Cities

Facility	Facility Need Ratio - City of Costa Mesa	Facility Need Ratio - City of Ontario	Facility Need Ratio - City of Santa Clarita	Facility Need Ratio - City of Pasadena	Facility Need Ratio - City of San Juan Cap.
Softball Fields:					
Org. Youth	1/47,100 pop.	1/24,450	1/15,850	1/31,500	1/12,150
Org. Adult	1/22,000 pop.	1/26,800	N.A.	1/67,700	N.A.
Baseball Fields:					
Organized/Youth	1/7,050 pop.	1/8,500	1/20,900	1/19,400	1/6,050
Soccer Fields					
Organized Youth	1/2,350 pop.	1/14,050	1/6,250	1/9,650	1/2,150
Picnic Tables	1/394 pop.	1/480	1/850	1/630	1/330
Swimming Pools					
Recreational	1/70,850 pop.	1/52,000	1/39,750	1/34,450	N.A.
Indoor Basketball Courts					
Organized Youth	1/50,700 pop.	1/26,650	1/22,350	1/36,800	1/15,250
Walking/Jogging (mi.)	1/3,150 pop.	1/3,350	1/3,700	1/2,000	1/2,550
Bicycling Paths (mi.)	1/1,575 pop.	1/2,800	1/3,400	1/2,500	N.A.

### 3.7 Facility Needs Analysis

#### Methodology

The level of population in Costa Mesa that creates the demand for facilities is derived from the telephone survey data as described in the previous section. This “facility need ratio” is shown again in Exhibit 3.7-1. The current facility needs are determined by multiplying the current population by the “facility needs ratio.” These needs, in terms of the number or size of facilities demanded, are then compared with the total of existing facilities available to meet the needs. For sports leagues, comparisons are made with the total of City and School District facilities. In addition for sports fields, facilities used for games by Costa Mesa leagues, but which are located outside of the City are considered in the analysis. This information is used to determine whether the existing inventory of facilities is adequate in terms of demand conditions. The principle reason that sports leagues use facilities outside the City is usually lack of availability of fields in the City. Fields located outside of the City are used by some leagues due to their convenient proximity to players not living in Costa Mesa.

As an example of the analytical process, the needs ratio for organized youth baseball fields for games in Costa Mesa is one field for every 7,050 residents, when demand from all sports organizations using Costa Mesa fields is analyzed (as shown in Exhibit 3.7-1). The required number of fields is an estimated 16.3. The existing inventory of fields within the City, including City fields and school fields is 14.0 leaving a deficit of 2.3 fields. However, the baseball leagues also use 6 fields located outside the City. When considering these fields, there is a net surplus of 3.7.

## Exhibit 3.6-2: Comparison of Costa Mesa Needs Ratio to Other Cities continued

Facility	Facility Need Ratio - City of Chino Hills	Facility Need Ratio - City of Temecula	Facility Need Ratio - City of Dana Point	Facility Need Ratio - City of Laguna Niguel	Facility Need Ratio - City of Riverside	Facility Need Ratio - City of Diamond Bar
Softball Fields:						
Org. Youth	1/13,850	1/7,300	1/9,500	1/9,200	1/11,200	1/12,700
Org. Adult	1/14,900	1/5,500	1/19,250	1/24,350	1/18,600	1/16,800
Baseball Fields:						
Organized/Youth	1/5,150	1/4,500	1/9,550	1/2,950	1/9,600	1/6,300
Soccer Fields						
Organized Youth	1/3,450	1/2,600	1/4,400	1/3,050	1/8,800	1/3,400
Picnic Tables	1/330	1/345	1/270	1/570	1/900	1/670
Swimming Pools						
Recreational	1/27,800	1/45,550	1/25,065	1/56,750	1/40,750	1/65,550
Indoor Basketball Courts						
Organized Youth	1/13,600	1/27,700	1/12,400	1/47,600	1/18,400	1/65,600
Walking/Jogging (mi.)	N.A.	1/13,900	N.A.	N.A.	1/5,000	1/8,750
Bicycling Paths (mi.)	N.A.	1/610	N.A.	1/3,600	1/4,050	1/4,200

When analyzing only demand from Costa Mesa residents, the needs ratio for organized youth baseball games is one field for every 10,350 residents. The required number of fields is 11.1 fields. Compared to the existing inventory of fields within the City, there would be a surplus of 2.9 fields. However, this would not satisfy the needs of all leagues using Costa Mesa fields.

### Facility Requirements

The needs analysis presented in Exhibit 3.7-1 indicates existing deficits in several of the types of facilities that were analyzed. The sports field facilities showing deficits of 0.5 facility or greater within the City, when considering all leagues using Costa Mesa fields, in addition to youth baseball game fields, are youth softball game fields (1.4 fields), youth soccer game fields (20.0 fields), and adult soccer game fields (1.2 fields). If the field located outside the City of Costa are added into the supply, there are still deficits in youth soccer game fields (4.0 fields) and adult soccer game fields (1.2 fields). When considering only demand from Costa Mesa residents, the only deficit in City facilities is for organized youth soccer fields (4.3 fields). Deficits in other non-sports field activities which were analyzed are estimated to be picnic tables (107 tables), swimming pools (1.2 pools), walking/jogging paths (7.4 miles), and skate board parks (1.1 parks).

## Exhibit 3.7-1: Recreation Facility Needs Analysis 2016 Estimate A

Facility	Facility Need Ratio - City of Costa Mesa	2016 Needs	Existing City Facilities	School Facilities Avail. <sup>1</sup>	A. Surplus/Deficit(-)	B. Facilities Outside Costa Mesa	Total Facilities Avail.	Total Surplus/Deficit(-)
<b><u>A. Needs Analysis Considering Demand from All Sports Organization Players Using Costa Mesa Facilities</u></b>								
Softball Fields:								
Organized Youth	1/47,100 pop.	2.4	1	0	-1.4	1	2.0	-0.4
Organized Adult <sup>2</sup>	1/22,000 pop.	3.1	3	0	-0.1	0	3.0	-0.1
Baseball Fields:								
Organized Youth	1/7,050 pop.	16.3	2	12	-2.3	6	20.0	3.7
* Soccer Fields								
Organized Youth	1/2,350 pop.	49.0	7	22	-20.0	16 <sup>3</sup>	45.0	-4.0
Organized Adult	1/16,000 pop.	7.2	4	2	-1.2	0	6.0	-1.2
Rugby Fields								
Organized Youth	1/102,050 pop.	1.1	2	0	0.9	0	2.0	0.9
Picnic Tables	1/394 pop.	291	184	0	-107	0	184	-107
Swimming Pools (Public)								
Recreational Swimming <sup>4</sup>	1/70,850 pop.	1.6	0.4	0	-1.2	0	0.4	-1.2
Indoor Basketball Cts.:								
Organized Youth	1/50,700 pop.	2.3	1	1	-0.3	0	2.0	-0.3
Walking/Jogging Paths (mi.)	1/3,150 pop.	36.5	29.1	0	-7.4	0	29.1	-7.4
Bicycling Paths (mi.)	1/1,575 pop.	72.8	74.9	0	2.1	0	74.9	2.1
Skate Board Parks	1/53,350 pop.	2.1	1	0	-1.1	0	1.0	-1.1

Note: All sports fields/courts shown in the supply are fields/courts being used for games by organized sports leagues to match the demand as defined in the demand analysis.

<sup>1</sup> Pools at schools are not counted as they are not open to the general public but are rented to youth sports organizations for fee based programs.

\* <sup>4</sup> No information available regarding percent of players who are Costa Mesa residents.

<sup>3</sup> Youth soccer (AYSO Region 97 uses multiple fields outside of Costa Mesa. We know they have access to these 16 fields outside of Costa Mesa, but do not know how many are used for games on a peak day.

<sup>4</sup> Demand and Supply number assumes one pool = 25 meters x 25 yards, or 6,150 square feet.

## Exhibit 3.7-2: Recreation Facility Needs Analysis 2016 Estimate B

<b><u>B. Needs Analysis Considering Demand Only from Sports Organization Players who are Costa Mesa Residents</u></b>								
Softball Fields:								
Organized Youth	1/94,100 pop.	1.2	1	0	-0.2	1	2.0	0.8
Organized Adult <sup>2</sup>	1/36,750 pop.	3.1	3	0	-0.1	0	3.0	-0.1
Baseball Fields:								
Organized Youth	1/10,350 pop.	11.1	2	12	2.9	6	20.0	8.9
* Soccer Fields								
Organized Youth	1/3,450 pop.	33.3	7	22	-4.3	16 <sup>3</sup>	45.0	11.7
Organized Adult	1/21,300 pop.	5.4	4	2	0.6	0	6.0	0.6
Rugby Fields								
Organized Youth	1/129,300 pop.	0.9	2	0	1.1	0	2.0	1.1

Note: All sports fields/courts shown in the supply are fields/courts being used for games by organized sports leagues to match the demand as defined in the demand analysis.

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### 3.8 Facility Needs Summary and Prioritization

This is a key portion of the Master Plan Update that brings together information from various public and staff input, as well as other relevant studies and analysis, and distills them into a border overall picture of recreation in the form of recreation facilities that can support the needs of the Costa Mesa citizenry to achieve the community vision.

Since all of the needs identification tools are directly or indirectly based on community input, it is fair to say that all the needs identified are significant and important to some portion of the community. However, it is generally helpful to attempt to determine which needs have the highest priority as perceived by the largest number of residents.

The Facility Needs Summary (Exhibit 3.8-1) uses a numerical ranking system to establish relative priorities; the more needs identification tools that indicate a particular need, the higher the ranking. For instance, “Walking/Jogging/Running/Hiking Trails” is indicated as a need by eleven (11) tools (14 total of Representative x2 and Inclusive x1) and therefore has a higher relative priority than “Tennis Courts” with two (2) tools shown. In determining the overall numerical total, the exhibit gives greater weight to quantitative tools (statistically valid) by counting each as double the value of a qualitative tool. This is reflected in the top header (Representative x2 vs. Inclusive x1).

Based on Exhibit 3.8-1 and for the purposes of this summary, priority needs are highlighted in blue on the matrix and the top priority needs are listed below.

#### **Top Priority Facilities:**

	<b>Tools Totaled</b>	
	(2022)	(2016)
• Walking / Jogging / Running / Hiking Trails	14	10
• Soccer Fields (Youth / Adult)	8	7
• Bike Paths	7	3
• Lights (Sports Field)	7	6
• Swimming Pool	7	5
• Picnic Tables	7	6
• Open Space / Passive Recreation Space	6	6
• Pocket Parks / Neighborhood Parks	5	3
• Skate Park	5	4
• Maintenance / Equipment	4	2
• Dog Park	3	1
• Pickleball Courts	3	1
• Restrooms	3	3

## Exhibit 3.8-1: Facility Needs Summary

CITY OF COSTA MESA  FACILITY NEEDS SUMMARY					NEEDS IDENTIFICATION TOOLS													
					REPRESENTATIVE (X2)				INCLUSIVE (X1)									
					Resident Telephone Survey (Over 10% Participation from Q16)	2022 Resident Telephone Survey (Over 10% Participation from Q5-Q16)	Demand-Needs Analysis (current need -1.0 or more)	Demand-Needs Analysis (future needs -1.0 or more)	Resident Telephone Survey ('Wants' identified on Figure 18 summary, Q17; and figure 19, Q20)	2022 Resident Telephone Survey ('Wants' identified on Q17)	Executive Interviews	2022 Executive Interviews	Community Workshop 1A (6/1/16)	Community Workshop 1B (6/8/16)	Community Workshop 2 (7/6/16)	Community Workshop 3 (8/10/16)	Sports Organization Survey	Recreation Trends
KEY	IDENTIFIED RECREATION FACILITY NEED																	
1	Active Recreation				No significant increase due to city build out condition	X										1	1	
2	Baseball Field						X							X			1	2
3	Basketball Courts (Indoor)						X	X									1	2
4	Batting Cages / Pitcher's Bullpen													X			1	1
5	Bike Paths	X	X					X		X						X	3	7
6	Bocce Ball								X							X	2	2
7	Community Center / Teen Center								X	X							1	2
8	Community Garden												X		X		2	2
9	Concessions / Offices													X			1	1
10	Covered Shelters Gazebos								X						X		2	2
11	Dog Park						X	X		X							1	3
12	Equal Access to Parks									X								1
13	Gymnasium						X		X								2	2
14	Homeless							X										
15	Ice Skating Rink															X	1	1
16	Larger Spaces							X									0	1
17	Lights (Sports Field)								X	X		X	X	X	X	X	6	7
18	Maintenance / Equipment							X		X			X		X		2	4
19	Model Planes / Aviation													X			1	1
20	Model Trains													X			1	1
21	Multi-Use Fields with Lights (football, hockey, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, rugby)								X				X	X	X	X	5	5
22	Open Space / Passive Recreation Space						X		X		X	X		X		X	6	6
23	Parking												X				1	1
24	Performing Arts Center (for dance/music)							X									0	1
25	Pickelball Courts							X		X						X	1	3
26	Picnic Tables	X	X	X				X									4	7
27	Playgrounds							X									0	1
28	Pocket Parks / Neighborhood Parks							X		X	X			X			3	5
29	Pump Track									X							0	1
30	Restoration									X				X			1	2
31	Restrooms												X	X			3	3
32	Safety / Security							X									0	1
33	Senior Center								X								1	1
34	Skate Park								X	X						X	4	5
35	Soccer Fields (Youth / Adult)	X		X			X	X	X						X		7	8
36	Softball Fields (Youth / Adult)														X		1	1
37	Sports Complex / Facility							X	X	X							1	3
38	Swimming Pool	X				X		X	X	X							5	7
39	Synthetic Fields								X								1	1
40	Tennis Courts						X	X									1	2
41	Trees / Garden							X									0	1
42	Volleyball (indoor / outdoor)								X								1	1
43	Walking / Jogging / Running / Hiking Trails	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10	14

No significant increase due to city build out condition

### 3.9 Opportunity Sites

Throughout the Master Plan Update process numerous sites have been evaluated for the potential to provide recreational opportunities in the community to meet facility and demand needs.

As mentioned in Section 2.2 of this report, the City should fully define the current park classification system to further identify where such opportunity sites exist.

Classification types should include;

- **Neighborhood Park** - typically these parks serve the surrounding neighborhood for multiple uses. Park development may include play areas, small fields, benches, picnic tables, and improved paths but generally do not include restroom facilities. Geographic range of users is up to one-half-mile.
- **Community Park** - meets the recreational needs of several neighborhoods and may also preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks serve multiple uses and provide recreational facilities and accommodate group activities not provided in neighborhood parks. Community park sites should be accessible by arterial and/or collector streets. Geographic range of users is up to 3 miles or City-wide if park contains a recreation complex.
- **Community Centers** – Community central locations provided for a variety of social and recreational services and programming. Centers may also provide recreational activities, room rentals, senior programs, cultural and performing arts, youth programs and special activities.
- **Joint Use** - often School District sites that supplement community parks during non-school hours, serving broader City-wide recreation needs. The parks contain various assets, often for active recreation, and are programmed accordingly. Restroom facilities and parking are generally provided for users. Geographic range of users is City-wide.
- **Special Use Facilities** - this category refers to stand-alone parks that are designed to serve one particular use such as a golf course. These parks may serve a second or third use such as trails, but the primary use is prioritized with regard to design, maintenance, and funding decisions.

After the classification system has been defined, the following Opportunity Sites can be addressed through a variety of improvement projects, further described in section Five of this Master Plan Update.

- School Property
- Neighborhood/Community Parks
  - Fairview Park
  - TeWinkle Park
- Fairview Development Center
- Future Partnerships/Joint Use Sites
  - Talbert Regional Park and OC Parks
    - Victoria Pond
    - Sheep Hills BMX
- Future Facilities
  - Aquatic Center
- North Costa Mesa Specific Plan
- Brentwood Park Master Plan
- Lions Park Master Plan
- City Funded Feasibility Study

The image shows the exterior of the Costa Mesa Senior Center during the "blue hour" of dusk. The building is a modern, multi-story structure with large windows and a curved architectural element on the right side. In the foreground, there are several trees, including a prominent palm tree on the right and a large, leafy tree on the left. An American flag is visible on a tall pole to the far left. A semi-transparent dark red rectangular box is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title text in a bright orange, sans-serif font.

# Recreation Program Needs Assessment



*Participants from Workshop 3 assess the City's Program Needs, and discuss top priorities.*

## Section FOUR: Recreation Program Needs Assessment

Section Four provides inventory and analysis of existing programs and services in the City of Costa Mesa, revenue rate understanding, program needs assessment, summary and recommendations.

### 4.1 Recreation Benefits

In addition to residents having access to parks, recreation facilities, and trails, the availability of a wide-range of recreation programs and leisure opportunities is a major component to the quality of life in any community. Recreation programs benefit households, families, businesses, neighborhoods, and individuals of all ages, income levels, cultures, and abilities by creating environments that engage people in positive activities. Recreation programs and services that are developed, designed, and delivered effectively can provide the following benefits as identified by the mission of California's Park and Recreation Society as:

#### ***To create community through people, parks and programs.***

- **Foster Human Development.** Parks and recreation services foster social, intellectual, physical and emotional development.
- **Promote Health and Wellness.** Participation in recreation improves physical and emotional health.
- **Increase Cultural Unity.** Parks and recreation increases cultural unity through experiences that promote cultural understanding and celebrate diversity.
- **Facilitate Community Problem-solving.** Park and recreation professionals have skills in facilitation and leadership that can be applied to resolve community problems and issues.
- **Protect Natural Resources.** By acquiring and protecting valuable resources as open space, such as rivers, streams, greenways, view sheds, forests and other habitat areas, natural resources are protected and habitat required for the survival of diverse species is preserved.
- **Strengthen Safety and Security.** Park and recreation professionals provide safe environments for recreation and design programs and services specifically to reduce criminal activity.
- **Strengthen Community Image and Sense of Place.** Parks, recreation facilities, programs and community events are key factors in strengthening community image and creating a sense of place.
- **Support Economic Development.** Recreation programs and facilities attract and retain businesses and residents, as well as attract tourists. Parks and recreation provides jobs and generates income for the community and for local businesses.

Effective recreation programs promote the positive use of leisure time and a lifelong commitment to a healthy lifestyle, personal development, and a strong community. Recreation activities may range from sports, fitness classes, youth activities, and family programming, to passive recreation endeavors such as picnics, hiking, cycling and walking.

## 4.2 Existing Programs and Services

The City of Costa Mesa 2015/2016 fiscal year City budget states the functions of the Parks and Community Services Department as:

***“The Parks and Community Services Department provides the citizens of Costa Mesa with a diverse variety of high quality Recreation facilities, programs, and services. The Division operates three community centers, the Downtown Aquatics Center, and the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Allocates and monitors athletic field use, and provides Youth, Teen, and Adult Recreation classes. The department manages the operating agreements for the Costa Mesa Golf and Country Club, the Costa Mesa Tennis Center, the Balearic Community Center, and Childs Pace.”***

Beyond providing open spaces, parks and historic facilities for recreation, the City of Costa Mesa through the Parks and Community Services Department provides a wide range of services and programs geared towards meeting the recreation needs and interests of various age levels. The services and programs provided by the City include:

- **Recreation Classes and Activities** - In addition to those classes geared towards recreation and fitness, Costa Mesa offers a variety of cultural and special interest classes and activities including music, dance, art, computer technology, and science on a participant fee basis at City facilities, parks, and local business establishment.
- **Organized Team Sports Activities** - Numerous organized sports groups such as Little League and soccer teams, utilize Costa Mesa facilities and fields. Additionally, the City operates the Costa Mesa Tennis Center, located at TeWinkle Park, offers a year round recreational softball league also at TeWinkle Park, and provides year round adult recreational basketball leagues, weekly open gym volleyball, and drop in fee based basketball play in the Downtown Recreation Center gymnasium.
- **Field Ambassadors** - Coordinate field reservations and scheduling of City and Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) athletic fields in accordance with the Joint Use Agreement, for field usage by City and Community user groups for soccer, tackle and flag football, baseball, softball, and other field games.
- **Aquatics** - The aquatics program offering provides year-round aquatics programming, including adult and youth swim instruction, for beginners to advanced fitness swimmers, Aqua Zumba, adult and senior lap swim, senior aquatics and aquatics therapy, youth open swim, guard start, summer youth aquatics camp, water safety activities and special events.



*Residents take a train ride at Gaothill Junction Railroad Station at Fairview Park.*

- **Community Programs** - Costa Mesa provides administrative and coordination support for the City's annual concert in the park series. Concerts in the Park take place each Tuesday evening in July in Costa Mesa Fairview Park. Other special events programmed by the City include Costa Mesa Community Run, Costa Mesa Fish Fry, and Scarecrow Festival.
- **Community and Senior Center** - The Department manages and programs the Downtown Recreation Center, Balearic Community Center, and the Neighborhood Community Center (currently closed, to be reopened in 2020). The City also maintains and operates the Costa Mesa Senior Center, which provides a facility for Costa Mesa seniors to gather and participate in social, recreational, and personal development programs designed to encourage a healthy and active senior social lifestyle.
- **Youth and Teen Programming** - Costa Mesa provides Recreation on Campus for Kids (ROCKS) a fee-based after school programs for children in grades one through six at eleven (11) NMUSD elementary schools and offers children entering into grades one through six free summer activities for nine (9) weeks at three (3) locations. Additional Teen Programming, Day Camps, Youth Sports, and Early childhood Programming is also delivered by the Department.
- **Commissions/Committees** - The Department is also responsible for coordination of several citizen based Commissions/Committees including the Park and Recreation Commission, Arts Commission, Fairview Park Steering Committee and the Historic Preservation Committee.



Youth participating in summer swim lesson activities at the Downtown Aquatic Center.



Seniors participating in day time programs at the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

Costa Mesa has a history of providing community services and activities to meet the needs of various age groups often in cooperation with other agencies. The City of Costa Mesa and the Newport Mesa Unified School District collaborate to administer the Rocks After-School program at several schools throughout the community. Also administered by the Department is the Senior Mobility Transportation Program, a demand-driven transportation service for Costa Mesa seniors funded by a grant from the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and private organizations. Extensive programming at the Downtown Recreation Center and Aquatic Center, Balearic and Neighborhood Community Centers, and the Costa Mesa Senior center provide residents with opportunity to recreate in a variety of ways. Additionally, organized sports groups and leagues for soccer, softball, and baseball utilize park fields on a regular basis.

### 4.3 Recreation Trends

Today, our country and the world has become more transient, fast paced, with consistent, rapid, and dramatic changes. Therefore, understanding the trends that affect the park and recreation industry is very important as the City moves through the process of developing the Master Plan Update to ensure sustainability and to meet the future community service needs of the community. An awareness of trends affecting the future economy, facility operation, and program participation will not only enhance the ability to meet growing and changing needs but open doors to new opportunities. Paying attention to current issues and understanding future issues will assist Costa Mesa in achieving sustainability and positioning parks and recreation as an essential service to the community.

Emerging trends can be organized into five major subject areas:

- Demographic Shift
- Changing Life Styles
- Society and Economy
- Sustainability
- Park and Recreation

**There are now an estimated 10.5 million health club members in the US who are over age 55.**

*International Council of Active Aging*

As these emerging trends are explained and discussed, it will become clear that there will be significant impacts on current facilities and the development of new park and recreation facilities.

Foremost among these changes are:

(Specific details can be found in the Appendix)

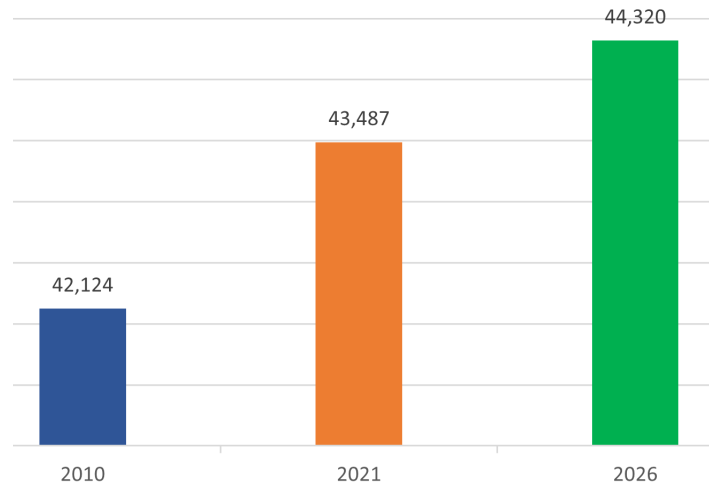
- “Intergenerational” facilities that address needs of all of the community's population regardless of age.
- Facilities that support programs, and provide positive, safe, and secure recreational alternatives for healthy lifestyles and to combat obesity.
- Facilities that support programs and activities, promote personal connections, and allow the community to highlight and share their cultural heritage.
- Neighborhood parks and facilities that allow for increased community connectedness.
- Facilities that support increased multi-cultural family and art events.
- Access to facilities, with flexible hours to accommodate user needs.
- Facilities in which teens can call “home”, program, and operate under teen leadership.
- Facilities in which children can experience, learn, and develop an appreciation for nature and open space.
- Facilities designed with reduced or limited impact to natural resources.



