



# **CITY OF COSTA MESA**

## **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **Agenda**

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**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers  
77 Fair Drive**

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**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 13, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

**KELLY BROWN**  
Chair

**SHAYANNE WRIGHT**  
Vice Chair

**ELIZABETH DORN PARKER**  
Commissioner

**CRISTIAN GARCIA ARCOS**  
Commissioner

**JAKE HUSEN**  
Commissioner

**JASON KOMALA**  
Commissioner

**BRANDICE LEGER**  
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**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Parks and Community Services Commission, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The public can make this request via email at [PACSCComments@costamesaca.gov](mailto:PACSCComments@costamesaca.gov) and should include the item number to be addressed. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be discussed and voted upon immediately following Parks and Community Services Commission action on the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

1. [MINUTES](#) [25-223](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2025, Parks & Community Services Commission meeting.

**Attachments:** [02/13/25 PACS Draft Minutes](#)

2. [DEPARTMENT REPORT](#) [25-224](#)

**Attachments:** [Department Report - February 2025](#)

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

1. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. [CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR COSTA MESA SKATEPARK EXPANSION](#) [25-222](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Parks and Community Services (PACS) Commission review and recommend the conceptual design plan for the proposed expansion of the Costa Mesa Skatepark located at 900 Arlington Drive.

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

[1. CM Skatepark Outreach Summary](#)

[2. Skatepark Concept Design](#)

2. [CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM \(CIP\) PARK PROJECTS UPDATE](#) [25-225](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks and Services Commission receive and file the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) parks projects update.

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

[1. DRAFT PACS CIP Status March 10, 2025](#)

**ADDITIONAL COMMISSION MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, April 10, 2025.**



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## Agenda Report

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**File #:** 25-223

**Meeting Date:** 3/13/2025

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**TITLE:**

**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT:** PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2025, Parks & Community Services Commission meeting.

**FEBRUARY 13, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Commissioner Wall.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OARTH OF OFFICE**

The following Commissioners were sworn in: Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Brandice Leger, Shayanne Wright, Jason Komala, and Jake Husen.

**ROLL CALL**

☒ = Present    ☐ = Absent

**Commissioners**

- ☒ Cristian Garcia Arcos
- ☒ Jake Husen
- ☒ Jason Komala
- ☒ Brandine Ledger
- ☒ Shayanne Wright
- ☒ Kelly Brown, Vice Chair
- ☒ Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Chair

**City Staff**

- ☒ Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director
- ☒ Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- ☒ Seung Yang, City Engineer
- ☒ Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
- ☒ Kathia Viteri, Office Specialist II

**PRESENTATION:**

**1. STAFF LEADERSHIP TRAINING RECAP**

Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager, and Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Services Director presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Correspondence received.

Ralph Taboada: Long-time resident, urged improvements to the capital project planning process for parks. Advocated for a bottom-up process where the Commission actively contributes to project selection based on park needs, public input, and capital improvement plans. Called for greater collaboration between Commission and staff to create a more effective and inclusive planning system for Costa Mesa's parks.

Jenn Tanaka: Welcomed returning and new commissioners and raised concerns about transparency and process issues. Noted commission official minutes need uploading. Tanaka urged the commission to review the master fee schedule, as some fees were previously exempt from inflation adjustments. Highlighted delays in several grant-funded capital projects and emphasized the need for timely bidding and design to meet funding deadlines. She stressed that City Council should be made aware of potential budget impacts and delays.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

**Vice Chair Brown:** Welcomed the new commissioners and acknowledged the contributions of former members. Highlighted the recent City Council meeting on Fairview Park, noting the



strong public turnout and engagement in discussions about its future projects. Emphasized the importance of educating new commissioners on the five-year capital improvement program. Supported Ralph Taboada's comment for a more collaborative process, viewing it as an opportunity for meaningful public engagement and informed decision-making. Urged commissioners to take early steps in understanding project funding to be better prepared for budget discussions.

**Commissioner Leger:** Welcomed new commissioners and shared observations from a recent visit to Fairview Park. Noted various concerns, including homeless individuals using drinking fountains for washing, encampments, off-leash dogs, and unauthorized vehicles. Questioned the frequency of park patrols and weekend patrolling activity. Leger acknowledged that a park ranger report might address concerns.

**Commissioner Garcia Arcos:** Thanked staff for their collaboration in Spanish-language arboriculture safety event in Costa Mesa on February 21. Expressed gratitude for immediate action taken by Robert Ryan to prevent harmful practices at Fairview Park that could damage tree roots. Shared insight of a recent OC Resilience event that provided information to undocumented immigrants about their rights and shared information of an upcoming session at the Women's Club on April 4. Emphasized the importance of youth participation in advocating for park access, referencing their involvement in a recent Fairview Park presentation at a City Council meeting and encouraged commissioners to watch the meeting.