## Demographic Shift

- Our Nation is aging, as is the state and the City of Costa Mesa. The median age of Americans today is 38.8 years. By 2030, it is projected to be 39 years. Costa Mesa currently holds a younger population with a median age of 39.2 in 2016, decreasing to 35.2 in the 2021 census with only 12.3% of the population over 65. During the 2010 to 2021 time frame, the greatest growth in population by age group was evidenced among City residents 70 to 74 years (55%) and those 65 to 69 years (42.9%). During the 2010 to 2020 time frame, the greatest decline in population by age group was evidenced among City residents 45 to 49 years of age (-12.5%), those 15 to 19 years of age (-12.3%), and those 20 to 24 years (-10.3%). The overall the population under 19 has been declining and will continue to decline which is similar to the County trend. In 2010, 30.8% of Costa Mesa households had children under the age of 18. As a result of the changes in the distribution by age, the median age in the City grew from 35.8 years in 2010 to 38.2 years in 2021.
- Average household size in the City of Costa Mesa increased slightly from 2.68 persons per household in 2010 to 2.70 persons per household in 2021 which is lower than the County average of 3.02 persons per household in 2021. Exhibit 4.3-1 illustrates housing unit growth in the City during the 2010 to 2021 time frame occurred at a 3.2% rate, with approximately 124 new housing units documented each year on average. The City housing unit growth during the 2010-2021 time frame was below the rate in the County which was 5.9%. The rate of new housing units is predicted to decrease to 1.9% during the next five years.

Exhibit 4.3-1: Housing Units in Costa Mesa



## Changing Life Styles

- Both “Generation X’s” and “Generation Y’s” crave fun, fast-paced and action-packed experiences; seek the pursuit of pleasure and the stimulation of the senses. Both prefer collective activities, media and technology based leisure, and extreme sports, and differ in the following ways:
  - “Generation X” is the generation born after the baby-boom ended, generally between 1961 and 1979 and are highly educated, active, and family oriented. Technologically speaking, Generation X has witnessed the rise of cable TV, video games, and the internet. Their political experiences and cultural perspectives were shaped by the end of the cold war, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and a series of US economic calamities such as the 1973 oil crisis, the 1979 energy crisis and the early 1980’s economic recession. (Wikipedia.org)

- “Generation Y”, also known as the Millennial Generation or Generation Next, were born roughly between mid- 1970 and 2000. Expression and acceptance are highly important to this generation. They are very familiar with digital technologies, media and communications, including texting, tweeting, YouTube, and Facebook. They often find comfort in online gaming. Their economic outlook was hard hit by the late 2000's economic recession. (Wikipedia.org)
- Situated within Orange County, Costa Mesa has convenient access to scenic mountains, natural areas, and the Pacific Ocean. This provides opportunities for people both seeking both access to natural areas and the urban environment for walking, and bicycling, two of the most popular activities statewide. *Walkscore.com* gave Costa Mesa a 62 score meaning a somewhat walkable city and a low transit score of 40. The most walkable neighborhoods were Central Costa Mesa, eastside Costa Mesa, and Westside Costa Mesa. Local comparisons include Newport Beach at 45, Irvine at 44, Huntington Beach at 52, and Santa Ana with a score of 61.

### **Society and Economy**

- Costa Mesa has a high degree of educational attainment with 35.6% of the population holding a Bachelor's Degree or higher, compared to 30.6% for the State of California.
- Within the Costa Mesa area the percentage of those living in poverty is 10.6%. For California, 12.0% are below the poverty level with the largest percentage being families headed by a single female. (American Community Survey and California Department of Finance)
- Costa Mesa has a large number of foreign born citizens with 24.5% of the population being foreign born compared to California at 27%. Of Costa Mesa's foreign born population, 63.4% are from Mexico and other Latin American countries and 25% from Asia. Correspondingly, 37.9% of Costa Mesa's households speak at least one other language than English while 14.9% of the households have residents over the age of 14 who speak English “less than very well.” (American Community Survey and California Department of Finance)
- The median household income for Costa Mesa in 2013 was \$65,830 while the Orange County average was at \$75,422. In 2013, 37.4% of Costa Mesa's households earned less than \$50,000 annually while 44.4% of the households earned between \$50,000 and \$99,999. From 2010 to 2013, the median household income increased by just 1.5%. (American Community Survey and California Department of Finance)
- The median value for owner occupied homes in Costa Mesa in 2013 was \$588,700, higher than the \$519,600 for Orange County overall. This is compared to \$366,400 for California. (American Community Survey and California Department of Finance)
- The crime rate in Costa Mesa is considerably higher than the national average across all communities in America. The chance of becoming a victim of either violent or property crime in Costa Mesa is 1 in 29. Relative to California, Costa Mesa has a crime rate that is higher than 79% of the state's cities and towns of all sizes. (Neighborhoodscout.com)

## Sustainability

- For the first time in state history, the Governor has directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25%. This savings amounts to approximately 1.5 million acre-feet of water over the next nine months, or nearly as much as is currently in Lake Oroville. To save more water now, the order dated April 1, 2015 will also:
  - Replace 50 million square feet of lawns throughout the state with drought tolerant landscaping in partnership with local governments.
  - Direct the creation of a temporary, statewide consumer rebate program to replace old appliances with more water and energy efficient models.
  - Require campuses, golf courses, cemeteries, and other large landscapes to make significant cuts in water use.
  - Prohibit new homes and developments from irrigating with potable water unless water-efficient drip irrigation systems are used, and ban watering of ornamental grass on public street medians.
- There is a renewed awareness and sensitivity to the preservation of our natural environment. Many cities have developed best practices and strategies to address open space and urban forest preservation, wildlife habitat and natural area restoration, invasive plant management and shoreline/wetland/critical area management.
- Another fast growing trend is the construction of “green” buildings using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified strategies to improve energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emission reductions and stewardship of resources.
- There is a trend to utilize ecologically sound management practices in park and facility maintenance and operation. This would include recycling programs, reduced use of pesticides, energy-efficient lighting installations, water conservation and bio-swale additions in park design to reduce water runoff.
- Sustainable development has been gaining momentum since late 1980’s in response to the growing awareness of climate change and the need to reduce carbon footprint. The park and recreation profession has a huge role to play to comprehensively promote the three pillars of sustainability, economic, social and environmental. Parks, open space and recreation services generate a host of community benefits and outcomes in each of the three pillars of sustainability.

### **Ten Principles for Building Healthy Places**

- **Put People First**
  - **Recognize the Economic Value**
  - **Empower Champions for Health**
  - **Energize Shared Spaces**
  - **Make Healthy Choices Easy**
  - **Ensure Equitable Access**
  - **Mix It Up**
  - **Embrace Unique Character**
  - **Promote Access to Healthy Food**
  - **Make It Active**
- Urban Lands Institute --2013**



## Park and Recreation

- Urban parks are on the rise to address open space and leisure walking needs within the compact built environment. Urban parks are commonly expressed in the form of paved plazas or courtyards adorned with public art and water features, or linear urban trails with widened boulevard, city streetscapes and bike facilities, sometimes interspersed with community gardens to replace lost backyards in high-density living.
- There is an increasingly vocal group of play experts (including environmental psychologists, child development specialists, educators and landscape architects) who see creative play as serious work providing time for kids to learn, discover and be creative. They recommend *adventure playgrounds* made up of “loose parts,” such as water, sand, balls and other manageable materials, for children to work, explore, create, and make-believe.
- Sports have become more specialized providing year-round competitive opportunities to develop a child from recreation play to a scholarship-earning level over a longer season at a younger age.
- Community gardens have grown in popularity over the last decade, as people have become more aware of the value of eating organic local food. Community gardens can improve nutrition for a neighborhood, particularly for low-income persons.
- Bike advocates argue that separation is key to driving up cyclist participation. PeopleForBikes, an advocacy group in Colorado working with Portland State University is researching the benefits of bike lands. The research found that the lanes increased participation in cycling generally. The City of Costa Mesa recently completed an update to the Circulation Element of the 2015 General Plan.
- Nationwide, new community center design and construction has placed more emphasis on the scale of development, the use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, and the pursuit of LEED certification.
- Forming partnerships and engaging volunteers have become efficient ways of doing business. Today, nearly 85% of park and recreation agencies have formed some kind of partnerships to extend their reach, increase programming capabilities and expand funding ability.
- Many Park and Recreation agencies have begun to extensively search for solutions to create and sustain healthy finances. They aggressively pursue alternatives to expand funding sources beyond general fund tax dollars, improve cost-recovery and explore park facilities as self-sufficient revenue centers.

## 4.4 Revenue Rate

Revenue rate describes the percentage of income that is produced from fees and charges contrasted with total direct expenditures for the program. Direct expenditures does not include general overhead and City administration. Exhibit 4.4-1 identifies the overall revenue rate and the revenue rate for Community Services and recreation revenue since Fiscal Year 12/13.

### Exhibit 4.4-1: Park and Recreation Funding and Revenue History Public Works and Community Services

	<b>FY 12/13 Actual</b>	<b>FY 13/14 Actual</b>	<b>FY 14/15 Actual</b>	<b>FY 15/16 Adopted*</b>	<b>FY 16/17 Preliminary</b>
<b>Public Services</b>	\$7,149,394	\$7,382,365	\$7,196,192	\$7,556,982	\$7,739,679
<b>Parks &amp; Community Services</b>	\$3,313,730	\$3,632,720	\$4,538,489	\$4,958,298	\$5,444,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,463,124</b>	<b>\$11,015,085</b>	<b>\$11,734,681</b>	<b>\$12,515,280</b>	<b>\$13,184,008</b>
<b>Recreation Revenue</b>	\$1,342,125	\$1,353,047	\$1,376,829	\$1,422,657	\$1,331,759
<b>Golf/Bldg. Rental</b>	\$2,679,108	\$2,725,252	\$2,847,203	\$2,879,135	\$2,897,249
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,021,233</b>	<b>\$4,078,299</b>	<b>\$4,224,032</b>	<b>\$4,301,792</b>	<b>\$4,229,008</b>
<b>Revenue to Expenditures</b>	38.43%	37.02%	35.99%	34.37%	32.07%
<b>Community Services to Recreation Revenue</b>	40.50%	37.26%	30.33%	28.69%	24.46%

Exhibit 4.4-1 also displays the combined Public Works and Parks & Community Services funding and revenue since Fiscal Year 12/13. During this time period the Community Services functions has seen an increase in operating revenue of 39% while the Public Works functions, responsible for park maintenance has increased by just 5%. Revenue has also increased by 5%, the majority of that coming in golf and building rentals. Of note in Exhibit 4.4-1 is the lack of growth in revenue from recreation programming. For Fiscal Year 12/13 the City received \$1,342,125 in revenue and is projecting a decline from that number in the preliminary Fiscal Year 16/17 budget.

As can be seen, the City has maintained a steady revenue level but expenditures have grown significantly without a corresponding growth in revenue. The result is a decline in the revenue rate for Community Services to recreation revenue from 40.50% to 24.45%. While industry standards vary greatly depending on facilities, size, scope, and age, this decline should be closely evaluated to improve cost-recovery for all recreation programs. Further, the City should develop a formalized marketing plan covering all recreation programming. This marketing plan should consider and evaluate what price to charge for a core service.

Park and recreation programs generally fall within a range of benefits from individual based benefits to community wide benefits. An example of a program with individual based benefit would be a public golf course while programs with community wide benefits might focus on areas such as teen programming, after-school child care, or first aid classes. Commonly individual based benefit programming is priced such that the user pays the cost to deliver the program while community wide benefit programming is priced such that tax dollar often partially or fully support the program.

Factors to consider when determining what price to charge for a service:

- **Cost Pricing/Individual Benefit.** In this method of pricing first determine the cost of providing a service. Cost should include direct costs, indirect costs, and fixed costs. Indirect costs should include administrative costs and other general overhead costs such as utilities. With individual based benefit pricing the user pays all or a high percentage of the true cost to provide the service.

- **Competitors' Pricing.** You need to be aware of what other cities or competitors are charging for similar services in the marketplace. Factors to consider are the value of the service being offered and the ability of developing long-term relationships in the marketplace.
- **Value to the Community.** Clearly there is subjectivity in determining the benefits to the community from park and recreation programming and when setting a price for a service. Community based programming is generally priced such that cost recovery includes only direct costs for services.

As detailed in this report the City has numerous legal options to pursue additional funding for operation and maintenance. Included in those options are the use of sales tax or the utilization of funds collected by the TOT. Exhibit 4.4-2 displays the historical collection of funds for those two general fund sources.

TOT is imposed on persons staying 30 days or less in a hotel, inn, motel, tourist home or other lodging facilities. In November 2010, the voters of Costa Mesa approved a measure to increase the City's rate from 6 percent to 8 percent. The Business Improvement Area (BIA), comprised of ten hotels within the City, imposes an additional 3 percent. The amount collected from the additional 3 percent is remitted to the Costa Mesa Conference and Visitor's Bureau to promote travel and tourism throughout the City. Thirty-three hotels/lodging facilities are located within the City and TOT is the City's fourth largest revenue source. For FY 16-17, estimated revenue from TOT is \$8.5 million. A 1% increase could bring in over \$1,000,000 annually in new revenue which could be dedicated to the development and maintenance of new park and recreation facilities.

**Exhibit 4.4-2: Sales Tax and TOT Revenue**

	<b>FY 12/13 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 13/14 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 14/15 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY 15/16 ADOPTED</b>	<b>FY 16/17 PRELIM.</b>
Sales Tax	\$35,065,415	\$36,301,503	\$38,706,304	\$45,936,000	\$54,600,000
TOT	\$7,257,695	\$7,676,090	\$7,995,154	\$8,107,500	\$8,531,000

## 4.5 Other Service Providers / Existing Programs and Services

A wide variety of experiences and opportunities are available to the community through the programs and services provided by the Parks & Community Services Department. The Department provides recreation activities and programs utilizing a number of city parks and community facilities.

Additionally, within City limits there are numerous community and sports groups that regularly use Costa Mesa area playing fields and facilities throughout the year. This includes the following groups and their most recent approximate report numbers (if indicated):

The Parks & Community Services Department also administers the contract for the Costa Mesa Tennis Center, located within TeWinkle Park. The Center is open seven days a week and features 12-lighted courts and a pro shop with professional tennis staff to assist the public. Programs include lessons, tournaments, leagues, and open play.

Group	# of Players 2016	# of Players 2022
AYSO 097	2307	1979
AYSO 120	N/A	1513
AYSO United	N/A	28
California Youth Soccer League	760	824
International Soccer League	500	487
Newport Beach Women's Soccer Association	100	*
Newport Harbor High School Soccer	100	*
Newport Mesa Soccer Club	358	1284
Newport Mesa Church (Adult Soccer)	79	*
Pateadores Soccer	329	2529
Slammers Futbol Club	512	*
OCFA	N/A	3182
Strikers FC	N/A	143
First Soccer Champion	N/A	180
Costa Mesa Backbay Rugby	153	126
Eagle Impact Rugby	N/A	21
Costa Mesa American Little League	269	*
Costa Mesa National Little League	241	*
Costa Mesa Little League (formerly American and National Little League - merged to form CMLL)	N/A	765
Costa Mesa Pony Baseball	65	174
Estancia High School Baseball	30	*
Mesa Athletics Baseball	27-36	*
Newport Harbor Baseball Association	666	821
Newport Harbor High School Baseball	25	*
Newport Mesa Church (Adult Softball)	79	79
Long Beach/Orange County Surf and Sun Softball League	378	*
Newport Mesa Girls Softball - Fastpitch	167	110
Landsharks Lacrosse	N/A	35
OC United Girls Lacrosse	76	76
Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights (Youth Football)	800	*
Impact City FC	N/A	42
Bethesda University	N/A	50
Southern California Leadership University	N/A	18
OC Ulti	N/A	85
Revent Sports	N/A	59

\* Information not provided.

Partnerships with other public and private entities, such as the Newport Mesa Unified School District, Orange County Equestrian Center, West Coast School of the Arts, and other community organizations and businesses, have also helped to provide services to the community.

## 4.6 Program Needs Analysis

The purpose of the program needs analysis is to identify the current program needs within the community, to identify which are met and which are unmet, and to suggest the relative priority of each identified need. A variety of methods and processes were utilized in obtaining public input. Such methods allow the Master Plan Update to be as inclusive as possible, reflecting the views, preferences, and recreating patterns of City of Costa Mesa residents. The data derived from the public input process was the foundation upon which the program analysis and recommendations were developed.

Those methods included:

- **Community Involvement:** provides direct responses from the local community and stakeholders; including stakeholder interviews and community workshops.
- **City of Costa Mesa Resident Telephone Survey:** provides statistically valid information regarding the types of recreation programs most often utilized by residents.
- **Assessment of Recreation Programming:** provides analysis of existing recreation programming in the City of Costa Mesa and recommendations for the future.

### Stakeholder Interviews

The Stakeholder Interview participants indicated the most important recreation programs to provide in Costa Mesa as:

#### 2022

- Affordable Programs
- Afterschool Programs
- Aqua Aerobics
- Arts and Crafts Programs
- Community Events
- Partnerships with Schools and Non-Profits
- Pickleball
- Science and Nature Education
- Senior Programs
- Senior Fitness Programs
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Youth Programming (camps/sports)

#### 2016

- Afterschool and Recess Programs (during winter and spring break)
- Basketball and Volleyball
- Daycare/Early Childhood Education
- Expanded Ambassador Program
- Fine Arts Programs
- Futuristic Fee Based Programs
- Literacy Program
- Nature
- Senior Dance and Exercise
- Seniors
- Shop/Trades Programming
- SMART Camps
- Teens
- Year Round Programs
- Youth Programs



*Local artists participating in action art.*

### Community Workshop #3 – Program Needs Summary and Prioritization

The Workshop participants indicated the most important recreation programs and the top facility priorities to provide in Costa Mesa as (listed alphabetically):

- After School / Recess Program
- After School/Day Care/Early Childhood Programs
- Bicycling
- Community Garden
- Health / Well Being
- Model Trains
- Open Space/Passive Recreation
- Science / Nature Education
- Senior Program
- Walking/Jogging/Running/Hiking Trails

### City Telephone Survey

The 2022 Telephone Survey participants indicated the most important recreation programs to provide in Costa Mesa as (listed alphabetically):

- Basketball / Volleyball / Soccer
- Fitness / Exercise
- Pickleball
- Playgrounds / Outdoor Activities for Kids
- Pottery / Art Classes
- Walking / Biking Trails
- Yoga

### Key Findings

#### Recreation Program Use

- Three in twenty residents polled in 2022 (14%) stated they were Frequent Users (at least 3 times per month) of recreation programs in the last year. In contrast, over half of residents (55%) stated they had not used programs in that time frame. Exhibit 4.6-1 illustrates these findings.

Exhibit 4.6-1: Frequency of Recreation Programs Use City of Costa Mesa Residents 2002 vs. 2016 vs. 2022

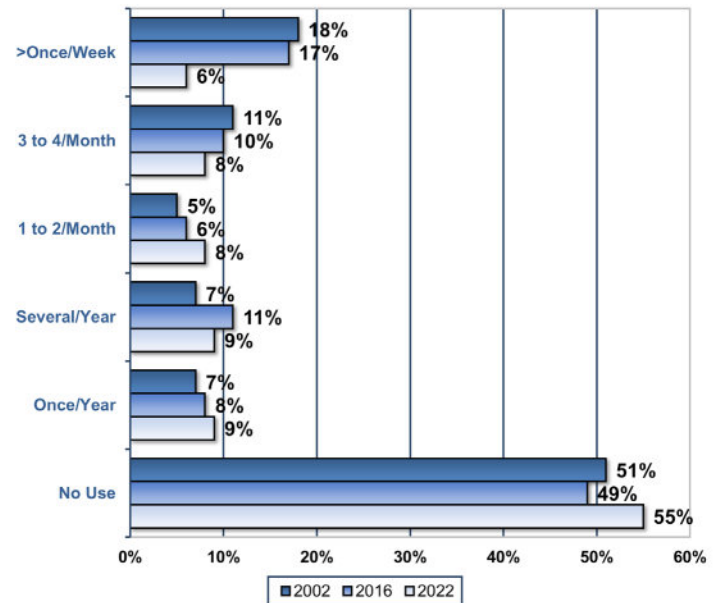
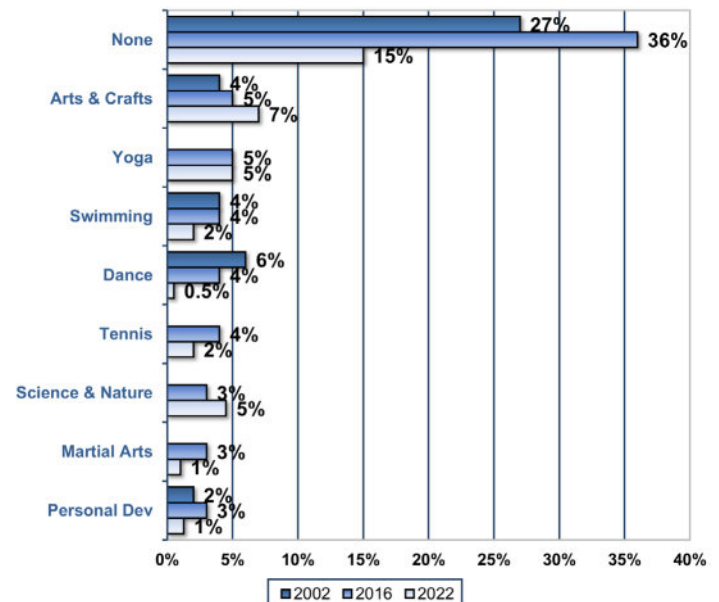


Exhibit 4.6-2: Recreation Programs Desired City of Costa Mesa Residents 2002 vs. 2016 vs. 2022



### General Improvements Desired

- Over four in five City of Costa Mesa households (85%) identified a desired recreation program. Three in twenty households (15%) stated they desired no new recreation program. The programs most often mentioned were Arts and Crafts, Yoga, Swimming, Dance, Tennis, Science or Nature, Martial Arts, and Personal Development. Exhibit 4.6-2 illustrates these findings.
- Nine in ten City of Costa Mesa households (90%) identified a desired recreation facility. One in ten households (10%) stated they desired no new recreation facility. The facilities most often mentioned were Walking/Hiking/Biking Trails, a Dog Park, Tennis Courts, a Gymnasium, and Soccer Fields. Exhibit 4.6-3 illustrates these findings.

### Recreation Activities Participation

- Overall, as illustrated in Exhibit 4.6-4, outdoor recreation participation has climbed from 2002-2022. The top three activities were Walk/Jog/Run/Hike, Bicycling, and Picnicking.

### Assessment of Current Recreation Programing

#### Aquatics

The Community Needs Assessment Survey identified “Swimming in Public Pools for Recreation” as fourth in the ten recreation activities tested. Compared to the 2016 community survey, this activity increased from 14% to 19% of the population.

#### Children and Youth Services

Children and youth services remain important to the City of Costa Mesa whose population remains young with a median age of 33.7 in 2010 increasing to just 33.8 in 2013, and only 9.2% of the population over 65. Between 2000 and 2013, the age group 55 and older experienced a relatively modest increase of 6.2%. During the same time frame those 14 and under grew by just 146 children, less than 1% increase.

Exhibit 4.6-3: Recreation Facility Desired  
Costa Mesa Residents 2002 vs. 2016 vs. 2022

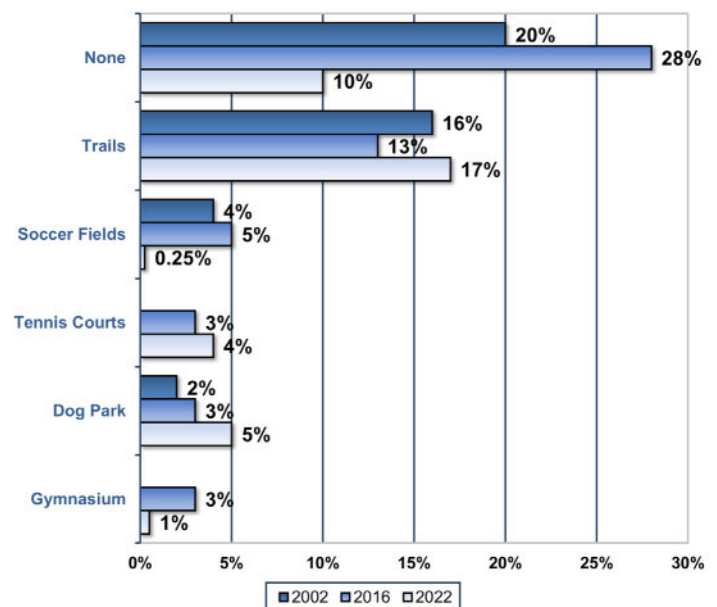
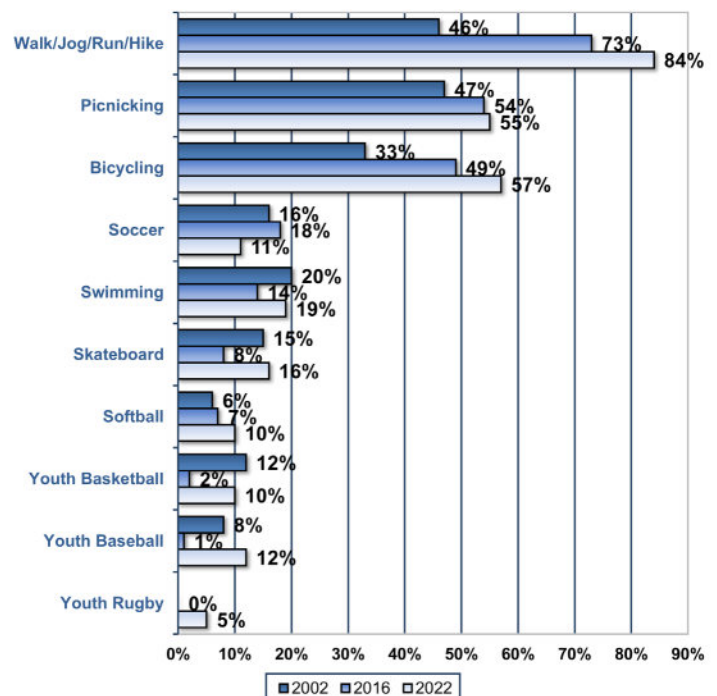


Exhibit 4.6-4: Recreation Activities Participation



## Classes

The Community Needs Assessment Survey for the Master Plan Update found that six in ten City of Costa Mesa households (64%) identified a desired recreation program. Three in ten (36%) stated they desired no new recreation program. The programs most often mentioned were programs, classes or lessons for Arts or Crafts, Yoga/Meditation, Stress Relief, Swimming, Dance, Tennis, Martial Arts, Science or Nature, and Personal Development or Business Instruction.

## Organized Sports

The Community Survey found that approximately half (52%) of residents polled stated they are Very or Somewhat Interested in the City pursuing active sports fields or courts at Fairview Park. Remaining respondents (48%) were most likely to state that they are Not At All Interested in such a proposal (39%).

## City Programming

For recreational programming, one in four residents polled in 2016 (27%) stated they were Frequent Users (at least 3 times per month) of recreation programs in the last year. In contrast, nearly half of residents (49%) stated they had not used programs in that time frame. Six in ten City of Costa Mesa households (64%) identified a desired recreation program. Three in ten (36%) stated they desired no new recreation program. The programs most often mentioned were programs, classes or lessons for Arts or Crafts, Yoga/Meditation/Stress Relief, Swimming, Dance, Tennis, Martial Arts, Science or Nature, and Personal Development or Business Instruction.

### 4.7 Program Needs Prioritization

The evaluation of programs is intended to help focus the strategic direction for community services in the future. The focus of the program analysis is to identify service needs related to recreation interests. These interests may be accommodated in public facilities such as libraries, community centers, schools, public parks, or other private partnerships. The prioritization of program needs helps to facilitate park planning as program needs often drive what facility improvements are required. Program and space needs are interconnected and interdependent.



Exhibit 4.7-1 is a listing of all of the program needs identified through the community process. The programs and/or services with a higher priority of needs (identified in three or more tools of the assessment processes) are considered top priorities. For instance, “Open Space/Passive Recreation” is indicated as a need by eight (8) tools and therefore has a higher relative priority than, “Community Gardens” with three (3) tools shown.



Based on Exhibit 4.7-1 and for the purposes of this summary, top priority needs are highlighted in orange on the matrix and listed below.

### Top Priority Programs

	Tools Totaled	
	(2022)	(2016)
• Walking / Running / Jogging / Hiking	8	7
• Open Space / Passive Recreation	7	7
• Arts and Crafts / Fine Arts	7	5
• Afterschool / Recess Program	5	4
• Science and Nature Education	5	4
• Senior Program	5	3
• Health / Well-Being / Fitness	4	3
• Senior Dance and Exercise	4	3
• Swimming	4	2
• Bicycling	3	3
• Community Gardens	3	3
• Pickleball	3	1
• Yoga	3	2

Based on qualitative and quantitative data collected during the Master Plan Update process and the review and analysis of current programs, there are some gaps in existing programming. It is timely to review program offerings; eliminate any duplication, focus on core programs, and strengthen existing program offerings to respond to changing demographics and recreation preferences.

## Exhibit 4.7-1: Program Needs Summary

CITY OF COSTA MESA  PROGRAM NEEDS SUMMARY		NEEDS IDENTIFICATION TOOLS										Total # of Tools that Identified Need  2022 Total # of Tools that Identified Need	
		INCLUSIVE (X1)											
		Resident Telephone Survey ('Wants' identified on figure 18 summary, Q19; and figure 19, Q20)	2022 Resident Telephone Survey ('Wants' identified on Q19)	Executive Interviews	2022 Executive Interviews	Community Workshop 1A (6/1/16)	Community Workshop 1B (6/8/16)	Community Workshop 2 (7/6/16)	Community Workshop 3 (8/10/16)	Participant Activity Trends	Recreation Trends		
KEY	IDENTIFIED PROGRAM NEED												
1	Active Recreation	X										1	1
2	Affordable Programs (like ROCKS)				X							0	1
3	Afterschool / Recess Program			X	X				X	X	X	4	5
4	Aqua Aerobics				X							0	1
5	Arts and Crafts / Fine Arts	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	5	7
6	Basketball		X	X								1	2
7	Bicycling		X						X	X	X	3	4
8	Bocce Ball										X	1	1
9	Community Events				X							0	1
10	Community Gardens			X					X		X	3	3
11	Cooking		X									0	1
12	Dance	X										1	1
13	Daycare / Early Childhood Education			X					X			2	2
14	Dog Training		X									0	1
15	Expanded Ambassador Program			X						X		2	2
16	Golf		X									0	1
17	Health / Well-being / Fitness & Exercise		X			X			X		X	3	4
18	Lacrosse										X	1	1
19	Literacy Program			X								1	1
20	Martial Arts	X	X									1	2
21	Model Trains								X			1	1
22	Open Space/Passive Recreation	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	7	7
23	Outdoor Activities for Kids		X									0	1
24	Partnerships with Schools and Non-Profits				X							0	1
25	Personal Development	X									X	2	2
26	Pickleball		X		X						X	1	3
27	Science and Nature Education	X		X	X	X			X			4	5
28	Senior Dance and Exercise			X	X					X	X	3	4
29	Senior Program		X	X	X				X		X	3	5
30	Soccer		X		X							0	2
31	Special Needs / Disabled		X									0	1
32	Swimming	X	X	X	X							2	4
33	Teen Program			X							X	2	2
34	Tennis	X	X									1	2
35	Ultimate Frisbee										X	1	1
36	Volleyball		X	X								1	2
37	Walking / Running / Jogging / Hiking		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	7	8
38	Year Round Programs			X								1	1
39	Yoga	X	X								X	2	3
40	Youth Programming (camps, sports)				X							0	1

## 4.8 Program Recommendations

The following program recommendations address the top program needs based on the assessment process. These may address needs of a specific age group or the community in general. There may be some overlap or interdependency among the recommended actions. There is also a relationship between program needs and park and facility needs discussed in other sections of the Master Plan.

### **Aquatics**

Costa Mesa's Aquatics Program currently provides opportunities for drop-in programs which includes adult lap swim, senior aquatics, aqua therapy, and open swim in the summer. Seasonal instructional classes include adult and youth swim lessons, adult fitness swim, water aerobics, junior guard preparation, guard start, lifeguard certification, summer youth aquatics camp, and water safety activities.

The Department also offers a variety of aquatic fitness programs including adult group fitness, adult aqua boot camp, shallow water aerobics, and aqua Zumba.

### **Recommended Actions**

- Evaluate options and work with Newport Mesa Unified School District and private fitness business providers to expand swimming programs for city residents especially learn to swim and water awareness programs.
- Explore the opportunity to partner with a private business to expand programming for advanced aquatic programming including level 4 swimming lessons and up, lifeguard training classes, SCUBA, water polo, and kayaking.

### **Children and Youth Services**

Costa Mesa offers recreation activities and classes, special events and childcare services geared towards a variety of grade levels: preschoolers, elementary, middle, and high school. Youth programs are a significant component of Costa Mesa services, highlighted by the ROCKS school program. The ROCKS program offers a variety of supervised recreational activities for children kindergarten through 6th grade. The L.E.A.P. Program is designed for children 3-5 years old, preparing them for entrance into kindergarten. Camp Costa Mesa is a fee based day camp program during all NMUSD breaks including summer, winter, President's week, and spring break. Teen programming includes the Drop-In Teen Center, Teen Camp, Recreation Leader in Training.

### **Recommended Actions**

- Explore the development of a Youth Commission/Council with involvement from Department staff so that they advise the City Council on all matters affecting the youth of Costa Mesa. Examples of additional programs or activities could include joint meetings with Youth Commissioners from adjoining cities and hosting a Youth Town Hall with the City Council.
- Consider expanding Costa Mesa's role in teen programs offering an array of programs that might include social recreation, tutoring, mentoring, and non-sports activities.

- Continue to work with health care associations, to incorporate healthy eating and exercising habits into after-school recreation programs and camps for young children that model healthy living.
- Continue to provide healthy snacks at City sponsored programs, day camps, and special events that meet state nutritional standards.
- Explore the creation of alternative sports programming that is of interest to youth such as laser tag and rock climbing.
- Collaborate with Newport Mesa Unified School District to ensure state standards for physical education are implemented and supplement school programs with physical activity and skill development in recreation offerings.
- Provide indoor and outdoor spaces for supervised but unstructured free play for youth.
- Continue/develop financial assistance support for youth who cannot afford program fees.
- Consider programming “high risk” adventure activities for teens such as kayaking, mountain biking, scuba diving, and rock climbing.
- Develop a training and volunteer program of adult Play Stewards who would receive training and instruction on the aspects of play and recreation. Play Stewards would then coordinate with city staff on the delivery of recreation programming for youth and teens.

## **Classes**

Costa Mesa offers a full range of classes and recreation activities for all age groups. Class and activity sessions occur year round. Costa Mesa provides activities, programs, and special events in near 100 topic areas, including arts and crafts, science, music, language, and various sports programs and activities.

## **Recommended Actions**

- Provide greater access to arts programs by offering them at venues close to home: neighborhood facilities, parks, churches, museums, the library, and shopping malls.
- Strive to maintain high quality and diverse recreation classes and programs currently being offered.
- Costa Mesa should continue to monitor demand for programs and classes to determine and address changing needs and usage patterns.
- Develop a line of healthy eating cooking programs in conjunction with the local business community.
- Develop multi-cultural arts programs and activities that promote personal connections among participants and allow the community to highlight and share its diverse customs, celebrations, and diversions.
- Survey current participants and non-participants to determine their preferences for additional kinds of classes, and determine if there are any deterrents to their participation, such as transportation or child care.
- Continue to collaborate with local and regional arts organizations to maximize resources and expertise to bring additional cultural programs to residents.

### **Recommended Actions (continued)**

- Expand cultural events and creative experiences through community partnerships with merchants, businesses, Chamber of Commerce, and other community organizations.
- Showcase different cultures in special event programming to enhance cultural understanding and unity.

### **Organized Sports**

While enrollment among the various groups has fluctuated over the last five years, most groups have maintained, if not increased, enrollment. According to Costa Mesa staff, there is a consistently high demand for playing time on all sports fields and facilities. Costa Mesa staff has also indicated that there is limited available space to accommodate additional or new sports groups such as lacrosse.

- The City should work to correct the lack of fields available for all sports including emerging sports such as lacrosse and off-season soccer by entering into discussions with the Newport Mesa Unified School District for the joint use development of synthetic fields and permanent lighting.

### **City Programming**

There are a variety of youth sports related programs offered by the Parks & Community Services Department. This includes programs such as Mommy/Daddy and Me Soccer, Tee Ball, Basketball, and a Football skills camp. Basketball provides a clinic, practices, and eight weeks of league play from January through March. The program is for children in 1st through 6th grade at the following school sites: Adams, California, College Park, Davis, Killybrooke, Paularino, Pomona, Sonora, Victoria and Whittier. The City also offers adult sport basketball, volleyball, softball and futsal.

### **Field Ambassadors**

Field Ambassadors coordinate field reservations and scheduling of City and NMUSD athletic fields in accordance with the Joint Use Agreement, for field usage by city and community user groups for soccer, tackle and flag football, baseball, softball, and other field games. Field ambassadors monitor field use, regulate light use (portable and permanent), and open and close athletic facilities. The field ambassadors also assist in resolving field disputes in accordance with the Field Use and Allocation Policy.

### **Recommended Actions**

- Sports field design standards should be developed. Development and use of these design standards and guidelines needs to be put in place for future development to limit maintenance costs especially when sports fields double as a drainage basins. Standards to consider are traffic and pedestrian circulation, parking, athletic use areas, restroom/concession location and design.
- Establish policies appropriate for the installation and management of synthetic playing fields including:
  - Synthetic fields should be installed only at facilities which also have lights for night-time play.
  - A policy that states synthetic fields will be open for play except under extreme weather conditions.

## Community Centers

The Parks & Community Services Department operates three Community Centers, Balearic Community Center, Downtown Recreation Center, and Neighborhood Community Center (currently closed, to be reopened in 2020). The facilities provide room for sport activities and classes, and is available for a variety of uses, including adult and youth sports activities, basketball and volleyball leagues and clubs, and special events. The Centers are also available to community groups for special uses.

### Recommended Actions

- Modify existing contracts to require that all concession operations and vending machines sell at least 75% of the product that meets state nutritional standards.
- Costa Mesa should conduct and report to governing bodies economic profile reports of major tournaments held at city facilities.

## Special Events

Special events are a unique community service that generate revenue through facility rental, admission fees, and concessions and revenue to the community through increased business activities and tourism.

The Parks and Community Services Department working in conjunction with numerous civic organizations, businesses, and other public agencies provides facilities, staff support, and miscellaneous services for a number of special and seasonal events in the community. Specific events change annually but they do include the Costa Mesa Community Run, Costa Mesa Fish Fry, Scarecrow Festival and Movies in the Park, and includes other events that provide fun and recreational opportunities for all Costa Mesa residents.

A popular program is the summer Concerts in the Park which take place each Tuesday evening in July in Costa Mesa Fairview Park. The free series features live music, gourmet food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and children's activities. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with the music beginning at 6:00 p.m.

### Recommended Actions

- The City should continue to play a role and work in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, School District, civic organizations, and businesses, to produce community-wide special events.
- Costa Mesa should conduct and report to governing bodies economic profile reports of major tournaments and swim meets held at city facilities.

## Special Needs

The City of Costa Mesa coordinates with the Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC), a non-profit agency that is contracted with the California Department of Developmental Disabilities to coordinated individualized services for people with developmental disabilities. RCOC also coordinates the State-mandated Early Start Program which provides early intervention services for children under 3.

Members work collaboratively together and with other public agencies to make available services for students with disabilities from birth to age 22.

### **Recommended Actions**

- Costa Mesa's Parks & Community Services Department should develop and receive City Council approval of an Inclusion policy that is committed to following the guidelines set forth by Title VI and the ADA to ensure that all programs, activities, and services, when viewed in their entirety, are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.
- The Community Services Department should provide opportunities for qualified individuals with disabilities to participate in inclusive programs as well as programs specifically designed for persons with disabilities.
- Coordinate with Orange County to explore options for subsidized transportation to future programming for those with special needs.
- Expand inclusion programming to allow participants the opportunity for more "hands-on" job training classes, to improve their potential for finding employment.
- Explore potential cooperative agreements with other Orange County communities to provide programming opportunities for the developmentally disabled.
- In coordination with other agencies and non-profits increase the availability of summer programs, after school programs, independent living programs, and job training programs specific to youth with disabilities.

### **New Program Direction**

#### **Outdoor Recreation Programs**

Active learning and adventure can take place outdoors in a variety of environments, rural and urban, local, and more remote. Outdoor education, recreation, and training involves both young people and adults in a wide range of experiences, including adventurous activities on land and water and activities with an environmental focus. Methods used include skills-focused learning, problem solving, team building, and self-reliant journeys and activities.

### **Recommended Actions**

- Adopt as part of this Master Plan an objective to "develop and expand a comprehensive Environmental Education Program using Fairview Park and other Costa Mesa parks as part of the nature and day camp programs."
- Expand passive and active outdoor programs for families, neighborhood oriented walks, foot races, or bicycle events to provide safe venues for physical activity.
- Collaborate with Newport Mesa Unified School District, local colleges and universities, Audubon Society, and other organizations to offer programs in environmental education and interpretation to develop stewardship for natural resources and instill an appreciation for the natural environment.
- Develop low-cost/free programs for families in neighborhood parks to encourage children and families to get out and play.
- Develop a Park Steward Volunteer Program where individuals can provide environmental enhancements, clean-up, and coordinate other volunteers within local parks.

- Implement Safe Routes to Schools and Parks via a joint Costa Mesa/Newport Mesa Unified School District project to encourage walking to and from schools and parks. A goal of the program is to increase the outdoor activities of families by providing incentives for non-automotive transportation and providing additional opportunities to interact with the natural environment.
- Adopt the Outdoor Bill of Rights connecting children with the outdoors and California history.
- Utilize other recreational programming to promote the City's sustainability actions and outdoor recreation programming.

### Healthy Costa Mesa

A Healthy Costa Mesa program could be designed to encourage and help residents to find opportunities for participation in health and fitness programming. The City and their partners currently are offering health and fitness programs that promote well-being and healthy lifestyles. Expansion of programming and partnerships could surround the subject areas access to healthier ways to eat and exercise, nutrition, and fitness, and to how use community parks and facilities to use towards a healthier lifestyle.

### *California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights* *Every child should have the opportunity to:*

- *Discover California's Past*
  - *Splash in the water*
  - *Play in a safe place*
  - *Camp under the stars*
  - *Explore nature*
  - *Learn to swim*
  - *Play on a team*
  - *Follow a trail*
  - *Catch a fish*
  - *Celebrate their heritage*
- Adopted by the CA Roundtable in 2007*

A possible mission statement for a Healthy Costa Mesa program is:

***"Healthy Costa Mesa is a community collaborative that focuses on health and nutrition, creating a sustainable approach to wellness that will positively impact current and future generations through forming partnerships with committed community stakeholders."***

### Recommended Actions

- Develop multi-disciplinary health partnerships with schools, local hospitals, and health care providers, private health clubs, and other agencies to bring public information and educational programs that prevent obesity and successfully promote physical activity across entire communities.
- Work with Orange County and other public agencies to determine the needs of the Costa Mesa community and initiate a strategic planning effort for the Healthy Costa Mesa program.
- Report on an on-going basis to the public and policy makers the health and wellness outcomes of the City's programs and facilities.
- Collaborate with Orange County agencies, local colleges and universities, and the Audubon Society to maximize opportunities to share resources in providing outdoor recreation and health and wellness programs.

## Volunteer Programs

Volunteer recruitment and training is a new challenge to community agencies as the volunteer pool diminishes because of working parents and aging WWII generation of steadfast, community volunteers. Offering meaningful volunteer opportunities to baby boomers and instilling volunteerism in youth will facilitate new volunteer support. Many agencies state-wide have initiated programs of Park Stewards who foster leadership and partial management of park sites in conjunction with city-staff. This program could be expanded to develop Play Stewards who would foster the same leadership qualities but within recreation programming.

## Recommended Actions

- Work to develop a “501c3” organization that works with and supports Costa Mesa and other community organizations to develop interpretive, educational, environmental, recreation, and community service programs for the community. The primary mission of a Foundation could be based on:
  - To aid, sponsor, promote, advance and assist in the provision of public parks, recreation and community services in the Costa Mesa Area.
  - To cooperate with and support the Costa Mesa’s Parks and Community Services Department and other community organizations in the development of interpretive, recreational, educational, environmental, and community service programs throughout the city for the benefit and enjoyment of people in the service area.
  - To receive, invest, and manage funds acquired through dues, donations, grants, gifts, bequests, and solicitations in furtherance of the purposes and goals of the City.
- Continue to meet on a regular and on-going basis to review and consider changing terms of the Joint Facility Use Agreement with Newport Mesa Unified School District to improve and expand use of indoor and outdoor school and city facilities.
- The City should prioritize the development of a Cultural Arts Master Plan.
- Continue to expand the public art program with the development of a rotating “Art in the Park” program.
- Compare Fee Policies of other jurisdictions with the City’s and establish an updated policy that supports established revenue generation goals for each program taking in consideration equity, cost recovery and consistency.
- Pursue additional public-private partnerships with fitness clubs, golf courses, dance studios or other private recreation providers to provide recreation programs.
- Costa Mesa should conduct and report to governing bodies economic profile reports of major tournaments and swim meets held at city facilities.
- Expand public awareness of programs for persons with disabilities, and child and adult day care opportunities.
- Create challenging and meaningful volunteer opportunities for all age segments in the community. This could include:

- Park Stewards who with city leadership and cooperation lead the volunteer maintenance and restoration work in a city park, bringing together the needed volunteers, materials, technical knowledge, and other resources necessary to provide maintenance and to make on-the-ground improvements a reality.
- Play Stewards who with city leadership and cooperation lead the volunteer recreation programming work within park sites and or facilities, bringing together the needed materials, technical knowledge of play, and other resources necessary to provide additional play and recreational opportunities to the youth of the city.
- Develop a Park and Play Steward training and certification program that includes aspects of park maintenance, play, city procedures, and etc.
- Park and Play Stewards would be coordinated and lead by City Staff and operate consistent with City policies.
- Work cooperatively with local service clubs to recruit volunteers for special projects or events.
- In cooperation with schools and youth groups e.g. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts engage youth in the design of and completion of volunteer work.
- Evaluate marketing efforts directed towards those sub groups of residents who do not utilize the City web page or internet to learn about recreational programming.
- Complete a comprehensive marketing plan that gives consideration to all segments of the community and identifies potential promotional strategies for each of the following:
  - Networking - go where your market is;
  - Direct marketing - sales letters, brochures, flyers;
  - Advertising - print media, directories;
  - Training programs - to increase awareness;
  - Write articles, give advice, become known as an expert;
  - Direct/personal selling;
  - Publicity/press releases;
  - Trade shows, health/wellness fairs and similar events;
  - Web site.
- Expand the current social media marketing with the development of a social media marketing plan, web site improvements, and the establishment of a brand utilizing a variety of social media sites including:
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Instagram
  - Blogs
  - Events sites
  - Video sites



## 4.9 Program Recommendations Summary

As part of the Community Needs Assessment Survey data for the Master Plan Update, indicated four in ten residents polled in 2022 (44%) chose “Physical Fitness, Health and Well-being” as the most important benefit when seeking recreation (40% in 2016). “Opportunities to Gather and Socialize” as well as “Learning Opportunities” were the next most frequently chosen benefits, each garnering 21.3% and 14% respectively of the responses (23% for both answers in 2016). Further, more than half of the residents polled (51.3%) stated they were Frequent Users (at least 3 times per month) of parks and recreation facilities in the last year (52% in 2016). Non-users represented 12.3% of City households (15% in 2016).