**Commissioner Komala:** Expressed gratitude to fellow commissioners and city staff for their warm welcome during onboarding. Voiced support for Ralph Taboada's advocacy for a bottom-up decision-making approach and looks forward to gathering community feedback to better serve Costa Mesa. Komala shared that his two sons are excited about his role, as they have been exploring parks in District Six. While he resides in District One and has extensive experience with its parks, including serving on the Fairview Park Alliance board, he emphasized his enthusiasm for all city parks. He looks forward to contributing to park discussions and initiatives throughout Costa Mesa.

**Commissioner Husen:** Thanked everyone for the warm welcome. Looks forward to getting up to speed on things.

**Commissioner Wright:** Welcomed new commissioners and reflected on her commission experience, emphasizing the evolving role of the commission. She highlighted the unprecedented amount of grant funding the department has received, which has supported both infrastructure projects and park improvements. Discussed the budget process and shared park projects sometime shift without clear explanations, raising concerns about transparency. She emphasized the department's role beyond large-scale projects. Encouraged commissioners to stay informed by reviewing the Open Space Master Plan and understanding park accessibility discussions and advised them to engage with their appointed City Council members to maximize their impact.

**Chair Dorn Parker:** Emphasized key priorities such as addressing off-leash dogs, e-bikes, and pickleball. She praised city staff for their responsiveness, particularly in adapting during COVID-19 and meeting increased demand for after-school programs. She highlighted the city's support for Save Our Youth (SOY), noting the critical role of transportation in ensuring

safety for children for working families. Parker also commended the effectiveness of the 311 app for rapid city maintenance responses, sharing a personal anecdote about a successful park restroom cleanup. Expressed appreciation for community events like Snoopy House and the city's dedication to residents with different abilities.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Minutes – November 14, 2024 PACS Draft Minutes**
- 2. Department Report – November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025**

**MOTION:** to approve Consent Calendar items

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

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Ledger, Commissioner Wright, Vice Chair Brown, Chair Dorn Parker

**Nays:** none

**Absent:**

**Motion Carried:** 7 – 0

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **1. PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

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

Commissioners inquired on the spelling of endangered species *Crotch's bumblebee*, upcoming bike safety event, bike safety resources, firework impacts to Fairview Park and the nesting season environment, skate park outreach, Harper Park ranger status, CIP grants, and provided suggestions about programming.

Vice Chair Brown commended the free swim lessons and highlighted the Poet Laureate processed and thanked staff for their efforts.

Mr. Seung Yang provided updates about Ketchum-Libolt Park and Shalimar Park projects. Provided information of TeWinkle Park lakes project.

Public Comment: None.

## **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. PARK RANGER REPORT UPDATE**

Lieutenant Carlos Diaz presented.

Commissioners inquired on patrol shifts, homelessness resources, drone use, call peak times, wildlife enforcement, data needed to help enforce, what PD staff deem as appropriate coverage for park size.

Commissioner Brown requested Lieutenant Diaz's option on what type of data would be useful to inform the public of resources and priorities for park rangers. Suggested a 3-month report.

Commissioner Wright prefers receiving a monthly Park Ranger report over an infrequent but more detailed one. She emphasized the importance of distinguishing between reported and patrol-discovered violations to improve prevention efforts and ranger efficiency. Collecting demographic data on violators could help tailor solutions. Also highlighted the need to assess park accessibility and safety, referencing past improvements like the Hamilton crosswalk signal. Advocated for data-driven insights to support city council budgeting and proactive park management.

Chair Dorn Parker encouraged all commissioners to participate in a Park Ranger ride-along, emphasizing how it provides valuable insight into the workload and challenges faced in park management. Expressed that reports should focus on essential information rather than distracting details on a *need-to-know* basis. Recognized the importance of identifying patterns and acknowledged the evolving nature of park-related concerns, including transportation accessibility, and commended law enforcement and city officials for their responsiveness in addressing safety issues. Stressed the importance of using data-driven insights to advocate for necessary resources, such as drones or e-bikes, to support park management and ensure safe, well-maintained public spaces.

Commissioner Leger: Liked the ride along opportunity. Supports a patterned driven report every three months, in efforts to reduce PD workload.

Commissioner Husen: Requested information of internal process to generating report and questioned how much staff time it requires.

Commissioner Komala: Suggested reports include an educational component to be used as a resource for the public. Questioned if he could generate his own report by requesting 2 variables in order to evaluate and access his own correlations.