For recreational programming, one in ten residents polled in 2022 (13.3%) stated they were Frequent Users (at least 3 times per month) of recreation programs in the last year (27% in 2016). In contrast, over half of residents (55.3%) stated they had not used programs in that time frame (49% in 2016). Over four in five City of Costa Mesa households (85%) identified a desired recreation program (64% in 2016). Three in twenty (15%) stated they desired no new recreation program (36% in 2016). The programs, classes, or lessons most often mentioned were Arts and Crafts, Yoga, Swimming, Dance, Tennis, Science or Nature, Martial Arts, and Personal Development.

In Conclusion the Parks & Community Services Department serves a vast number of Costa Mesa residents in a number of ways. There is a keen interest in health and fitness, art programs, additional walking, hiking, and biking trails, and socialization at parks. The Department is well positioned to improve upon its programs as it moves forward with the Master Plan Update and achieves its vision encouraging healthy lifestyles and celebrating the community.



# Recreation Facility Recommendations



## Section FIVE: Recreation Facility Recommendations

This section presents potential opportunities to meet the recreation needs identified in the Recreation Facility Needs Assessment (Section Three) of this Master Plan Update.

### 5.1 Overall Concept

Recreation Facility Recommendations take the approach that continued parks and recreation facility planning & development will be necessary to satisfy current and future recreation needs. It is intended that the City pursue satisfaction of recreation facility needs using the below key strategies and improvements:

- Low Cost Maintenance Improvements
- Mid-Range Park Renovations
- High Cost Improvements/Capital Improvements Projects
- Fiscal Related Implications
- Park Facility Development Implications
- Recreation, Health, and Fitness Implications
- Sustainability, Environmental and Park Operations Implications
- Public Participation and Relations

It is also intended that the selected consultant of each of the specified projects above be required to incorporate when applicable, the most current Fairview Park Master Plan, the process by which it was last reviewed/revised, and any new regulatory updates or approved measures. The consultant shall also incorporate the TeWinkle Park Master Plan, including in the scope of work revisions to the document, graphics, previously-approved revisions and completed elements. The Brentwood Park Master Plan shall also be considered as part of any future City improvements.

Extensive documentation is available on the City's website:

**<http://costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=1619> and  
<http://costamesaca.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=7188>**

### 5.2 Recreation Facility Maintenance Recommendations

The City of Costa Mesa is doing a remarkable job in the maintenance of park and recreation facilities. In spite of this effort Costa Mesa is faced with significant issues over the next few years, including, needed upgrades to existing infrastructure, changing demographics and recreational trends, and increased demand for additional sports fields to meet emerging recreational activities. Despite these issues and continued fiscal restraints, the City has the opportunity to further improve on the level of park maintenance and recreation services while modernizing and improving current practices and procedures forming the foundation for the development of enhanced operations and maintenance practices.

Currently, the Public Works Department in conjunction with the Parks and Community Services Department maintains nearly 30 parks with primarily general fund dollars. Overall, the current level of resources allocated for park maintenance, (increasing over the past several years) is inadequate to fully fund both operation/maintenance, and long-term capital upgrades and development. Based on the Existing Recreation Facility Maintenance Operations and Conditions the below recommendations have been made;

The City's current park maintenance standards and practices, with modifications and improvements can form the foundation for the development of enhanced operations and maintenance practices.

### **Park Grounds and Amenities**

- Monitor salt levels on a regular basis in those parks that are irrigated with reclaimed water.
- Develop a planting list of salt tolerant species, including turfgrasses, shrubs, and trees.
- Monitor soil moisture conditions and irrigate turf areas to provide adequate moisture for healthy growth while maintaining a playable surface that is not muddy, spongy or over saturated. This will help to prevent tearing and uprooting of the turf and topsoil under normal playing conditions.
- Annually (October/November) test soil to assess nutrient deficiencies, following with an application of appropriate fertilizer and/or soil additives to promote healthy root growth. Soil fertility fluctuates throughout the growing season with the quantity and availability of mineral nutrients altered by the addition of fertilizers, sulfur, lime, etc. and the removal of nutrients from soils as a result of plant growth and development. Soil tests should be taken at various locations dependent on the plant material and its ability to grow in various soil conditions.
- Develop a Maintenance Manual detailing park maintenance and operation tasks on a daily, weekly, monthly, etc. basis .
- Increase efforts at gopher eradication and/or control.
- Consider the addition of recycling containers at all parks.
- Park amenities should be reviewed on a regular basis in accordance with current staffing and funding levels.

### **Sports Fields**

- Now that the City is moving in the direction of all-weather/ synthetic fields, these should be handled in the budgetary process as a fixed asset with the "carpet" fully depreciated over the anticipated life of the product. With high levels of scheduled play and difficulty in managing unscheduled play, synthetic fields would eliminate field closures and extend play opportunities. All-weather fields typically cost more than regular grass fields but they achieve payback against the costs as a result of increased field usage and reduced maintenance costs, thus showing a good return on investment. A typical well-maintained synthetic field will have a life of 10-12 years.

- For each synthetic field installed, the budget should fully depreciate the cost of replacement over a 10 year period. The dollars saved on maintenance could be used to partially offset the cost of depreciation of the fields.
- Establish policies appropriate for the installation and management of synthetic playing fields including:
  - Synthetic fields should be installed only at facilities which also have lights for night-time play.
  - A policy that states synthetic fields will be open for play except under extreme weather conditions.
- Sports field design standards should be developed. Development and use of these design standards and guidelines needs to be put in place for future development to limit maintenance costs especially when sports fields may double as a drainage basin. Standards to consider are traffic and pedestrian circulation, parking, athletic use areas, restroom/concession location and design.
- While the City conducts soil testing at sports parks, a soil management plan should be developed especially at those irrigated with reclaimed water including regular soil testing in order to avoid issues with plant die-back, high salt build up from the use of treated water, and sparse or soggy turf conditions.
- Annually test soil to assess nutrient deficiencies, following with an application of appropriate fertilizer and/or soil additives to promote healthy root growth.
- Monitor salt levels on a regular basis in those parks that are irrigated with reclaimed water.
- Monitor soil moisture conditions and irrigate turf areas to provide adequate moisture for healthy growth while maintaining a playable surface that is not muddy, spongy or over saturated. This will help to prevent tearing and uprooting of the turf and topsoil under normal playing conditions.
- The Costa Mesa Tennis Center court lighting should be converted to energy efficient LED's.
- Lighting systems should be inspected on a regular basis for proper alignment and functioning to avoid dark spots at night that could be hazardous to players and light spill to surrounding neighborhood.

### Park Roads and Parking Areas

- Regularly inspect for overspray and soil moisture, adjusting watering levels as necessary at all landscaped areas adjacent to paved parking areas, park roads and paved trails.
- All paved parking areas, park roads, and paved trails should be inspected on a regular basis to detect cracks in their surfaces. Cracks should be sealed as early as practical to minimize moisture damage and halt surface deterioration, thus minimizing damage as well as maintenance, repair, and replacement costs.



*Asphalt parking stalls in need of repair and resurfacing.*

- Regularly remove organic material from parking lots to prevent deterioration.
- Immediately repair damaged areas by either cold crack fill, hot rubberized crack fill, or cold asphalt patch.

### Park Roads and Parking Areas (continued)

- The life expectancy of each paved surface should be estimated and each paved area should be included in the capital improvement reserve budget for (1) periodic sealing and (2) repaving at the end of the usable life of the surface. Deferred maintenance on paved surfaces should be minimized by following these recommended practices to reduce maintenance costs and prolong their usable life.

### Park Sidewalks and Walkways

- Continue to conduct regular inspections of park sidewalks to identify settlement and or up lifting, exposed edge, and cracks that may pose a safety hazard to park users.
- Develop a planting list of tree species that are acceptable for planting close to sidewalks, as well as identifying species such as liquidambar (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), which has roots that grow near the surface, commonly causing uplift to sidewalks.
- Specific repairs to Jordan Park should include an evaluation of the trees by an arborist prior to removal of the lifted panels.
- Much like parking areas, immediately repair damaged asphalt areas by either cold crack fill, hot rubberized crack fill, or cold asphalt patch.



Damaged sidewalk in need of repair.

### Trails

- Continue to work with County of Orange and other public agencies to explore further opportunities for opening of waterways/drainage areas for trail use. In many cases, these routes would best be served as a paved surface.
- Implement the *City of Costa Mesa Bicycle Master Plan Draft 2014* which identifies 33 miles of additional Class II and III Bicycle Trails.
- Explore opportunities to develop Green Streets or Linear Parkways within the park poor sections of the town.
- The City should develop design standards and incorporate these into existing City standards and specifications similar to those developed by the National Park Service or American Trails. Staff should ensure that these standards are required of all contractors and include at a minimum:
  - Trail tread widths designed for 36 inches minimum and are widened only to mitigate conditions affecting accessibility.
  - Layout of trail minimizes side hill construction to provide a fuller native trail bench for better durability, drainage and sustainability.
  - Trail structures such as retaining walls and bridges are kept to a minimum and are used to protect resources and maintain good linear grades.

- Edge protection is provided only when conditions warrant it. Native vegetation and natural features such as rocks and logs can serve as edge protection. Further, edge protection is installed in a manner to facilitate sheet flow.
- Trail surfaces need to be firm, stable and have a good coefficient of friction.

### Ball Courts

- Coated playing surfaces should be regularly inspected for cracks or other surface damage and promptly repaired when these are detected. When cracks begin to appear in the surface of the courts, moisture can seep below the surface resulting in accelerated deterioration.
- Outside basketball courts should be maintained on a regular basis. Each court should be scheduled for resurfacing every five to seven years. This schedule could be staggered so that one-third of the courts are resurfaced every two to three years, thus reducing the workload on maintenance personnel each year. In addition, one standard color should be used for all similar types of structures and records of that color should be kept by the maintenance staff for small repairs or removal of graffiti.
- Renovate the Tanager and Balearic volleyball courts with a sand surface.
- Ensure that all volleyball courts have nets in place.
- Redesign the Wakeham Park basketball court by either removing two standards to make one full-court or pulling all four backboards back to make four ½ courts.

### Park Structures and Buildings

- Park buildings should be regularly inspected for vandalism, safety issues and proper operation of equipment.
- Facilities in need of immediate renovation include the picnic shelters at Brentwood, Heller, and Paularino Parks, the picnic shelter and restroom at Shiffer Park, Arbor at Pinkley Park, and renovation of restrooms at Wilson and Fairview Parks.
- Lions Park restroom, which is periodically closed due to the homeless issue in the park, should be considered for removal / redesign.
- Graffiti should be immediately painted over or removed and tracked for potential use by local law enforcement agencies.

### Playgrounds

- Regularly inspect for overspray and overflow from adjacent sprinklers, adjusting watering levels and or spray patterns as necessary.
- While park staff reports they regularly inspect safety surface for compaction, additional attention should be given to areas under swings and play equipment landing areas.
- The City should take an active role to follow the proposed changes to ASTM standards.



*Large replica jet at Lions Park*

### **Park Trees and Landscaping**

- Evaluate the cause of decline in the redwoods at several parks and remove and replace those trees that have died.
- The City should continue to monitor the spread of Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) and take the appropriate steps to reduce the spread including chipping, solarizing, or tarping infected wood, reduce movement of wood, sterilizing tools, and proper pruning, nutritional, and irrigation practices.

### **Park Trees and Landscaping (continued)**

- Pruning should occur on park trees only as necessary for structural health and thinning.
- Bark/mulch should be regularly placed around the drip line to reduce compaction and water evaporation.
- Soils around the roots of trees should be aerated to reduce soil compaction that can smother the roots of some trees. Metal grates around the bases of tree trunks must be periodically checked and broken outward to prevent the tree trunk growing into the metal.
- Renovate shrub beds at Marina View Park.
- Regularly inspect for overflow and soil moisture, adjusting watering levels as necessary at all landscaped areas adjacent to paved parking areas, park roads and paved trails.
- Annually (October/November) test soil to assess nutrient deficiencies, following with an application of appropriate fertilizer and/or soil additives to promote healthy root growth. Soil fertility fluctuates throughout the growing season with the quantity and availability of mineral nutrients altered by the addition of fertilizers, sulfur, lime, etc. and the removal from soils as a result of plant growth and development. Soil tests should be taken at various locations dependent on the plant material and its ability to grow in various soil conditions.



### **Specialized Facilities/Skate Parks/Community Garden/Dog Parks**

- Consider the expansion of the Community Garden program for City residents. Many underutilized areas of parks could be potential sites for a Community Garden on undeveloped land or at park locations underneath power lines, such as Gisler Park.
- Explore opportunities for the development of at least one additional Dog Park utilizing existing parkland that is underutilized and would not result in the displacement of a current recreational use.
- The skate park should be regularly inspected and maintained to limit debris collection within the facility which can present a hazard to park users.
- Cracking in the concrete at the skate park should be immediately identified through a regular inspection program and immediately sealed to prevent further damage from moisture within and under the concrete.

### **Park Signage**

- Park signage should be regularly inspected for theft, damage, and graffiti.
- Park name signs could be enhanced with limited landscaping of native species selected to display seasonal colors.
- The City should maintain a formalized signage system that is uniform in terms of sign types, a positive approach toward rules, colors, and materials. Effort should be made to ensure that park signs exhibit rules and regulations in a positive context. This will help residents better identify parks and make maintenance replacement and repairs less complicated.

### **Fencing**

- Metal fencing should be regularly inspected for damage and broken or damaged components (posts, top rails, bottom rails and vertical members) should be promptly repaired or replaced.
- City should develop a timeline for the regular repainting of metal fencing to prevent rust and improve overall appearance.

### **Irrigation**

- City staff should continue with a regular inspection program of the irrigation system including operation to determine coverage and to identify overspray issues.
- City should fund the final replacement of park irrigation systems with a centrally-controlled irrigation system city-wide with soil sensors and an automated evapotranspiration (ET) based irrigation control and scheduling system that allows control of multiple sites to exact specifications and daily changes.
- Monitor soil moisture conditions and irrigate turf areas to provide adequate moisture for healthy growth while maintaining a playable surface that is not muddy, spongy or over saturated. This will help to prevent tearing and uprooting of the turf and topsoil under normal playing conditions.
- City should explore opportunities to further utilize available treated water for irrigation of shrub beds, landscaping, and other park amenities as permitted under State law.

### **Public Art**

- The City should consider developing a 1% to 2% budget for an art program as part of future capital development. This percentage of funds could be “pooled” to fund the design and development of public art components of future park development. Currently many public agencies State-wide and nationally successfully operate such a program.
- Develop an Art in the Park Program where the city through their park system fosters the creation and installation of temporary public art in parks. The works could be displayed in parks and traffic islands and be temporary installations defined by an exhibition period of three months to one year.
- Consider the redevelopment and use of Roger Neth Park as an “Art Park” featuring walkways and permanent and rotational public art.

Additionally, the current fiscal year includes a wealth of projects, \$9,128,155, primarily funded from the Capital Improvement Fund and Community Develop Block Grants (CDBG), as shown on the following chart.

## Exhibit 5.2-1: Current Fiscal Year Projects

Estancia Park	Slope Renovation	\$30,000
Gisler Park	Replace Picnic Shelter	\$45,000
Andros Street and Elm	Parkway Landscape Improvements	\$40,000
Paularino Park	Replace Picnic Shelter	\$40,000
Pinkley Park	Renovate Arbor	\$140,000
Smalley/Sunflower	Landscape Renovations	\$75,000
Tewinkle Park Lake	Design of repair of lake liners and east side waterfalls	\$50,000
	Replace 3 wood pedestrian bridges with steel bridges	\$100,000
	Landscape Median & Crosswalk@ Junipero Dr.	\$275,000
	Skate Park Expansion	\$70,000
Various Locations	Install Backflow Enclosures	\$50,000
Various Parks	Playground Rubberized Surfacing Replacement	\$100,000
	Rehabilitate Park Parking Lots	\$75,000
	Sidewalk Replacement	\$50,000
Vista Park	Install Perimeter Trail Fence at Top of Slope	\$40,000
Heller, Shiffer, Tewinkle, Wakeham Parks	ADA Accessibility Improvements	\$596,166
	Park Security Lighting	\$40,000
Balearic Center	Land Acquisition Services	\$60,000
Brentwood Park	Improvements	\$750,000
Costa Mesa Bark Park	Renovation - Design Phase	\$50,000
Fairview Park	Delineation Fencing - Vernal Pools	\$60,000
	Projects-On Call Environmental Consultants	\$50,000
	Fence Along Placentia Ave	\$350,000
	Bluff Stairs (South) at South Fairview Park	\$350,000
	Improvements	\$250,000
	CA-ORA 58 Fill Removal, Cap & Restore	\$250,000
Fairview Park	Riparian Habitat Phase III	\$150,000
	Southeast Entrance and Parking Lot	\$500,000
	West Bluff Repair	\$100,000
Harbor Blvd	Bike Trail Improvements	\$625,000
Jack Hammett	Addition of a Storage Facility	\$40,000
	Restroom Addition	\$347,000
	Sports Fields Improvements	\$2,500,000
Lions Park	(Davis Field) Scoreboard	\$30,000
	Park Monument Signage	\$50,000
Parsons School	Field Lighting	\$420,000
Skatepark II		\$50,000
Smallwood Park	Improvements	\$140,000
Balearic Center	Install new HVAC Unit	\$75,000
	Construct Undergrounding of Electrical Service	\$65,000
Downtown Rec. Center	Install Wrought Iron Fence	\$60,000
Senior Center	Interior and exterior improvements	\$410,000

### 5.3 Recreation Facility Recommendations

The City of Costa Mesa should work towards implementing and developing the following:

- A lifecycle maintenance plan for buildings and park amenities. This should be built into daily operations, yearly capital improvement plans, and budgetary requests to maximize the value and useful life of these assets.
- While the City conducts soil testing at sports parks, a soil management plan should be developed especially at those irrigated with reclaimed water including regular soil testing in order to avoid issues with plant die-back, high salt build up from the use of treated water, and sparse or soggy turf conditions. The plan should include at a minimum:
  - Soil type and texture
  - Infiltration rate
  - pH
  - Soluble salts and sodium
  - Identification of limiting soil characteristics
  - Planned soil management actions to remediate limiting soil characteristics
- A volunteer park adoption/maintenance program such that it includes training for the volunteers as Park Stewards. The program could include regular fix up/clean-up days and enlist the help of community organizations such as scouts, park users, sports clubs, etc. to maintain and enhance various elements of the park system. Currently, the City offers the Recreation Leaders in Training Program (RLTP), offering volunteer opportunities to students ages 13 - 17 at the Balearic Community Center. Students who are accepted into the program have the opportunity to volunteer and learn about programs offered by the City of Costa Mesa. Volunteers assist staff with daily operations, planning and implementing activities, learning basic leadership skills, good customer service skills and how to supervise school-age children. The program has shown limited success with just 674 hours in 2015 after recording 1943 hours in 2014.
- Evaluate opportunities to "naturalize" many existing facilities including the elimination of turf in areas of little public use and development of native demonstration gardens.
- While the City has moved towards upgrading the City's park and sports field lighting to energy efficient LED's, several facilities such as the Costa Mesa Tennis Center, have not been completed. Compared to the current standard high pressure sodium lights currently in parks, which last six years, LEDs not only reduce energy consumption but can last up to 20 years before needing replacement, potentially producing up to an 80 percent savings on maintenance. New York's Central Park achieved a 62% savings in energy use after replacement with LED's. Additionally, both the Federal government and California offer incentives and rebates that can reduce the project costs by up to 40%. Estimated annual utility savings can result in project payback in 3 to 11 years.

- Establish policies appropriate for the installation and management of synthetic playing fields including:
  - Synthetic fields should be installed only at facilities which also have lights for night-time play.
  - Synthetic fields should be budgeted as a fixed asset and fully depreciated over the life of the “carpet.”
  - A policy that states synthetic fields will be open for play except under extreme weather conditions.
- Expand the “Yellow Swing Program” for those with disabilities, as seen at Tewinkle Park’s Angel Playground, to additional neighborhood and community parks. The Yellow Swing is a swing seat designed to help meet the American Disabilities Act guidelines for playground equipment in public applications.
- Complete the installation and operation of a centrally-controlled irrigation system such as the Rainbird IQ irrigation central control system. Currently approximately 80% of the park system is on such a system. This system provides cost-effective, multiple-site centralized irrigation control from a single computer and will allow staff to monitor and control irrigation operation at multiple remote sites. IQ communication capabilities eliminates travel to remote sites for programming changes or adjustments.
- Develop a Maintenance Manual detailing park maintenance and operation tasks on a daily, weekly, monthly, etc. basis. The Maintenance Manual should include existing specifications as well as:
  - Clear written maintenance objectives and frequency of care for each amenity is needed based on the desired outcomes for a quality visitor experience in maintaining the parks for aesthetics, safety, recreation and sustainability including:
    - Landscape bed design, planting and maintenance standards
    - Landscape turf and right of way mowing and maintenance standards
    - Tree and shrub planting and maintenance standard
    - Equipment maintenance and replacement standard
    - Chemical application standard
    - Formalized and scheduled park facility inspections including playgrounds, specialized facilities such as skate parks, high use visitor areas and buildings
    - Design standards for the development of park features such as sports fields, trails and buildings
    - Preventative maintenance plan developed for all park locations
- Establish an Estimated Annual Water Use (EAWU) for various hydrozones such as turf, sports fields and shrub beds
- Expand the Community Garden program to provide opportunities for City residents to participate in the program. Many underutilized areas of parks could be potential sites for a Community Garden such as underutilized land at Gisler Park or at other park locations.

- Develop a process of evaluation and refinement to measure park maintenance success through established performance standards. Examples of what this should include are:
  - Established park maintenance standards and frequency rates and tracking over several years
  - Establish and track the cost per acre for each park and park type and tracking over several years
  - Establish a minimum of training hours per year per employee with re-evaluation of success of training and new requirements due to legislative changes
  - Establish and track replacement schedules for equipment and other fixed assets
- Develop a Sustainable Performance System with responsibility for the program handled by a dedicated Conservation Coordinator. The performance system should include at a minimum:
  - Native Plant Policy—Defined by ecoregion such as California Coastal, Mexico border to San Francisco
  - Track Utilities—Partnership with utilities
  - Recycling Program
  - Green Waste Composting
  - Demonstration Gardens
  - Use of Alternative Energy Sources
  - Integrated Pest Management Program reflective of consistently changing needs of an urban park system
  - Habitat Development beyond mitigation sites
  - Community Gardens
  - Stormwater retention (Based on CalGreen State Standards)
- Human Health, Well-Being and Community Values
- Develop a Public Education and Outreach Program
- The City should look for ways to incorporate new play structures and park amenities that include unique themes, vibrant colors, artistic elements to promote physical activity and adventure
- The City may consider adding skate elements along linear pathways where appropriate easements exist
- Add usable recreational elements adjacent to linear walkways along Victoria Ave (between Pomona to Maple).

## 5.4 Opportunity Site Recreation Facility Recommendations

Listed below are the top priority facilities as determined during the community Needs Assessment process. Collectively, these priorities and the opportunity sites identified in Section Three of this report are summarized in the Summary Table. Recommendations have been made based on the specified programs, demands, and type of priorities identified. The goal of the recommendations are to encourage the City to select projects that will have the biggest impact, meeting the demand needs. Recommendations that address other needs can be selected through “a-la-carte” improvement options such as trails, picnic tables, and continued open space development for future facility expansion or continued preservation.

### **Top Priority Facilities:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking / Jogging / Running / Hiking Trails</li> <li>• Soccer Fields (Youth / Adult)</li> <li>• Lights (Sports Field) (On existing facilities. No new facilities)</li> <li>• Open Space / Passive Recreation Space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-Use Fields with Lights (football, hockey, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, rugby)</li> <li>• Swimming Pool Picnic Tables</li> <li>• Skate Park</li> <li>• Bike Paths</li> <li>• Pocket Parks / Neighborhood Parks</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> </ul>
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### **Opportunity Sites (identified in Section Three of this report):**

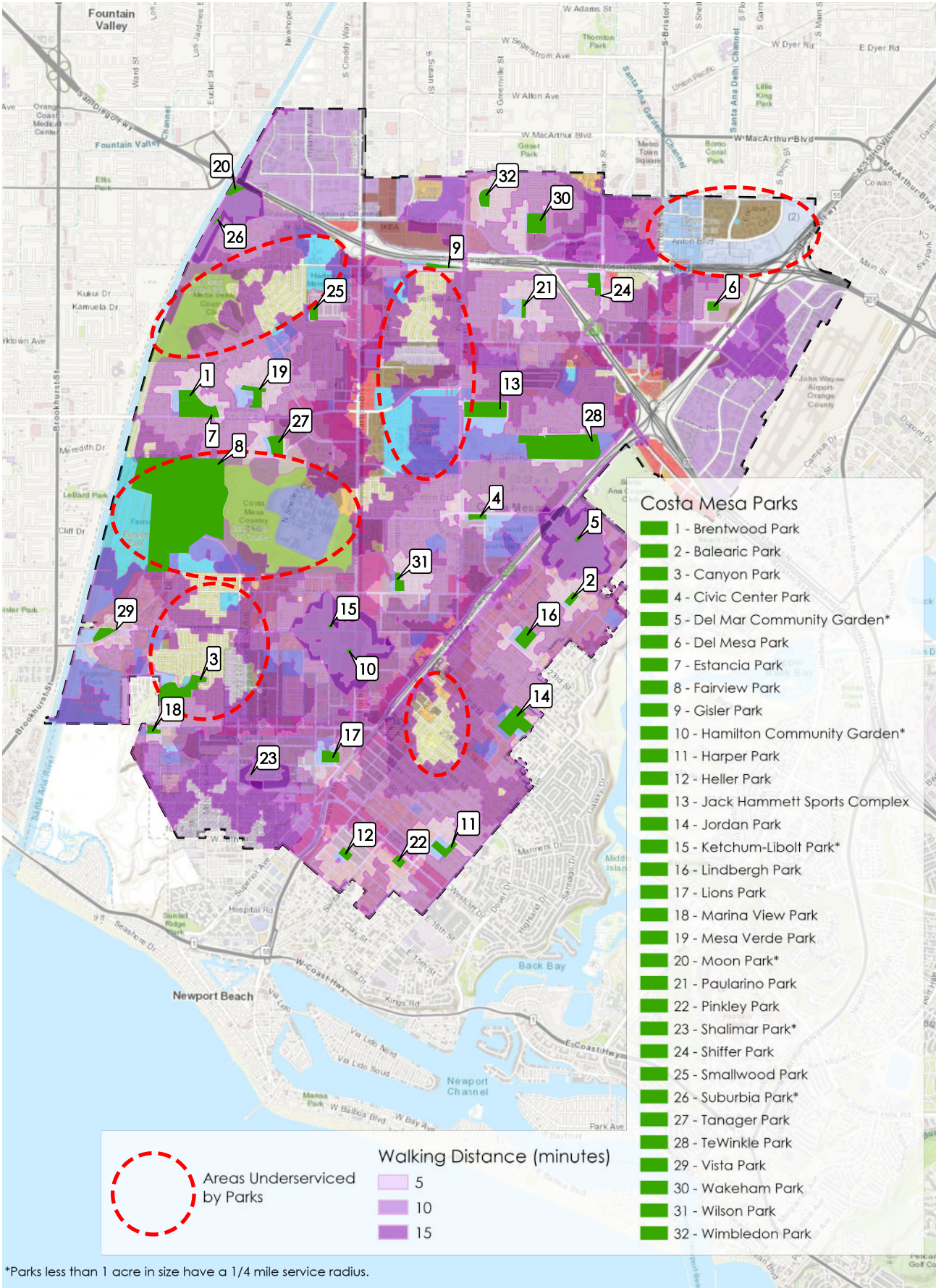
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Property</li> <li>• Neighborhood/Community Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairview Park</li> <li>• TeWinkle Park</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fairview Development Center</li> <li>• Future Partnerships/Joint Use Sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talbert Regional Park and OC Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Pond</li> <li>• Sheep Hills BMX</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Future Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Center</li> </ul> </li> <li>• North Costa Mesa Specific Plan</li> <li>• Brentwood Park Master Plan</li> <li>• Lions Park Master Plan</li> <li>• City Funded Feasibility Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shalimar Park: consider turning dead-end into usable greenspace</li> <li>• Highlight the Westside parks that should be monitored for available adjacent property</li> <li>• Research and consider development of School district property by Banning Ranch</li> <li>• SE Corner of CM golf course – potential to relocate fence line and add play structure &amp; bike racks</li> <li>• Shiffer Park expansion to non-City property area adjacent to 405</li> <li>• Track Army reserves property adjacent to TeWinkle Park – purchase if available</li> <li>• Trinity Broadcasting Building – if developed, work toward including a joint use open space area</li> </ul>
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Exhibit 5.4-1 illustrates areas for recommended park acquisition and development including:

- New parkland acquisition or park growth in neighboring parcels as available
- Increase mobile recreation programs in these areas
- Tracking of parcels for potential land acquisition for park development

It is also recommended the City work with local groups / organizations that have land they may no longer utilize that could be converted to parkland through purchase, donations, or Joint Use Agreements.

Exhibit 5.4-1: Service Area Recommendation for Opportunities



### **School Property and Community/Neighborhood Parks**

Select School Property and Community/Neighborhood Parks within Costa Mesa can provide the opportunity to meet the Recreation Facility Need of four (4) additional soccer fields, identified in Exhibit 3.7-1. Installation of permanent sports lighting and artificial turf on existing fields can extend field use, limit construction improvement costs and accommodate the City's current built-out condition. Joint-use agreements with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District can continue to provide teams and leagues the critical practice/game space they require within the community.

Costa Mesa High School, Estancia High School, Balearic Park, Lindbergh Park, and Harper Park have been identified as key sites that fall under this category.

Beyond permanent sports lighting and artificial turf fields, select parks sites can be chosen to meet the demand need of additional picnic tables and walking/jogging path recommendations. Combining these improvement projects with the sport lighting and artificial turf improvements of one field, rather than two, will minimize construction costs and encourage the ongoing success and use of such facilities for the community.

### **Fairview Park**

Continued development of the Fairview Master Plan will also address the demand for walking/jogging trails, as well as the program demand of science and nature education, open space preservation and passive open space recreation. The current Fairview Park Master Plan aims to:

- Determine proposed uses and program requirements for the park through the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the general public and the City Council.
- Provide framework for future park improvements that can be constructed in an orderly and consistent manner.
- Provide written information and graphic presentations which document the materials gathered and to illustrate policies implemented.

Improvements should also reflect Measure AA "An Initiative Requiring Changes in Use at Fairview Park be Subject to Municipal Code" to require changes to Fairview Park, as defined, be subject to voters approval in conjunction with City review and approval.

### **Suggested Routes / Trail Connections**

Smaller opportunity sites for continued evaluation include areas in and around parks and schools as well as the connections between them. Providing safe routes to and from schools and park facilities supports multi modal transportation as well as promoting healthy lifestyles and the fight against obesity. The city should look into developing a plan for such multimodal transportation options, such as a golf cart master plan within potential routes.



Fairview Park Master Plan

## TeWinkle Park

In accordance with the existing TeWinkle Park Master Plan, continued incorporation of the approved document will give way to opportunity for growth and expansion. Expansion of the TeWinkle Skate Park will serve the community and its current skate park users. The City may choose to add additional picnic tables and walking/jogging trails to meet current demand needs.

Expansion of the TeWinkle Skate Park shall be incorporated per the plan below.

A copy of the most recent TeWinkle Park Master Plan is available on the City's website:

<http://www.costamesaca.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=7187>

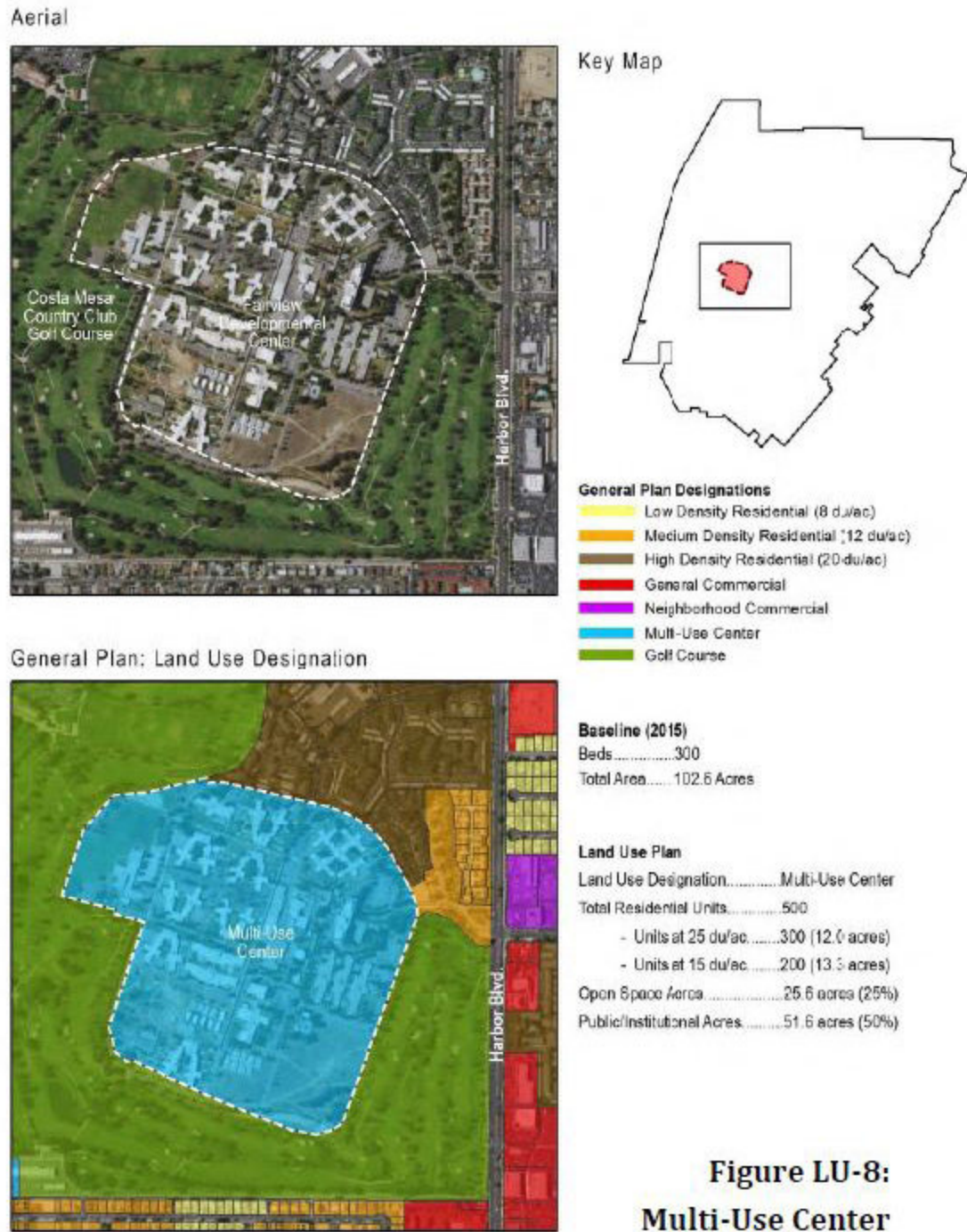
### Costs:

- \$750,000 - \$1 million (Depending on project square footage based on \$55-\$60 / sq.ft.)



**Fairview Developmental Center**

In February 2016, the State of California Department of Development Services initiated the process for the closure of the Fairview Developmental Center. With the anticipated full closure of the facility in 2021, land study use alternatives for the subsequent redevelopment of the 114-acre property provide a valuable location for Open Space. Future uses could include dedicated athletic fields or a sports complex, which would solve many of the demand needs issues for the City. Additionally, land could be dedicated for open space parkland or community gardens. Per the City's General Plan, dedicated parkland components will require activation of a master plan for new development.



**Figure LU-8:  
Multi-Use Center**

## Future Partnerships/Joint Use Sites

### Talbert Regional Park

Currently, the City of Costa Mesa has the advantage of joint-use agreements with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, providing critical access to fields and facilities used by sports league, community members, and visitors.

Another key opportunity site for Joint Use Agreement and Partnership is Talbert Regional Park and OC Parks. In May 2014 OC Parks (the managing agency for Talbert Regional Park) hired a team of subconsultants to prepare a Habitat Restoration Plan for Talbert Regional Park. The plan was intended to identify park enhancements opportunities, specific needs and recommended actions.

It is recommended to continue the existing partnership with OC Parks in order to implement the plan as intended by the City of Costa Mesa. Together both groups can apply for grants and other funding opportunities that will improve Talbert Regional Park through the preferred proposed alternative(s) of the Restoration Plan.



**Recommend Actions Phase 1 (Per City Council Agenda Report October 4, 2016)**

- Remove Non-Native Vegetation
- Plantings at Top of Bluff in Site A
- Non-Native Removal and Planting of Riparian Habitat Over Site
- Plant Additional Trees Along West and South Sides of Trails
- Salt Marsh Plantings in Southwest Portion of Site
- Expand the Acreage of Existing Restoration Sites C, D, and E
- Remove Fence Around Pond
- Improve Main Entrance at Balboa Blvd
- Add Interpretative Signs
- Trail Access Structures along Balboa Blvd (stairs only)
- Trail Access Along Southern Perimeter of the Site
- Trail Access Along Structures Along West Perimeter of Site
- Improved Entrance to Park from Victoria St.
- Add ADA-Compliant Loop Trail
- Improve Remaining Trails
- Mobilization and Demolition
- Excavate and Lower Existing Swale in Southwest Area
- Sheephills Promenade for Pedestrian Traffic
- Temporary Construction Fencing
- Tidal Connection for Salt Marsh
- Grade Berms and Channels in Southwest Area
- Haul off Surplus Material from Grading Salt Marsh

\* a full list of recommendations may be found in the Talbert Regional Park Restoration Plan found on the City's website.

**Sheephills**

The City may decide to also include in their recommendations, improvements and on-going preservation of a popular internal BMX area referred to as Sheephills. This unique recreation amenity has been well-maintained by riders who also serve as stewards of the site. (Talbert Regional Park Restoration Plan).

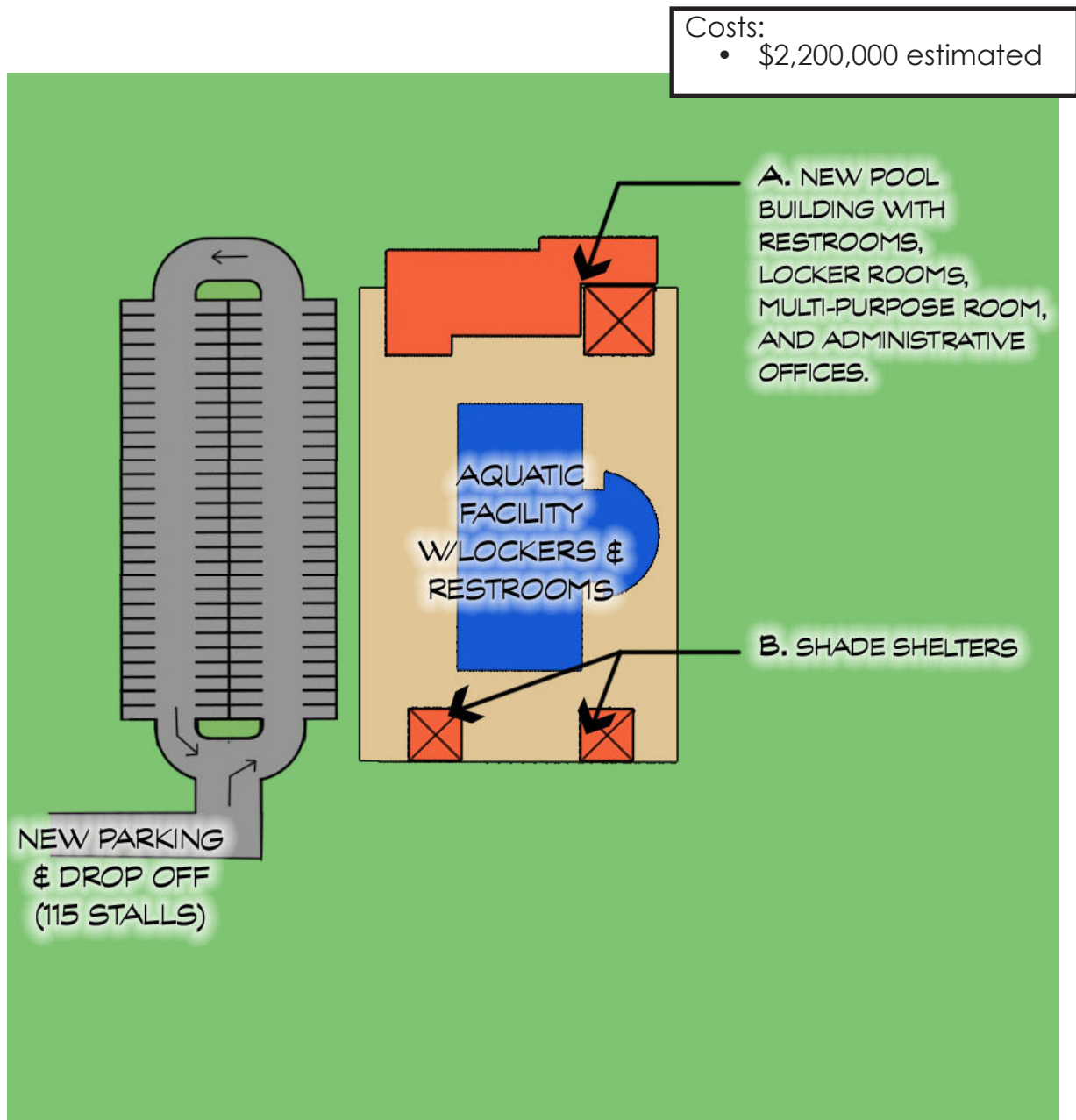
**Victoria Pond**

During the Talbert Regional Park Restoration Plan report process, Victoria Pond was also examined and a water quality analysis performed to review conditions for the possible introduction of fish. Currently, the pond is fenced, restricting public access to the waterway. This significant freshwater wetland at South Talbert may be another opportunity site for wetland expansion and public access, and should be considered by the City for on-going improvements.

## Future Facilities

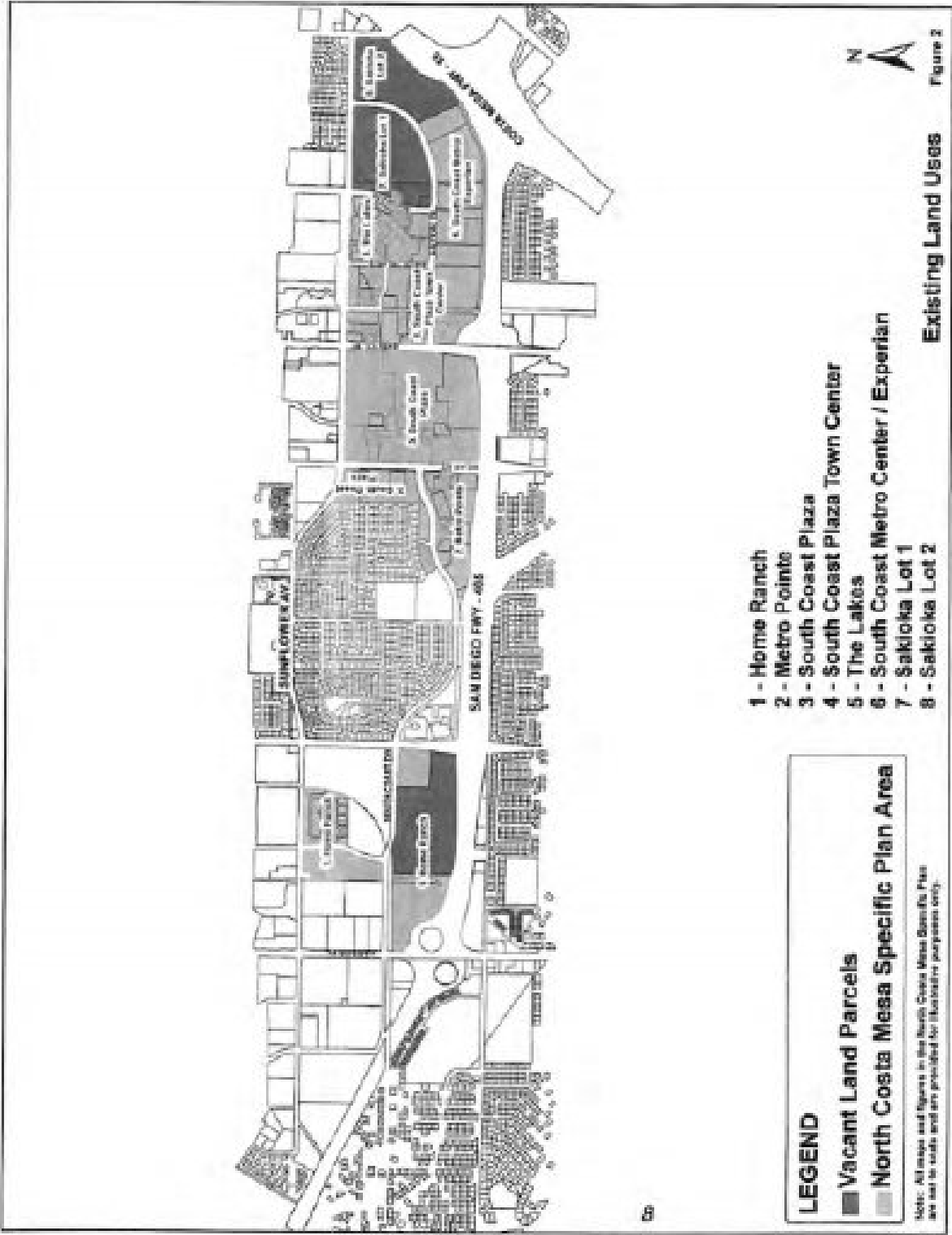
### Aquatic Center

Another need identified during the Needs Assessment process is a public swimming pools for recreational swimming. Currently, the Downtown Recreation Center's aquatic facility is the only public pool serving the community. With limited land resources available, the City should examine existing park sites and potential new parcels for feasible locations. With a city owned facility the City would retain full control vs. a Joint Use Agreement with another institution where the city would only benefit from limited programming capabilities. The diagram below is a spatial representation only, not intended for final design and placement on site.



North Costa Mesa Specific Plan

The specific plan provides a comprehensive review and analysis of a planning area in North Costa Mesa, 423 acres in size. It is the intent of this specific plan to implement the policies of the General Plan through the adoption of development standards promoting both resident and business community confidence in the long-term vision. Incorporation of this specific plan will help meet the demands needs of the City and can encourage the growth and develop of trails and the bicycle master plan.



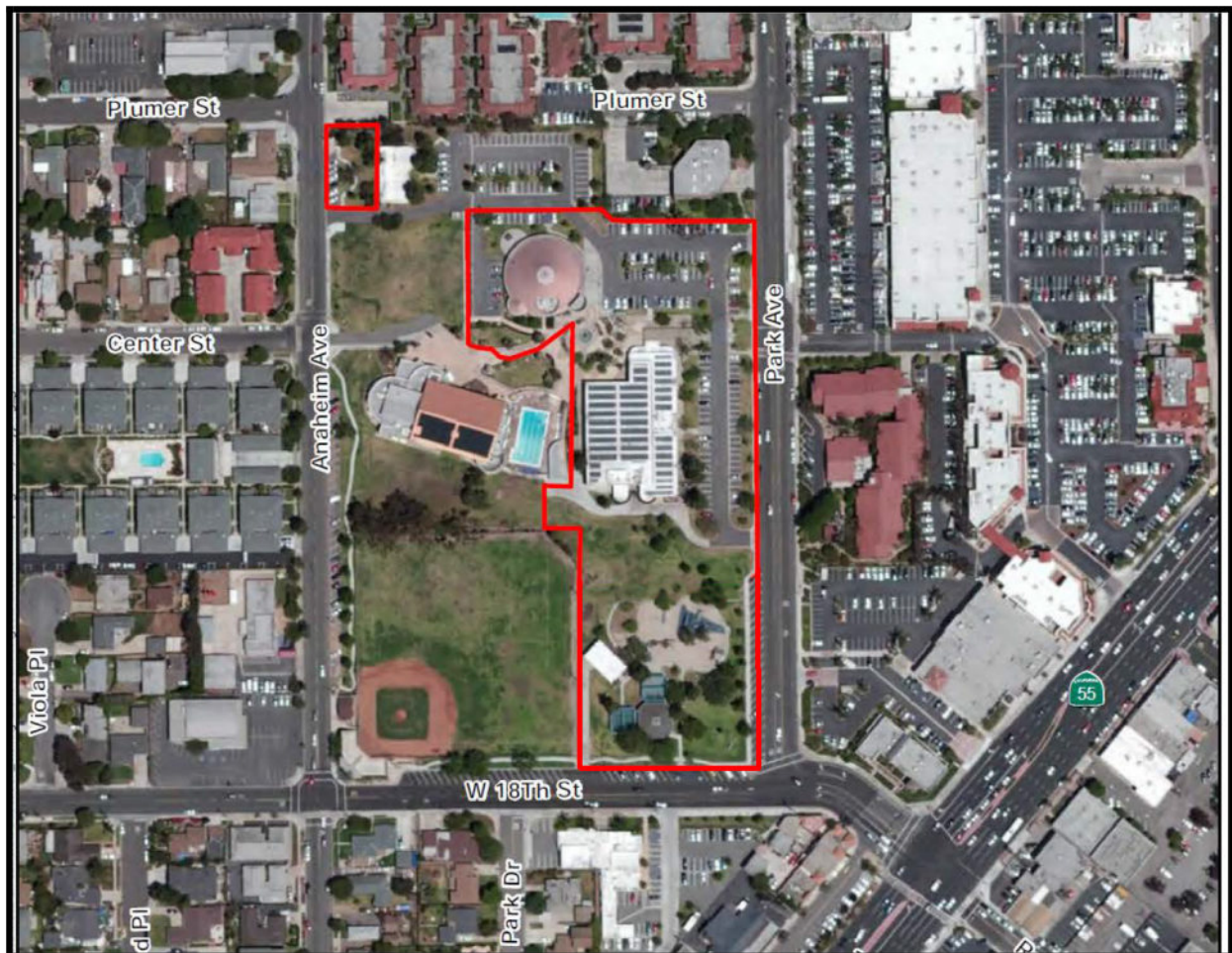
## Brentwood Master Plan

An approved master plan that will meet the demand needs of the City when incorporated.



### Lions Park Master Plan

Improvements to Lion's Park were completed in 2021, including a new playground, and event lawn, new restrooms on the south side, and the opening of the Norma Hertzog Community Center. The renovation of the existing 8,700-square-foot Donald Dungan Library was re-purposed as a new community meeting center seating 300 people. The renovation included a 600 SF floor area expansion to include a new catering kitchen, new exterior glazing and entrance doors, structural updates, new mechanical equipment, electrical panels, new lighting, and audiovisual/information technology equipment and infrastructure.



### **City Funded Feasibility Study**

Beyond the recommendations made in this report, on April 5, 2016 the Costa Mesa City Council directed staff to send a letter to the NMUSD requesting to start a program to evaluate the feasibility of installing artificial turf and permanent sports lighting at Kaiser, Parsons, and Davis Elementary schools. During this time, the City Council also approved funding for feasibility studies for Estancia High School and Balearic Center, although these sites are considered secondary priorities at this time. Community input has encouraged City Council to seek the commencement of these feasibility studies, which are reflective of the highest priority facility recommendations indicated during the Needs Assessment Process in this report.

As indicated in the Feasibility Study prepared on November 2016, the purpose of this study is to ensure that after school hours participation in recreational opportunities can continue after daylight. Using the most technologically-advanced systems to provide high quality illumination recreational activities can continue into the evening hours. Using artificial turf will allow the fields to be used continuously throughout the year and help ensure the safety of the users.

Extension of the City's efforts to the meet the demands of their community members, residents, and user groups in partnership with NMUSD through the afore mentioned field upgrades will provide valuable and necessary practice and game space identified in the Needs Assessment Process.

Of the three sites the following scope of work has been identified:

Kaiser Elementary School  
Davis Elementary School  
Parsons Elementary School



**Kaiser Elementary School:**

The scope of work requested for Kaiser Elementary School is to provide permanent sports field lighting, artificial turf and security fencing at Utility Field #1, Utility Track #1 and both baseball fields. The location will predominantly be used for the following recreational activities; primarily for soccer and baseball but with the potential of football, lacrosse and rugby.

The Utility fields will provide approximately 230,000 square feet (5.7 acres) of lighted playable area. This would allow for two soccer fields and small areas for practice and warm-up. This area is currently natural turf and proposed to be replaced with artificial turf. There are currently two baseball fields on the site and these are proposed to be re-sodded with approximately 150,000 square feet of natural turf. Kaiser Elementary primarily uses the northern most field for their regular physical education program and any impact to this area is to be minimized.

Miscellaneous site upgrades will also be required beyond the above mentioned scope of work. These include ADA, site drainage and electrical upgrades. For ADA the parking lot will need upgrades to signage, striping and potentially grades. An accessible path of travel from the parking lot to the fields and the nearest restrooms will also need to be provided. The restrooms will also be required to meet minimum requirements. The existing restrooms were modernized in 2003 and will need to be brought up to current code.

**Davis Elementary School:**

The scope of work requested for Davis Elementary School is to provide permanent sports field lighting, artificial turf and security fencing for the entirety of the utility field and track. The location will predominantly be used for the following recreational activities; primarily soccer (with small areas within for youth soccer) and football but it will also be available as a multi-use field.

The Utility fields will provide approximately 120,000 square feet (2.8 acres) of lighted playable area. This would allow for one soccer field and areas to the north/south for practice and warm-up. This area is currently natural turf with a dirt track and proposed to be replaced with artificial turf. With the recent construction of Mustang Field and Track the existing dirt track at Davis may no longer be required and can be replaced entirely with turf to maximize play area. There is also the potential to enhance the circulation between the school and the city parking lot by connecting the two adjacent lots.

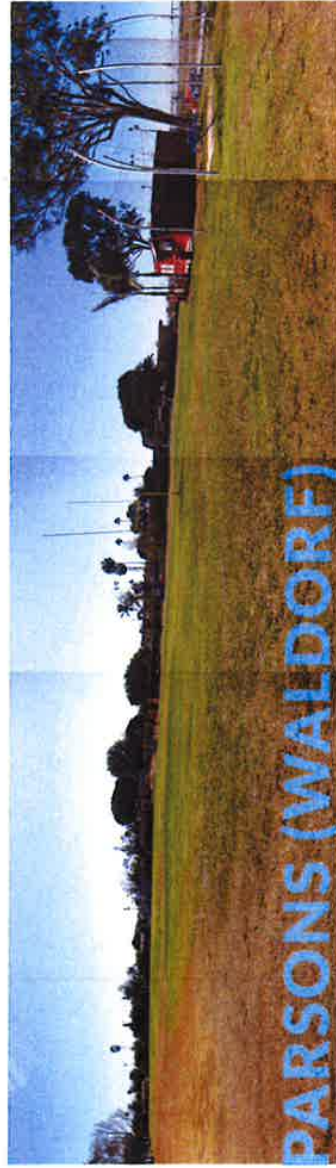
Miscellaneous site upgrades will also be required beyond the above mentioned scope of work. These include ADA, site drainage and electrical upgrades. The addition of the new parking lot area will be made accessible and the existing parking lots will not require upgrades. An accessible path of travel from the parking lot to the fields and the nearest restrooms will also need to be provided. The restrooms will also be required to meet minimum requirements. The existing restrooms were modernized in 2003 and will need to be brought up to current code.

**Parsons (Waldorf) Elementary School:**

The scope of work requested for Parsons (Waldorf) Elementary School is to provide permanent sports field lighting, artificial turf and security fencing for the entirety of the utility field. The school will need full access to the field during school operations. The location will predominantly be used for the following recreational activities; primarily football, soccer and rugby but it will also be available for lacrosse.

The Utility field will provide approximately 200,000 square feet (4.6 acres) of lighted playable area. This would allow for one soccer field and areas to the north/south for various other activities. The area is currently natural turf and proposed to replace a portion of the field with artificial turf and hydro-seed the remaining natural turf. There will be approximately 130,000 square feet of artificial turf for recreational activities and 70,000 square feet of natural turf primarily used by the Parsons (Waldorf) Elementary School educational curriculum.

Miscellaneous site upgrades will also be required beyond the above mentioned scope of work. These include ADA, site drainage and electrical upgrades. For ADA the parking lot will need upgrades to signage, striping and potentially grades. An accessible path of travel from the parking lot to the fields and the nearest restrooms will also need to be provided. The restrooms will also be required to meet minimum requirements. The recently built restrooms on the adjacent Estancia High School site would best serve the needs of the Utility field.



**Feasibility Study**

NOVEMBER 2016

**Sports Field Upgrades**  
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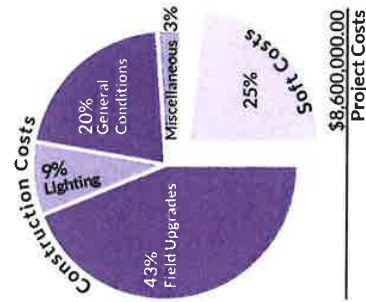
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**PROJECT SUMMARY**

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Scope Breakdown

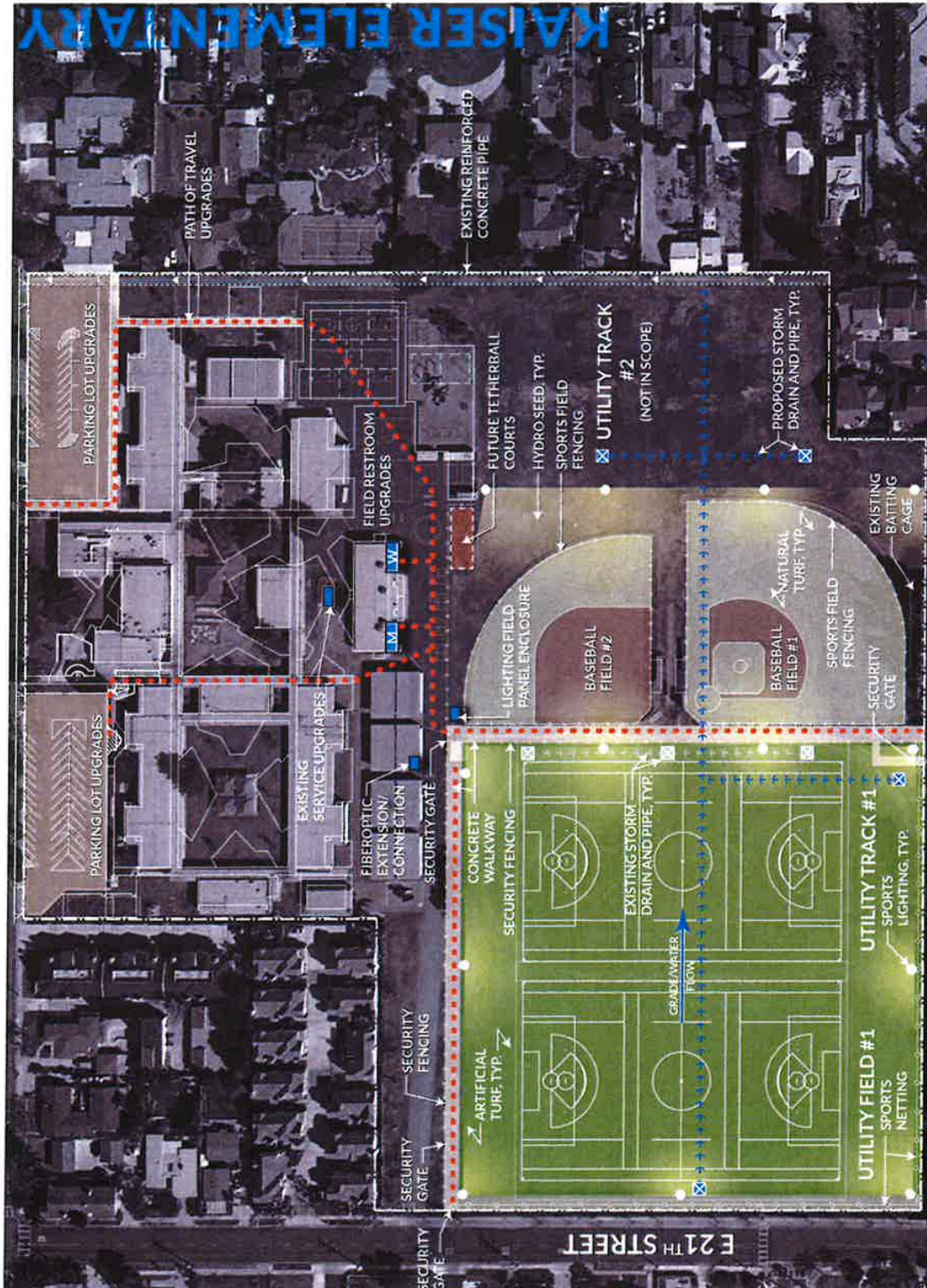
- Field Upgrades**
- Artificial Turf (~250,000 ft²)
  - Predominant use:
    - Soccer (Utility Field #1 & #2)
  - Optional use:
    - Lacrosse, Football, Rugby
  - Natural Turf (~150,000 ft²)
  - Predominant use:
    - Baseball Field #1 & #2
  - Optional use:
    - Soccer practice
  - Security Fencing (~1100 ft)
  - Sports Netting (~1000 ft)
  - Field Drainage
  - Sports Lighting (~13 ea.)
- Miscellaneous:**
- ADA Upgrades:
  - Parking Lot
  - Restrooms
  - Path of Travel
  - ☒ Storm Water Mitigation
- General Conditions:**
- Bonds, contingencies, OH&P



Sports Field Upgrades  
RIVERSIDE METRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

KAISER ES  
SITE PLAN

AS-1.0



Schedule Breakdown	Phase	Duration Timeline	Schematic Design	Design Development	Construction Documents	Agency Approval	Bidding	Construction Administration	Project Close-out
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Feasibility Study

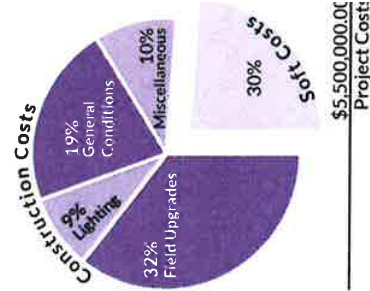
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- Scope Breakdown**
- Field Upgrades**
- Artificial Turf (~130,000 ft²)
  - Predominant use: Soccer
  - Optional use: Lacrosse, Football, Rugby
  - Natural Turf (~70,000 ft²)
  - Predominant use: Soccer practice
  - Security Fencing (~700 ft)
  - Sports Netting (~300 ft)
  - Field Drainage
- Miscellaneous:**
- Sports Lighting (~6 ea.)
  - ADA Upgrades
  - Restrooms
  - Path of Travel
  - Storm Water Mitigation
- General Conditions:**
- Bonds, contingencies, OH&P



## 5.5 Capital Cost for Proposed Recommendations

Exhibit 5.5-1 identifies recommended projects by park sites for the City of Costa Mesa and identifies potential funding sources which could be utilized to fund each of these projects. Project estimates are general in nature and developed to show a potential costs and/or range of costs. Costs should be considered as an approximations of individual facilities listed only and are estimated based upon current market prices and are considered ear marks for budgeting purposes. Actual costs will depend on design, size of facility, additional support facilities, utilities, infrastructure, environmental conditions, as well as site specific conditions which require additional study and have not been evaluated in the Master Plan. Based on these general project estimates, the City of Costa Mesa is faced with \$102,276,681 in park development and renovations over the next seven years. This includes \$37,144,208 for the Donald Dungan Library/Neighborhood Community Center project, \$13,555,000 in school related sports field projects, \$21,270,000 in renovations and new development to Fairview Park, and \$3,920,000 at TeWinkle Park.

***The ultimate decision to pursue any of the identified project recommendations is based on available funding, council priorities, staff evaluation, and other economic constraints.***

Exhibit 5.5-1: Recommended Projects for Existing Facilities

RECOMMENDATIONS	FUNDING KEY (see below)	Estimated Costs
<b>Balearic Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Center upgrade</li> <li>ADA upgrade</li> <li>Underground electrical</li> <li>Fire protection sprinklers</li> <li>New HVAC</li> <li>Upgrade and resurface outdoor courts</li> <li>Land acquisition services</li> <li>Master Plan for third soccer field and parking—if City takes ownership</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M      A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M	\$150,000 \$36,000 \$120,000 \$95,000 \$50,000 \$60,000 \$100,000
<b>Bark Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace turf with decomposed granite or similar material</li> <li>Bark Park renovation</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M	See renovation \$2,600,000
<b>Brentwood Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase one of the Master Plan—New playground, picnic shelter, irrigation, and accessibility improvements</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$750,000
<b>Canyon Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade play equipment</li> <li>Oak revegetation project</li> <li>New restroom</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$100,000 \$15,000 \$650,000

<b>Roger Neth Park Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master Plan to develop as a public art park with sculptors, gardens, and sitting areas</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M	\$150,000
<b>Del Mesa Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace walkway lights</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$40,000
<b>Estancia Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slurry seal and restripe parking lot</li> <li>Slope renovation</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	City-wide \$30,000
<b>Fairview Development Center (25% open space area)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor community performance theater</li> <li>Outdoor fitness equipment</li> <li>Splash pad</li> <li>Community garden</li> </ul>	A,C,D,F,G,M A,C,D,F,G,M A,C,D,F,G,M A,C,D,F,G,M	\$50,000 \$20,000 \$150,000 Cost varies on scope and size
<b>Fairview Park (NOTE: Refer to p. 120 for measure AA information)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of turf and naturalization of area near vernal pools</li> <li>Walkway renovation</li> <li>Restroom north of Fairview Park entrance</li> <li>Bluff stairs</li> <li>Restore native habitat</li> <li>Placentia Ave fence</li> <li>Plant establishment and pond maintenance</li> <li>On-call environmental services</li> <li>Riparian habitat Phase III</li> <li>Southeast entrance and parking lot</li> <li>West Bluff repair</li> <li>General park improvements</li> <li>Ongoing Implementation of Fairview Park Master Plan as applicable</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$75,000 City-wide \$525,000 \$350,000 \$8,250,000 \$380,000 \$800,000 \$350,000 \$1,000,000 \$150,000 \$650,000 \$1,500,000
<b>Gisler Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace picnic shelter</li> <li>Develop Community Garden</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,F,G,M	\$45,000 Cost varies on scope and size
<b>Harper Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground replacement</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$100,000

<b>Heller Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picnic shelter replacement</li> <li>ADA upgrades</li> <li>Develop two additional lighted basketball courts</li> <li>Replace security lighting</li> <li>Replace restroom</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$100,000 \$135,000 \$275,000 \$125,000 \$600,000
<b>Jack Hammett Sports Complex</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved Security Lighting (completed)</li> <li>Reconstruction of parking lot to add more spaces (completed, added 60 parking spaces)</li> <li>Addition of permanent storage facility (completed)</li> <li>ADA improvements (completed)</li> <li>Enlarge current or add additional restroom</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M  A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$250,000  \$660,000 \$275,000 \$650,000
<b>Jordan Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground renovation and replacement (completed)</li> <li>Concrete walkway upgrade</li> </ul>	 A,C,D,E,F,G,M	 City-wide
<b>Ketchum-Libolt Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>		
<b>Lindbergh Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New basketball court</li> <li>Park expansion</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M	\$75,000 \$1,300,000
<b>Lions Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concrete walkway upgrades</li> <li>Restroom renovation (completed)</li> <li>Turf and irrigation renovation / Event Lawn (completed)</li> <li>Playground renovation and replacement (completed)</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	City-wide \$500,000 \$150,000 \$500,000
<b>Marina View Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping renovation and upgrade</li> <li>New half basketball court</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$50,000 \$80,000
<b>Mesa Verde Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>		
<b>Moon Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New half basketball court</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$80,000
<b>Paularino Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace picnic shelter</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$70,000
<b>Pinkley Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground replacement</li> <li>Age appropriate playground</li> <li>Addition of two new tennis/pickleball courts</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$65,000 \$50,000 \$150,000
<b>Shalimar Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>		

<b>Shiffer Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA upgrades</li> <li>• Playground renovation and replacement</li> <li>• Slurry seal and restripe parking lot</li> <li>• Replace wood trellis over picnic shelter</li> <li>• Replace walkway lighting</li> <li>• Restroom renovation to upgrade and enlarge</li> <li>• Additional parking</li> <li>• Walking trail and benches</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$115,058 \$175,000 City-wide \$50,000 \$25,000 \$250,000 432,000 \$8,000
<b>Smallwood Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete walkway renovation</li> <li>• Park electrical and safety lighting upgrade</li> <li>• Add exercise stations around park</li> <li>• Develop new picnic shelter</li> <li>• Park renovation</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M	City-wide \$100,000 \$20,000 \$125,000 \$990,000
<b>Suburbia Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
<b>Tanager Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repurpose existing hard courts / Install two (2) pickleball courts (completed)</li> <li>• Upgrade existing pedestrian path / ADA pathway (completed)</li> <li>• Playground renovation and replacement (completed)</li> </ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M	\$150,000 \$150,000

<b>TeWinkle Park</b>		
• Concrete walkway renovation	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	City-wide
• Slurry and restripe Junipero parking lots	A,C,D,E,F,G,M,O	City-wide
• Restroom renovation of restroom near Tennis Center/Skate Park	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$250,000
• Drainage swale north boundary	A,C,D,E,F,G,M,O	\$400,000
• Landscape buffer north boundary	A,C,D,E,F,G,M,O	\$300,000
• Landscape median	A,C,D,E,F,G,M,O	\$275,000
• Skatepark expansion	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$770,000
• Lake liner repair design	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$50,000
• Repair lake liner and waterfall	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$200,000
• Two new tennis courts at tennis center	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$150,000
• Two sand volleyball courts	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$150,000
• New restroom—lake area	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$650,000
• New tot lot east of Junipero Drive	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$500,000
• Demolition of Presidio Square restroom	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$250,000
• Continued incorporation of TeWinkle Park Master Plan	A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M	
• Add locker room at tennis courts	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$150,000
• Upgrade existing outdoor theater area	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$50,000
<b>Vista Park</b>		
• Concrete walkway renovation	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	City-wide
• Picnic shelter	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$75,000
• Veteran's memorial	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$60,000
• Perimeter fence	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$40,000
<b>Wakeham Park</b>		
• ADA upgrades	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$116,050
• Basketball court redesign and renovation	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$50,000
• Concrete walkway renovation	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	City-wide
• Develop playground and planter	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$190,000
• Two new tennis/pickleball courts	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$150,000
• Parking		\$235,000
• Benches		\$7,500
<b>Wilson Park</b>		
• Restroom renovation	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$200,000
<b>Wimbledon Park</b>		
• None		

<b>Costa Mesa Tennis Center</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Install practice wall</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$30,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Convert court lighting to LED’s</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$300,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Floor finishes</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$30,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Master Plan Improvements</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$30,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plumbing fixtures</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$10,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replace Tennis fencing</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$115,000
<b>Costa Mesa Senior Center</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Restroom renovation to meet ADA standards</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$125,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elevator control system upgrade</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$35,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cabinet, counters, door upgrade</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$100,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Slurry seal and restripe parking lots</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	City-wide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New LED Monument sign</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$50,000
<b>Downtown Recreation Center</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upgrade the Aquatic Center restroom</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$400,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replace HVAC units</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$85,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wall finishes</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M	\$65,000
<b>Neighborhood Community Center</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Renovate and expand Norma Hertzog Community Center (completed)</li><li>Included within the Donald Dungan Library project (completed)</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,H,M,O	\$36,000,000
<b>Community Gardens</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>	A,C,D,F,G,M	Cost varies on scope and size
<b>School Projects</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Davis School lighting and turf</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M,N	\$4,500,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kaiser School lighting and turf</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M,N	\$5,000,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parsons School lighting and turf</li></ul>	A,C,D,E,F,G,M,N	\$2,230,000

<b>FUNDING KEY (Potential Funding Sources)</b>	
A. Developer Impact Fees	H. Corporate Sponsorships
B. Developer Special Agreement	I. Certificates of Participation
C. General Fund	J. Bonds
D. Non-profit Organization	K. Sales Tax
E. Public/Private Partnerships, Concessions	L. Sale/Lease of Surplus Land
F. Grants-CDBG	M. User Group Contributions/Donations
G. Grants-Public Agencies & Private Foundations	N. School District Joint-use Contributions
	O. Dedicated Taxes





*Tot lot at Marina View Park. This park has limited street parking, but walkways leading into adjacent neighborhoods.*



## Core Services and Pricing



*The Seven-Year Capital Improvements Plan includes tot lot renovations and a variety of other tiered park improvements.*

## Section SIX: Core Services and Pricing

The cornerstone of the success of the Master Plan Update is Costa Mesa's ability to secure stable funding for the development and operation of parks, recreation facilities, and programs. Two major cost centers require funding in order to implement the Master Plan. One is capital costs which includes: potential acquisition and development of new required park lands and facilities and renovation of existing park and School District properties. The second major cost center is to develop long-term sustainable resources for operations and maintenance of existing and new facilities.

With difficult financial constraints and diminishing resources, it will be challenging to find the resources needed to build or renovate parks and facilities as well as maintain existing parks and infrastructure. Another vexing task will be sustaining the affordability of recreation fee supported classes to meet needs and demands for residents.

This section of the Master Plan provides information on funding options for park development, maintenance, and operations to assist Costa Mesa in preparing for plan implementation. It discusses current funding mechanisms and identifies future possibilities and identifies key resources to meet future goals or strategic directions and guides the City staff in accomplishing the vision and goals of the Master Plan. Meeting these challenges will require equal amounts of vision, resourcefulness, partnership, and hard work.

### 6.1 Funding Sources for Parks and Recreation

The following listing of funding sources that have been categorized according to the appropriate application of the funding they provide - Capital Funding, Operation and Maintenance or a combination of both. These explanations of funding options are provided to give definition to alternative funding programs which the City may elect to employ. These sources will be evaluated and applicable sources will be matched to the specific projects which are recommended in this Master Plan Update. A complete list of funding sources can be found in the Appendix.

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#### Capital Funding Programs

1. **Non-Profit Foundation** - such as a 501(c) (3). This would provide a vehicle for a capital fund drive and a means to build community support. There should be well defined facilities and specific costs to be funded. The foundation acts as a conduit for receiving private donations from entities that might otherwise be reluctant to donate to a City. In addition, the donor can receive tax benefits. The City can use the foundation to solicit private foundations, corporations and other businesses, local organizations and individuals (gifts, bequests, trust funds, etc.). The foundation also provides an organization that can partner with other non-profits (such as churches, service clubs and organizations) as well as private companies to jointly develop park and recreation facilities.

- 2. Grants** - (County, State and Federal agencies). While these sources have been declining in recent years, they do provide funding to many projects. Many require matching funds from the City which can be a barrier. Such funds, however, could come from sources such as a Non-Profit Foundation. There is usually strong competition for such grants and the City needs to compete aggressively. Some examples of such funding are:
- The California Department of Parks and Recreation administers grants which have been established by State propositions or are provided for by other State programs such as the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 and/or the Recreational Trails Program.
  - Caltrans provides for on- or off-street bike trails and some foot trails through such funding mechanisms as ISTEA Transportation Enhancement Activities and Bicycle Lane Account Funds.
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is available for upgrading parks for ADA requirements and other improvements. These funds are also used for some limited program funding.
  - The California Department of Resources manages many grant programs, through several departments such as the Department of Conservation, Wildlife Conservation Board, State Coastal Conservancy and others, that can be used for open space acquisition, habitat restoration, trails, etc. Much of the funding comes from State Bond Act Propositions 50 and 84.
  - Foundation Grants – There are some private foundations and non-profits that support park and recreation developments and programs. These entities can be solicited for donations to support specific projects which meet their criteria.
- 3. Quimby Act** - The Quimby Act is a widely used source of funding which enables local government to exact dedication of land or in-lieu fees from new residential development to maintain a minimum ratio of park land to population. This applies only to residential subdivisions and does not address additional park demands created through the construction of new units on existing lots or to condominium conversions.
- 4. Development Impact Fees** - Development Impact Fees (AB 1600 fees) on development is another option for local agencies. The fees or exactions are based on the premise that new development generates new demand for park and recreation facilities. The fees only apply to new development and may only be assessed for new capital cost related to the development. A defined nexus or benefit/beneficiary relationship must be established. The fees are paid by the developer to offset costs for the infrastructure caused by new development. The fees are not limited to the cost of land and can be assessed for improvements. Some cities have used this fee mechanism to assess a capital equipment fee to acquire the equipment needed to maintain the new parks. The fees are often used in combination with development agreements. The advantages of impact fees, sometimes called mitigation fees, are that they can be assessed for non-subdivision land uses. Fees can be assessed under the premise that tourists, employers, and employees all benefit from and use community parks. This allows for assessment of commercial and industrial development. Once the nexus is established that proves the need for additional facilities because of new development, a fee program can be implemented. The fee cannot be assessed to subsidize existing shortfalls or benefit existing residents.

- For FY 13/14 the City of Costa Mesa collected \$766,260 in park development fees and \$1,992,098 for FY 14/15. This declined to a projected \$500,000 for FY 15/16. In the fall of 2015 the City Council completed a review of park development fees updating residential fees last changed in 2005 and adding a new fee on apartments and condominium development. The result of the new ordinance is that FY 15/16 adopted budget of \$500,000 in revenue increased to \$1,800,000. The preliminary projection for FY 16/17 is \$2,561,117. Development Agreements - (DA's) are another mechanism through which park and recreation improvements can be acquired or provided. As part of an agreement specifying the type and density of development that will be allowed, the City can negotiate conditions and considerations in return for concessions. These types of incentive programs can also be used in the provision of parks and other open spaces in commercial areas. One such program would allow extra floor space in exchange for public recreation facilities such as a plaza, a mini-park or an amphitheater. Another example of such public space in commercial development would be expansion of the Senior Center to include a fitness area.
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- 6. Bonds** - Most bond issues require a two-thirds vote of the electorate and are therefore used with great preparation, research and care to predict voting outcome. Some of the most common forms of these bonds are as follows:
- **General Obligation Bonds** - These bonds are issued subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the electorate and pledge the full faith and support of the borrower. G.O. bonds would be paid out of the City's General Fund. Only cities with excess General Fund capacity are able to use G.O. bonds for park facility development today. Another method of implementing park and recreation facility development by use of a type of G.O. bond is by gaining voter approval for an additional property tax assessment to pay for the debt of park bonds. The issuer is authorized by the vote of a two-thirds majority of the electorate to levy an ad valorem tax on all taxable property within its jurisdiction at whatever rate is required to service the debt. Because of the high level of security, these bonds command the lowest interest rate. This type of financing requires strong community support and involves much time and effort to study community attitudes and promote acceptance in order to be successful.

- **Revenue Bonds** - These bonds are secured by a pledge of revenues from a tax or non-tax source such as assessments or fees. Because the revenue from a particular facility is the only security, these bonds usually carry a higher interest rate than general obligation bonds. The direct issuance of revenue bonds without the formation of a funding district, as described in more detail below, may not be feasible for park and recreation purposes due to limited income streams from these types of activities. However, revenue bonds have been used to partially fund such development as an aquatic facility where a feasibility study verified the revenue generating capability of the development.

- 7. Certificates of Participation** - This is a form of lease purchase agreement that does not constitute indebtedness under the State constitutional debt limit and does not require voter approval. In a typical case, a local government entity decides to acquire a new or renovated public facility. This facility is purchased or constructed by a vendor corporation and the local government signs a lease agreement with the corporation to use the facility. An underwriting firm then buys the lease obligation from the vendor corporation and divides it into small units called "C.O.P.'s". Each C.O.P. represents a share of the lease payment revenue stream. The underwriter then places the C.O.P. issue with a bank which, in turn, sells the certificates to individual investors. The local government makes the lease payments to the bank which makes payments to the certificate holders. At the end of the lease period, title to the facility passes to the local government entity at nominal cost. Interest paid the certificate holders is tax exempt.
- 8. Fund-Raising Events** - (concerts, raffles, etc.) While these are not a major source of funds, such events could contribute to an overall effort toward capital funding for a specific facility. Funds raised from such events could be channeled through a non-profit foundation as described above.
- 9. Property Tax Financing** - The residents vote for a "special" tax for a defined period of time. The tax is assessed on commercial and residential property. This type of tax offers a steady stream of revenue to develop and maintain parks. Unless a tax is a "general tax," a 2/3 vote of the community or affected area is required. Property taxes are relatively easy to administer at the local level, revenues can be accurately predicted, and the tax burden is equitably distributed. Perhaps the most important factor when considering a property tax-backed parks and open space measure is track record. Despite the dislike of property taxes, voters in many communities have been willing to accept an increase when revenues are specifically earmarked for parks.
- 10. Assessment Districts** - It is in the public interest to promote the economic revitalization and physical maintenance of the business districts of its cities in order to create jobs, attract new businesses, and prevent the erosion of the business districts. It is of particular local benefit to allow cities to fund business related improvements, maintenance, and activities through the levy of assessments upon the businesses or real property that benefits from those improvements.

## Sources of Operation and Maintenance Funds

1. **User Fees** - Such fees provide some contribution toward maintenance, but are not sufficient to provide any capital funds. It is strongly recommended that the City examine the current fee structure and make adjustments so that the fees collected are in line with the costs of maintenance and operation of the facilities and/or programs for which the fees are levied. Some of the sources of such fees include:
  - Participation fees for classes and special programs.
  - Field Rental Fees for the use, maintenance and lighting costs associated with using a sports field.
  - Family Rental Fees for meetings, parties and special events.
  - Charges for play, such as for tennis court reservations and/or golf green fees.
  - Group picnic shelter use charges.
  - Charges for the use of park sites for special events such as arts & crafts fairs, tournaments, antique shows, auto shows, weddings, concerts, carnivals, Christmas tree sales, etc.
  - Joint-Use with non-profit organizations is also included in this category, where sports teams would renovate fields and/or provide field maintenance (labor or costs) in exchange for guaranteed use of the field during the season.
2. **Corporate Sponsorship of Events** - This is most popular for sports teams and other various activities, and should be actively pursued.
3. **Adopt-a-Park Programs** - This type of program could generate funds or volunteers to provide maintenance for City parks or facilities.
4. **Volunteer Labor** - Useful for certain programming and/or maintenance tasks, however does not constitute a large portion of funding needs.

## Sources for Both Capital and Operation & Maintenance Funding

1. **Sales Tax Increase** - The cornerstone of the state-local revenue system in virtually every region of the country, the sales tax is the second largest source of income for state and local governments and typically the most popular tax among voters. Sales taxes are either general or specific in form. General sales taxes are levied on the sale of goods or services at the retail level. Specific or selective sales taxes are imposed on specific items such as alcohol, tobacco and gasoline and sometimes earmarked for specific projects. As an example the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District is funded through ¼ cent sales tax and the City of Pico Rivera passed a 1 percent increase to implement their Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
2. **Special Districts Assessments** - These include Benefit Assessment Districts (under state law AB1600), Landscape and Lighting Act Districts, and Mello-Roos Districts. A special assessment or levy is placed on a property to finance improvements and/or maintenance that specifically benefit that property. The legislation requires a vote of the residents in order to form such districts or in order to change the level of assessment.

3. **Taxes** - Some examples of taxes used by other cities to pay for park and recreation include Transient Occupancy Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax and Admissions Tax. A portion of such tax revenue could be dedicated for specific park and recreation uses, either to provide funding for a bond issue or to cover defined maintenance and operating costs.
4. **Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT):** often called bed taxes can be assessed on hotel rooms, campgrounds and other lodging facilities. The taxing authority is the local government agency. This use tax impacts tourists and not local residents, so it is easier to implement. Since many park facilities serve tourists in addition to residents, these funds can be used for both park development and maintenance.

The TOT for Costa Mesa is currently at 8 percent and is estimated to bring in \$8.5 million for FY 16/17.

5. **Concessions** -By contracting with a concessionaire to build and/or operate a facility, the City can generate income which could cover the capital costs and maintenance of the facility. An example within Costa Mesa in the Tennis Center. Other potential concession-operated facilities could include: baseball or softball diamonds, equestrian facilities, handball courts, tennis courts, miniature golf, roller hockey facilities and food and beverage concessions. In most cases, the City provides a site for the facility and either the City or the concessionaire funds the construction of the facility. The lease terms are determined accordingly.
6. **User Group Contributions** - Sports groups sometimes have an interest in constructing and maintaining fields for their use if the City would provide a nominal lease of land for a reasonable time span so that they can capture the value of the improvements. This relieves the City of the associated costs; however, it precludes the use of the fields by other user groups unless that is made a condition of the lease.
7. **Joint-Use Agreements with School Districts** - Joint-Use Agreements with local School Districts can provide for reciprocal use of facilities by both parties. They define responsibilities for capital improvements and maintenance of the facilities. Problems sometimes arise when expanding school sports programs create inequalities in the amount of time the City has access to the facilities. Agreements need to be definitive and specific as to allowed usage.
8. **Sale or Lease of Surplus Lands** - The sale or lease of land or other capital facilities for which the City has no further use can sometimes be a major source of revenue. One-time receipts from the sale of land can be used for the acquisition of new park lands, recreation facilities, or the development of new community service facilities. Revenues from long-term leases can be used to provide maintenance or underwrite programs. Surplus parcels also may provide opportunities for trading land elsewhere in the City with other agencies that own land more suitable for park purposes.

## 6.2 Potential Funding Sources by Facility Type

A summary of the various funding sources for the most appropriate project type is presented in Exhibit 6.2-1. The City should look at developing new sources beyond those currently in use. Funding needs can be satisfied for each improvement through a variety of potential sources as indicated on Exhibit 6.2-1.

The specific funding source to be considered will depend partly on the timing of the development and the funding sources which may be available or which are more easily pursued at that time. For major improvements which include such facilities as community centers, tennis complexes, gymnasiums, senior centers, teen centers, ball field complexes, etc., the use of a fund raising effort to be conducted on behalf of a City's non-profit foundation could be beneficial. Sponsorships/ naming rights for major corporate or other private donors can be offered. In some cases, the use of a professional fund raising firm should be considered once a facility or project for which the funding will be used is identified. Other sources of funding for such projects could include public/private partnerships, partnerships with private sector through website advertising, user group contributions, joint use with the School District and public or private grants.

Use of bonds, sales tax increase, or special districts require a vote by the residents and have been used successfully in some California communities. The City of Pico Rivera recently passed a sales tax increase to implement their Park and Recreation Master Plan. The specific facilities and improvements to be paid for need to be identified and a public relations effort is required to enlist the support of the electorate. The greater the demand and recognition of the need by the public, the greater will be the chance of success.

Exhibit 6.2-1: Funding Sources by Project Type

Funding Source	PROJECT TYPE			
	Acquisition	Improvement	Operations	Programs
Non-Profit Foundation – i.e. 501 (c)(3)	x	x		
State and Federal Grants <sup>1</sup>	x	x		
Foundation Grants <sup>1</sup>	x	x		
Quimby Dedication/In-lieu Fee	x	x		
Development Agreements/Impact Fees	x	x		
General Obligation Bonds	x	x		
Revenue Bonds	x	x		
Certificates of Participation	x	x		
Sales Tax Increase	x	x	x	x
Fund Raising Events	x	x		
Sponsorship (Naming Rights)	x	x	x	x
User Fees			x	x
Corporate Sponsorship of Events			x	x
Adopt-a-Park Program			x	x
Volunteer Labor			x	x
Public/Private Partnerships (Concessions)	x	x	x	x
Benefit Assessment District	x	x	x	x
Mello Roos District	x	x	x	
Transient Occupancy Tax	x	x	x	x
Real Estate Transfer Tax	x	x		
Admissions Tax	x	x	x	x
User Group Contributions/Donations	x	x	x	x
Joint Use with School District/Public Agency	x	x	x	x
Sale/Lease of Surplus Lands	x	x	x	x
General Fund	x	x	x	x

### 6.3 Current Budget and Staffing

Since Fiscal Year 13/14 the Community Services Department has experienced tremendous growth in budget and staffing. Full-time equivalent staff has increased from 40.49 FTE for FY 12/13 to 74 in the 16/17 year budget. In planning for future budget and staffing needs, the Community Services Department should look closely at organizational structure and determine the most efficient and cost effective management structure that is both responsive and complimentary with the park maintenance functions of the Public Works Department. Exhibit 6.3-1 displays the organizational chart for the Community Services Department for Fiscal Year 16/17.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the Department's preliminary budget is recommended at \$5,444,331. Exhibit 6.3-2 displays the growth of the Community Services budget over several fiscal years.

Exhibit 6.3-1: Organizational Chart Community Services Department

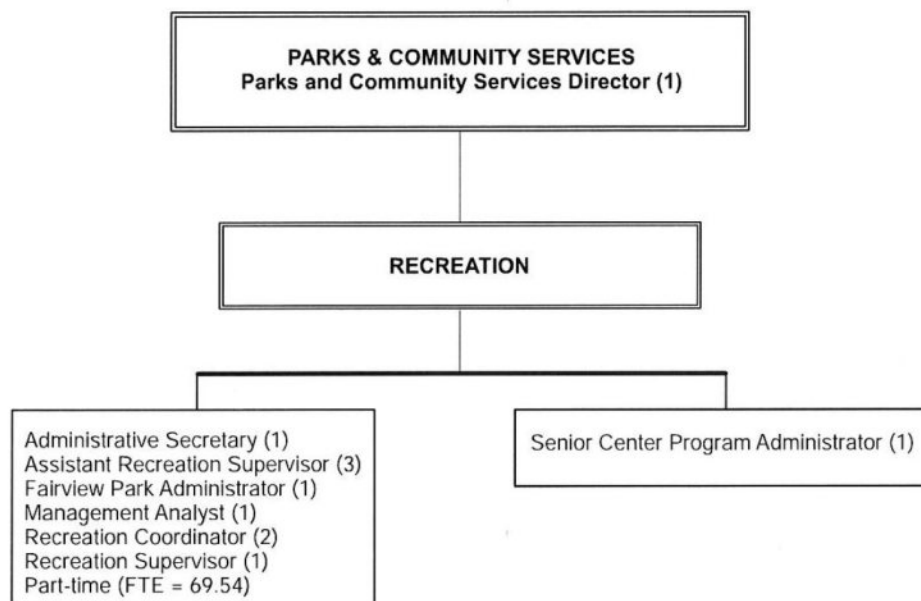


Exhibit 6.3-2: Community Services Department Expenditure Summary

<b>FY 12/13 Actual</b>	<b>FY 13/14 Actual</b>	<b>FY 14/15 Actual</b>	<b>FY/ 15/16 Adopted</b>	<b>FY 16/17 Proposed</b>
\$3,313,730	\$3,632,720	\$4,538,489	\$4,958,298	\$5,444,331

NOTE: The current Community Services Department Expenditure Summary is included at the end of the report.

## Exhibit 6.3-3: Public Works Budget History Parks Related Divisions

Division	FY 12/13 Actual	FY 13/14 Actual	FY 14/15 Actual	FY 15/16 Adopted	FY 16/17 Proposed
Park Maintenance	\$3,267,040	\$3,745,429	\$3,947,803	\$4,134,250	\$3,949,000
Facility Maintenance	\$2,569,987	\$2,275,151	\$1,958,796	\$2,061,017	\$2,040,780
Park Development	\$304,980	\$283,651	\$213,435	\$211,700	\$121,557
Parkway & Median Maintenance	\$1,007,387	\$1,078,134	\$1,076,158	\$1,150,015	\$1,206,141
Fairview Admin					\$240,748
Fairview Maintenance					\$181,453
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,149,394</b>	<b>\$7,382,365</b>	<b>\$7,196,192</b>	<b>\$7,556,982</b>	<b>\$7,739,679</b>

NOTE: The current Public Works Department Budget History is included at the end of the report.

Since Fiscal Year 2011/2012, the “parks budget,” found within the Department of Public Works Department, has stabilized and shown modest increases over the past several fiscal years. Exhibit 6.3-2 displays the approved Fiscal Year 2016/17 budget, Fiscal Year 2015/16 approved budget, and several previous fiscal year actuals for four divisions within the Public Works Department involved in parks and city landscape maintenance. For Fiscal Year 16/17 Costa Mesa has separated out Fairview Park costs through two new divisions—Fairview Administration and Fairview Maintenance Services. The divisions are:

### Park Maintenance

Maintains the City’s 30 parks, community gardens, sports fields and related facilities.

### Facility Maintenance

Maintains, repairs, and rehabilitates 22 City-owned buildings, including those leased to outside agencies. Administers and supervises contract services required for maintaining City facilities.

### Park Development

Acquires, develops, and renovates park facilities. Manages the design and construction of new park projects and renovation of existing park facilities. Responsible for master planning new park and open space facilities and managing compliance of Capital Improvement Projects with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Secures park and open space development grants.

### Parkway & Median Maintenance

Maintains 12 acres of landscape street medians and approximately 22,000 parkway trees. When park maintenance is broken out of the budget by removing general overhead, recreation, and landscape maintenance, the indirect proposed costs for maintaining 461.05 acres of parkland is approximately \$9,927 per acre of parkland.

In the National Recreation and Park Administration (NRPA) 2015 Field Report operating expenditures per acre of park land for agencies with 251 to 1,000 acres was identified as ranging from \$4,163 per acre in the lower quartile to \$17,597 in the upper quartile. This data represented expenditures for 2014 and did not include an evaluation of the level of park maintenance. The level of funding for Costa Mesa falls slightly above the median of \$8,884 per acre of parkland.

## 6.4 Current Capital Project Budget

Currently, funding for capital improvements, renovations, and additions to park and recreation facilities in the City of Costa Mesa comes from a variety of general fund and non-general fund sources such as developer impact fees (Park Development Fund), CDBG, and grants. Currently the City budgets capital projects each fiscal year with the support of a seven-year capital improvement program. Exhibit 6.4-1 shows the proposed allocated funding for capital improvement and renovation of park facilities as shown in the preliminary Fiscal Year 16/17 capital improvement budget.

**Exhibit 6.4-1: Capital Funding Preliminary Fiscal Year 16/17**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2016/17</b>
<b>Bicycle/Transportation related Projects</b>	
Bicycle Improvement Citywide	\$50,000
West 19 <sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle Trail	\$250,000
Parkway Improvement Program	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>
<b>Park Projects</b>	
Jack Hammett Fields 1 and 2	\$2,370,965
Jack Hammett ADA	\$275,000
Donald Dungan Library and Neighborhood Community Center	\$1,976,201
TeWinkle Park Skate Park Expansion	\$20,000
Fairview Park—Rehabilitate Parking Lot	\$220,000
Fairview Park—Plant Establishment and Pond Maintenance	\$100,000
Fairview Park—On-call Environmental Services	\$50,000
Fairview Park—Storm Drain	\$1,250,000
Fairview Park—West Bluff Repair	\$200,000
Costa Mesa High School Stadium—Add Bleachers	\$625,000
Paularino Park—Replace Picnic Shelter	\$70,000
Pinkley Park—Replace Arbor	\$150,000
Park Sidewalk Replacement	\$75,000
Downtown Recreation Center Replace Pool Heater	\$48,000
Senior Center ADA	\$125,000
Building Maintenance Projects (Includes Non-Park Buildings)	\$407,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,992,556</b>

NOTE: The current Capital Funding projects list is included at the end of the report.

## 6.5 Future Opportunity Sites

### **Future Partnerships / Joint Use sites**

Due to the limited availability of facilities and the demand from various sports organizations the City has pursued a partnership with the Newport Mesa Unified School District. This agreement details the joint use of City and School District facilities, where the City agrees to transfer all revenues received from user groups for the use of school fields, or an annual amount of \$170,000 adjusted by CPI annually. The City and District meet each year to select capital improvement projects to be funded jointly. This consists of the City and District matching at least \$1 for each \$1 City invests in District capital projects.

As described in Section Five of this Master Plan Update, per the Feasibility Study, the proposed improvements include:

- Davis School lighting and turf
- Kaiser School lighting and turf
- Parsons School lighting and turf

The City has also pursued a number of cooperative arrangements with various sports and community organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, Costa Mesa Historical Society, and Childs Pace Inc. The Boys and Girls Club operate out of a facility located at Jordan Park, Historical Society operate a building near Lions Park, and Childs Pace Inc. provides subsidized child care at the Downtown Recreation Center. The City should consider opportunities to enter into cooperative agreements with other organizations who provide similar services.

### **Privately Owned Property**

In addition to the above opportunities there are also parcels within the City currently owned by private parties. These parcels could also provide much needed space to meet the demand for recreation facilities and should be reviewed by the City.

## 6.6 Seven Year Capital Plan

Development of a multi-year Capital Budget is integral to sound financial planning, debt management, and reserve development. This Master Plan utilizes the City's current seven-year capital plan to outline the timely development of master planned facilities, capital replacement, and capital outlay requirements, to assist with planned cash and debt management.

Exhibit 6.6-1 displays the recommended seven year needs for the City of Costa Mesa, including renovation of existing facilities, redesign/modification of existing, potential acquisition site costs, and development of these new sites. It should be noted that existing resources are limited and will not be able to fully fund the recommendations within this plan.

The City should look at developing new sources beyond those currently in use. Funding needs can be satisfied for each improvement through a variety of potential sources as indicated on Exhibit 6.6-1.

The specific funding source to be considered will depend partly on the timing of the development and the funding sources which may be available or which are more easily pursued at that time. For major improvements which include such facilities as community centers, tennis complexes, gymnasiums, ball field complexes, etc., the use of a fund raising effort to be conducted on behalf of a City's non-profit foundation could be beneficial. Sponsorships/ naming rights for major corporate or other private donors can be offered. In some cases, the use of a professional fund raising firm should be considered once a facility or project for which the funding will be used is identified. Other sources of funding for such projects could include public/private partnerships, partnerships with private sector through website advertising, user group contributions, joint use with the School District and public or private grants.

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Therefore, this Master Plan Update makes the recommendation that the City seek voter approval for a 1% increase in TOT to assist with the funding of new park development and operation and maintenance. This should be accomplished no later than Fiscal Year 19/20.

Exhibit 6.6-1: City of Costa Mesa Seven-Year Capital Requirements

Capital Needs by Park and/or significant project	Fiscal Year 16/17	Fiscal Year 17/18	Fiscal Year 18/19	Fiscal Year 19/20	Fiscal Year 20/21	Fiscal Year 21/22	Fiscal Year 22/23
<b>Balearic Park</b>							
• Land Acquisition Services		\$60,000					
• M Plan for 3rd Soccer Field			\$100,000				
• ADA Upgrades			\$150,000				
• Underground Electrical		\$36,000					
• Fire Protection Sprinklers				\$120,000			
• New HVAC		\$95,000					
• Upgrade & Resurface Courts		\$50,000					

## Exhibit 6.6-1: City of Costa Mesa Seven-Year Capital Requirements

<b>Bark Park</b>							
• Park Renovation							
<b>Brentwood Park</b>							
• Park Improvements		\$750,000					
<b>Canyon Park</b>							\$650,000
• New Restroom							
• Upgrade Play Equipment		\$100,000					
• Oak Revegetation		\$15,000					
<b>Roger Neth Park</b>							
• Master Plan as Art Park		\$150,000					
<b>Del Mesa Park</b>							
• Replace Walkway Lights					\$45,000		
<b>Estancia Park</b>							
• Slope Renovation		\$30,000					
<b>Fairview Park</b>							
• Restroom North of Entrance			\$525,000				
• Bluff Stairs		\$350,000					
• Restore Native Habitat		\$250,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	
• Fence Along Placentia Ave		\$380,000					
• General Improvements		\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
• Rehabilitate Parking Lot	\$250,000						
• Plant & Pond Maintenance	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
• On-Call Enviro Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
• Riparian Habitat Phase III		\$500,000	\$500,000				
• SE Entrance & Parking Lot		\$150,000					
• Storm Drain	\$1,250,000						
• West Bluff Repair	\$200,000	\$650,000					
• Naturalize area at Vernal Pools			\$75,000				
<b>Gisler Park</b>							
Replace Picnic Shelter		\$45,000					
Community Garden							
<b>Harper Park</b>							
Replace Playground			\$100,000				
<b>Heller Park</b>							
ADA Improvements		\$135,000					
2 New Lighted B Ball CourtS				\$275,000			
Replace Security Lighting		\$125,000					
Replace Restroom				\$600,000			

Picnic Shelter Replacement			\$100,000				
<b>Jack Hammett Sports Complex</b>							
Field 1 and 2 Upgrades	\$2,370,965						
ADA Improvements	\$275,000						
Storage Facility		\$660,000					
Redesign of Parking Lot			\$250,000				
Enlarge or New Restroom			\$650,000				
<b>Jordan Park</b>							
<b>Ketchum-Libolt Park</b>							
<b>Lindbergh Park</b>							
New 1/2 Basketball Court				\$75,000			
Expand Park				\$1,300,000			
<b>Lions Park</b>							
Scoreboard		\$30,000					
Restroom Renovation			\$350,000				
Turf & Irrigation Renovation			\$150,000				
<b>Marina View Park</b>							
New 1/2 Basketball Court					\$80,000		
Landscaping Renovation		\$50,000					
<b>Mesa Verde Park</b>							
<b>Moon Park</b>							
New 1/2 Basketball Court					\$80,000		
<b>Paularino Park</b>							
Replace Picnic Shelter	\$70,000						
<b>Pinkley Park</b>							
2 Tennis/Pickleball Courts				\$150,000			
Replace Arbor	\$150,000						
Replace Play Equipment			\$65,000				
Age Appropriate Playground				\$50,000			
<b>Shalimar Park</b>							
<b>Shiffer Park</b>							
ADA Improvements		\$115,058					
Replace Walkway Lighting		\$25,000					
Replace Play Equipment				\$175,000			
Replace Trellis at P Shelter				\$50,000			
Renovate Restroom				\$250,000			
<b>Smallwood Park</b>							
Park Improvements		\$250,000	\$140,000	\$250,000	\$350,000		
Security Lighting			\$100,000				
Add Exercise Stations			\$20,000				

<i>Develop New Picnic Shelter</i>			\$125,000				
<b>Suburbia Park</b>							
<b>Tanager Park</b>							
2 Tennis/Pickleball Courts					\$150,000		
<b>TeWinkle Park</b>							
2 Tennis/Pickleball Courts						\$150,000	
2 Sand Volleyball Courts							\$150,000
Drainage Swale--N Boundary				\$400,000			
Planted Buffer--N Boundary				\$300,000			
Landscape Median		\$275,000					
New Restroom--Lake Area						\$625,000	
New Tot Lot--E of Junipero Dr.					\$500,000		
Presidio Sq. Restroom Demo					\$250,000		
Skate Park Expansion	\$20,000	\$750,000					
Design of Lake Liner Repair		\$50,000					
Repair Liner and Waterfalls		\$50,000	\$150,000				
<i>Restroom—Skate Park</i>		\$250,000					
<b>Vista Park</b>							
Picnic Shelter		\$165,000					
Veteran's Memorial			\$60,000				
Perimeter Trail Fence		\$40,000					
<b>Wakeham Park</b>							
ADA Improvements		\$116,050					
2 Tennis/Pickleball Courts					\$150,000		
Playground and Planter			\$190,000				
<i>Basketball Court Renovation</i>		\$50,000					
<b>Wilson Park</b>							
Replace Existing Restroom		\$200,000					
<b>Wimbledon Park</b>							
<b>Costa Mesa Tennis Center</b>							
Floor Finishes			\$30,000				
Master Plan Improvements		\$30,000					
Plumbing Fixtures			\$10,000				
Replace Tennis Fencing				\$115,000			
Replace Tennis Lighting		\$300,000					
<i>Install Practice Wall</i>		\$30,000					
<b>Costa Mesa Senior Center</b>							
Door Replacement		\$48,000					
Elevator Control Upgrade		\$35,000					
LED Monument Sign		\$50,000					
Interior Upgrades		\$100,000					
ADA Restroom Renovations	\$125,000						

Shade Structure		\$40,000					
<b>Downtown Recreation Center</b>							
Replace HVAC Units		\$85,000					
Replace Pool Heater	\$48,000						
Wall Finishes			\$65,000				
Upgrade Aquatic Restrooms			\$400,000				
<b>Neighborhood Community Center</b>							
DD Library & NCC Renovation	\$1,976,201	\$4,476,201	\$25,547,598	\$1,286,052	\$1,286,052	\$1,286,052	\$1,286,052
<b>Community Gardens</b>							
<b>City-Wide Park Projects</b>							
Park Monument Signage		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Park Security Lighting		\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000			
Rehabilitate Parking Lots		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000		
Install Backflow Enclosures		\$50,000					
Replace Playground Surfacing		\$100,000					
Sidewalk Replacements	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		
<b>School Sports Fields</b>							
Davis Field		\$2,000,000			\$2,500,000		
Estancia Sports Lighting		\$1,200,000					
Kaiser Lighting and Turf		\$5,000,000					
Costa Mesa High Bleachers	\$625,000						
Parsons Lighting and Turf		\$2,230,000					
<b>Miscellaneous Park Projects</b>							
Harbor Blvd Parkway		\$100,000					
Andros Parkway		\$40,000					
Smalley/Sunflower		\$75,000					
Mesa Del Mar Entry		\$96,000					
New Skate Park			\$1,000,000				
Talbert Nature Preserve			\$135,000				
Costa Mesa United			\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
General Building Maint.	\$407,400	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>Total</b>	\$7,992,566	\$24,672,309	\$37,927,598	\$11,171,052	\$10,766,052	\$6,361,052	\$3,386,052

NOTE: The current 7-year capital improvement requirements is included at the end of the report.



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY JUNE 4, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. - MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** –The Regular City Council and Housing Authority meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 6:00 p.m.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – A video was played of the National Anthem and the mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SOLEMN EXPRESSION** – Led by Pastor Christine Nolf, Redemption Church.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

**PRESENTATIONS: NONE.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Speaker, spoke on statistics and the lack of enforcement of the permit parking program and spoke against eliminating one drive lane on West 19th Street.

Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke in appreciation of the improvements on Adams Avenue.

Lynn Redman, Costa Mesa, spoke on his sons tree restoration project at Fairview Park.

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke on the lack of parking enforcement in the College Park permit parking area, and spoke against development.

Speaker, spoke on Measure K and Measure Y and spoke on donations by Rose Equities.

Cynthia McDonald spoke on Pride Month, publishing the agenda sooner, and spoke on adopting an ethics policy.

Speaker, requested agenda reports be printed double sided.

Speaker, Resilience Orange County, spoke on street conditions on Center Street and the possibility of a community meeting, spoke on hosting a tenants know your rights meeting, and requested the agendas be published sooner.

Juana Trejo expressed appreciation on the City offering the Zoom option and expressed concern on graffiti and gang activity.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS**

Council Member Reynolds expressed appreciation on the poem by Pastor Nolf, expressed appreciation to Resilience Orange County for their services, expressed appreciation to the Freedom Committee for the Memorial Day event, spoke in support of Pride Month, spoke on attending the Bike Safety Education event, requested a presentation on the Bike Safety Program, acknowledged staff who were involved in the Access Costa Mesa Resource Fair, and spoke on attending an event honoring Robert Santana Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Boys and Girls Club who received an award.

Council Member Chavez congratulated graduates and expressed appreciation for public safety teams attending graduation events, spoke on the Costa Mesa 311 application to report graffiti and vandalism, spoke on public safety and traffic enhancements, and spoke on receiving the agenda sooner.

Council Member Gameros thanked the Freedom Committee for the Memorial Day event, spoke on park improvements for youth sports, and encouraged residents to contact him for assistance.

Council Member Marr spoke on Pride Month, spoke on the skate park community meeting and submitting comments, attending the Project Hope Alliance gala, spoke on allowing beekeeping, and spoke on parking concerns in the College Park area and requested a briefing on enforcement, and on parking enforcement during the Fair.

Mayor Pro Tem Harlan spoke on attending the Newport Mesa Soccer Classic, requested an update on Tessa and the Economic Development Strategic Plan, requested a Legislative Committee Report, requested an update on Harper Park, and requested for Council review a CIP threshold increase.

Mayor Stephens spoke on attending the Newport Mesa Soccer Classic, spoke on the Animal Services Committee and a beekeeping policy, the Michaels store reopening, appreciates the Adams Ave. improvements, spoke on the ambulance transport system, the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event at the Fairgrounds, the OCTA Measure M2 reports, praised the Public Works Department, and spoke on Pride Month.

**REPORT – CITY MANAGER – NONE.**

**REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY – NONE.**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Reynolds/Council Member Chavez

**MOTION:** Approve the Consent Calendar except for Item No. 10.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

### **1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: WAIVE THE FULL READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ACTION:**

City Council and Housing Authority approved the reading by title only and waived full reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

### **2. READING FOLDER**

**ACTION:**

City Council received and filed Claims received by the City Clerk and authorized staff to reject any and all Claims: Aaron Davis, Gregory Fort, Judith Leik, Nicholas Anthony Viscome.

### **3. ADOPTION OF WARRANT RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

City Council approved Warrant Resolution No. 2718.

### **4. MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

City Council approved the minutes of the regular meetings of May 7, 2024 and May 21, 2024, and the Study Session meeting of May 14, 2024.

### **5. RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE CALLING OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**ACTION:**

1. City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-23, to be read by title only and waived further reading, calling and giving notice to conduct a General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the full term of two years; and election of three members of the City Council from the first, second, and sixth districts, for the full term of four years.

2. Adopted Resolution No. 2024-24, to be read by title only and waived further reading, requesting the Orange County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election and to issue instruction to the Orange County Registrar of Voters Elections Department to provide specific services in the conduct of the consolidated election.
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2024-25, to be read by title only and waived further reading, adopting regulations pertaining to Candidate Statements submitted to the voters at a General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024.

**6. SB 1205 COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR 2023 STATE-MANDATED ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTIONS**

**ACTION:**

City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-26 to accept the Compliance Report on the status of all 2023 state-mandated annual fire inspections in the City as required by California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4.

**7. AMENDMENT NO. TWO TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FALCK MOBILE HEALTH CORPORATION FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES**

**ACTION:**

City Council approved Amendment Number Two to the Professional Services Agreement with Falck Mobile Health Corporation (Previously known as Care Ambulance) to extend the term for the continuation of emergency ambulance operator and support services until July 31, 2026, and to provide a 2.5% increase in the Annual Compensation Package for each of the next two years.

**8. TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WITTMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR AMBULANCE BILLING AND COST RECOVERY SERVICES RFP 18-03**

**ACTION:**

1. City Council approved Amendment Number Two to extend the term of the Professional Services Agreement for Ambulance Billing and Cost Recovery Services between Wittman Enterprises, LLC and the City of Costa Mesa for two (2) additional years to July 31, 2026 and to increase the per call cost.

2. Authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment.

**9. REJECT SOLE BID RECEIVED FOR THE TEWINKLE PARK LAKES REPAIR AND REHABILITATION PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 23-10**

**ACTION:**

City Council rejected the sole bid received for the TeWinkle Park Lakes Repair and Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 23-10.

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY HALL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADE AND COMMUNICATION FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM PROJECT - PHASE II, CITY PROJECT NO. 19-14**

**ACTION:**

1. City Council accepted the work performed by Johnson Controls International (JCI), 12728 Shoemaker Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670, for the City Hall Fire Alarm System Upgrade and Communication Fire Suppression System Project - Phase II, City Project No. 19-14, and authorized the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion.
2. Authorized the City Manager to release the retention monies thirty-five (35) days after the Notice of Completion filing date; release the Labor and Material Bond seven (7) months after the filing date; and release the Faithful Performance Bond one (1) year after the filing date.

**12. RENEWED MEASURE M (M2) ELIGIBILITY**

**ACTION:**

1. City Council approved the City's Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25.
2. Approved the M2 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) comprising the City's Five-Year and future year CIP for FY 2024-25 through FY 2030-31.
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2024-28, for the Update of the Pavement Management Plan.
4. Authorized staff to submit documents to meet M2 Eligibility requirements.

**13. REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CAT6 STRUCTURED CABLE AND VERKADA CAMERA INSTALLATION SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 24-03**

**ACTION:**

City Council rejected all bids for the CAT6 Structured Cable and Verkada Camera Installation Services Request for Proposal Number 24-03, and directed staff to re-advertise the project.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**10. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**

**Public Comments:**

Speaker, thanked the Public Works staff and City Council for their support of active transportation and noted a correction on the resolution to include the 3 listed roads from the staff report instead of Fairview Road.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Reynolds/Council Member Marr

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendation with the correction on the resolution to include the 3 listed roads from the staff report instead of Fairview Road.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

**ACTION:**

City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-27, approving Harbor Boulevard, West 17th Street, and Gisler Avenue roadway rehabilitation projects for funding with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) revenues for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

-----**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**-----

**MOVED/SECOND:** Mayor Stephens/Council Member Chavez

**MOTION:** Reorder the agenda and consider New Business Item No. 1 Prior to the Public Hearings.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF COSTA MESA (CITY) AND THE COSTA MESA FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (CMFMA) AND THE ADOPTION OF ACCOMPANYING SALARY RESOLUTION FOR CMFMA**

Presentation by Ms. Lee, Human Resources Manager.

Public Comments: None.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Marr/Council Member Chavez

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

**ACTION:**

1. City Council approved and adopted the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Costa Mesa and CMFMA.
2. Approved and Adopted Resolution No. 2024-36 revising the pay ranges for CMFMA.
3. Authorized the City Manager and members of the City's Negotiation Team to execute the Memorandum of Understanding documents.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(Pursuant to Resolution No. 05-55, Public Hearings begin at 7:00 p.m.)

**1. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BIA) REAUTHORIZATION TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

Presentation by Ms. Jakher, Assistant to the City Manager.

Paulette Lombardi-Fries, President, Travel Costa Mesa spoke on the item and provided a video.

Public Comments: None.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Mayor Stephens/Mayor Pro Tem Harlan

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

**ACTION:**

1. City Council conducted a public hearing regarding the Business Improvement Area (BIA) reauthorization and levy of the annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2024-29, confirming the annual report filed by Travel Costa Mesa and levying an annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Business Improvement Area covering certain Costa Mesa hotels and motels.
3. Adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Community-Wide Marketing and Support Budget.

**2. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DA-20-02), REZONE (R-20-01), AND SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-20-01), AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE ONE METRO WEST PROJECT LOCATED AT 1683 SUNFLOWER AVENUE**

Ex parte communications: Mayor Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Council Members Chavez and Marr spoke with the applicant.

Presentation by Mr. Rodrigues, Planning and Sustainable Development Manager.

Mr. Stoll, applicant, representing Rose Equities, spoke on the project.

Public Comments:

Speaker, spoke on public noticing, environmental reviews, fees, formal legal opinion and ex facto opinion on Measure Y, and played a video of the council speaking on the issue on June 15, 2021.

Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, spoke on a summary of Measure Y and Measure K, the effective dates of the ordinances, and spoke on the project going to a vote of the people.

Diana Denny, Costa Mesa, spoke on Measure Y, vertical landscaping, legal language pertaining to not having to go to a vote of the people, concerns on traffic, and light pollution.

Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, echoed previous speakers, spoke on the 3% interest rate is too low, the phasing of fees, and requested fees up front and not in 5 years.

Scott Smith, Costa Mesa, requested the project go to a vote of the people, and 3% interest rate is too low.

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke on the artwork, visual blight, in opposition of LED signs, explained that vertical landscaping is for sound, encouraged home ownership, spoke on density, and requested the project to go to a vote of the people.

Speaker, played a video from a council meeting on June 15, 2021, and requested the project to go to a vote of the people.

Priscilla Rocco, Costa Mesa, spoke on sending the project to a vote of the people, spoke on increasing the 3% interest rate, and spoke on keeping the vertical landscaping.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Chavez/Council Member Marr

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendation.

Council Member Marr requested that the final design of the public art display shall be subject to review and final approval by the Planning Commission, maintain the vertical landscaping requirement, and clarify requirements on the art display and Building A prior to submission.

Council Member Chavez (1<sup>st</sup>) agreed to the change.

Mayor Stephens requested to add the wording from slide 9 of the presentation regarding allowing the Arts Commission and Planning Commission to relax or eliminate the vertical landscaping requirements where appropriate.

Council Member Chavez (1<sup>st</sup>) and Council Member Marr (2<sup>nd</sup>) agreed to the change.

Council Member Reynolds requested phased payments, no later than 5 years or before the issuance of all certificates of occupancy whichever is sooner.

Council Member Chavez (1<sup>st</sup>) and Council Member Marr (2<sup>nd</sup>) agreed to the change.

Ms. Hall Barlow, City Attorney, clarified corrections on the proper name to Costa Mesa Sunflower, LLC, will be made on the resolution, ordinances, and development agreement.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Chavez/Council Member Marr

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendation with the following changes:

- Keep consistent with Planning Commission recommendations and maintain Planning Commission as the final approval for the final design of the public art display, maintain vertical landscaping requirement, and clarify requirements on the art display and Building A prior to submission.
- Add the wording from slide 9 of the presentation regarding allowing the Arts Commission and Planning Commission to relax or eliminate the vertical landscaping requirements where appropriate.
- Phased payments, no later than 5 years or before the issuance of all certificates of occupancy whichever is sooner.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

**ACTION:**

1. City Council found that the amendments are in substantial conformance with the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the One Metro West project (State Clearing House No. 2019050014), including a mitigation monitoring program and statement of overriding considerations, which was certified by the City Council on May 4, 2021, and that no further environmental review under CEQA is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.
2. Introduced for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 2024-05 approving Development Agreement 20-02, modifying payment of impact fees and community benefits funding from one year to no later than the earlier of either five years from the date of the first issuance of building permit "Construction Date", or final inspection approval for the project's last residential unit.
3. Introduced for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 2024-06 approving Rezone 20-01.
4. Introduced for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 2024-07 approving Specific Plan 20-01.
5. Adopted Resolution 2024-30 amending certain conditions of approval of Resolution 2021-55 regarding the artwork on Building A along the I-405 Freeway.

**3. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PROPOSED OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET**

Presentation by Ms. Molina, Finance Director.

**Public Comments:**

Speaker, expressed concerns using the park land acquisition funds as the fund is hard to replenish, and spoke on adding more park space.

Speaker, Resilience Orange County, spoke in support of tenants, spoke on a better method of tracking evictions, spoke on a rental registry and mapping out where evictions are taking place and the data to be published.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Reynolds/Mayor Pro Tem Harlan

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendation with the following changes:

- Incorporate up to \$10,000 from the current fiscal year into the Arts and Culture Master Plan budget.
- Add the Santa Ana bike lane to the CIP list.
- Do not reallocate the \$350,000 from the park land acquisition fund, and defer the Open Space Master Plan.

Council Member Gameros requested a 1<sup>st</sup> time homebuyers plan for Public Safety.

Ms. Farrell Harrison, City Manager, indicated staff will bring the plan back with guidelines at a later date.

Mayor Pro Tem Harlan clarified that Brentwood Park was funded last year and will proceed.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Reynolds/Mayor Pro Tem Harlan

**MOTION:** Approve staff recommendation with the following changes:

- Incorporate up to \$10,000 from the current fiscal year into the Arts and Culture Master Plan budget.
- Add the Santa Ana bike lane to the CIP list.
- Do not reallocate the \$350,000 from the park land acquisition fund, and defer the Open Space Master Plan.
- Include a 1<sup>st</sup> time homebuyers plan for Public Safety.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

**ACTION:**

1. City Council approved Resolution 2024-31, adopting the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget; and
2. Approved Joint Resolution 2024-32 adopting the Housing Authority Budget including Housing and Community Development expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and
3. Authorized and approved staffing as follows:
  - a. Authorized the following full-time positions: increase of 3.0 FTE for Community Outreach Worker for Homeless Services, decrease of 1.0 FTE Community Outreach Worker for the Tenant Eviction Protection Program, and a decrease of 1.0 FTE Code Enforcement Officer for the Tenant Eviction Protection Program for a net increase of 1.0 FTE as presented at the May 14, 2024 Study Session; and
  - b. Authorized the following part-time to full-time conversions: Accounting Specialist II in the Police Department for a 0.37 FTE increase due to the increased responsibilities, heavy workload and succession planning purposes, as presented at the May 14, 2024 Study Session; and
  - c. Authorized a 0.75 part-time Accounting Specialist II in the Finance Department to help support the processing of invoices and a 0.50 part-time Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department to support the Signs and Markings Program as presented at the May 14, 2024 Study Session; and
  - d. Approved Salary and Classification Updates Resolution 2024-35 (various CMCEA classifications)


4. Approved Resolution 2024-33 establishing the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Appropriations Limit for the City of Costa Mesa at \$310,115,684, by using Orange County's growth for population adjustment, and the California per capita income growth for inflationary adjustment; and
5. Approved the City of Costa Mesa's Revised Special Event Rates; and
6. City Council complied with AB 481 Police Equipment Report and Resolution:
  - a. Received and filed the 2024 Annual AB 481 Report and took public comment; and
  - b. Approved Resolution 2024-34 Renewing Ordinance No. 2022-03, the AB 481 Equipment Use Policy of the City of Costa Mesa, California, governing the use of police safety equipment.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE.**

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS - NONE.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Stephens adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

**Minutes adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.**

  
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John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Green, City Clerk