Public Comment:

Jenn Tanaka: Shared to new commissioners the style of previous reports and explained that previous ranger reports were difficult to interpret as they referenced municipal codes rather than clearly stating specific violations. Also disagreed that the Costa Mesa Police Department should be responsible for trend analysis, instead advocated for more detailed public reporting to help residents and commissioners identify important issues. Emphasized the need for more frequent reporting, which has likely affected law enforcement at Fairview Park.

Ralph Taboada: Thanked staff for Lieutenant's presentation; highlighting officer's openness, transparency, and knowledge.

David Martinez (Zoom): Emphasized the importance of monthly ranger reports, noting that past reports, though limited, helped identify disproportionate bicycle license ticketing in Costa Mesa's west side. He opposed the shift to biannual reports, urging the commission to prioritize regular reporting with detailed trend and demographic analysis to better understand community policing patterns.

Flo Martin (Zoom): Supports Vice Chair Brown's emphasis on public engagement and Director Gruner's focus on customer service. Agrees with Jenn Tanaka and David Martinez on the necessity of monthly park ranger reports, recalling Mr. Martinez's past

observations of enforcement patterns as a member of the Active Transportation Committee. Martin urged the commission to request that Lieutenant Diaz continue providing monthly reports, allowing citizens to analyze trends independently rather than relying solely on police interpretations.

Vice Chair Brown expressed raw data and periodic high-level analysis were valuable. Acknowledged the need for monthly reporting with raw data to allow independent trend analysis while suggesting that broader analysis from those on the ground should occur every three to six months for meaningful engagement. Emphasized that the approach did not have to be an either-or decision.

Chair Dorn Parker agreed, asserting both summary reports and supporting data could coexist effectively. Noted that previous reports were difficult to interpret due to their format, containing only codes and numbers. Advocated for a summarized version supplemented with data to provide meaningful insights for both the public and commissioners.

## 2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

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

### Public Comment:

Jenn Tanaka: Highlighted the Parks and Community Commission municipal code regarding their role as a commissioner and encouraged proactiveness.

Ralph Taboada: Echoed Ms. Tanaka's comments and shared support to nominate Kelly Brown as a Chair.

David Martinez (Zoom): Highlighted commission authority to set its own agenda, hold study sessions, and organize meetings on issues of interest. Encouraged the next chair and vice chair to use power to expand beyond past practices. Highlighting the numerous parks projects in progress and the uncertain status of the open space master plan, they urged leadership to push these initiatives forward. Advocated for Commissioner Brown to become Chair and Commissioner Wright for Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** to elect Vice Chair Brown as Parks and Community Services Commission Chair.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Commissioner Wright / Commissioner Garcia Arcos

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Ledger, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn Parker

**Nays:** none

**Absent:** none

**Motion Carried:** 7 – 0

**MOTION:** to elect Commissioner Wright as Parks and Community Services Commission Vice Chair.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Commissioner Dorn Parker / Commissioner Brown.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Ledger, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn Parker

**Nays:** none

**Absent:** none

**Motion Carried:** 7 – 0

**MOTION:** to elect Commissioner Komala as Fairview Park Steering Committee Liaison and Commissioner Leger as the Senior Liaison.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Commissioner Brown / Commissioner Husen.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Garcia Arcos, Commissioner Husen, Commissioner Komala, Commissioner Ledger, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn Parker

**Nays:** none

**Absent:** none

**Motion Carried:** 7 – 0

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

Commissioner Leger thanked everyone for their involvement in the meeting.

Commissioner Brown thanked staff, public commenters, and Commissioner Dorn Parker's chair term.

**ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Dorn Parker at 8:32 PM.



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

MEETING DATE: MARCH 6, 2025

ITEM NUMBER: CC 2

**SUBJECT:** DEPARTMENT REPORT NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2024, and  
JANUARY 2025

**DATE:** MARCH 7, 2025

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** BRIAN GRUNER, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
**CONTACT:** DIRECTOR, (714) 754 - 5009

### ❖ **Adaptive Programming**

- Access Costa Mesa hosted the all-abilities Friendship Dance on Friday, February 21 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Over 100 friends attended and enjoyed making friendship bracelets, dancing to music by DJ Noah, and posing in the photo booth. Even Orange County Supervisor, Katrina Foley, was spotted on the dance floor.

### ❖ **Adult Sports**

#### • **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
  - Winter 2025 began February 3 – April 18
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
  - Spring began February 1- August 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Winter 2025	Feb. 4 – April 14	8	7	110

#### • **Fields**

Field Usage	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
# of Organizations	51	51	51	51	51	52	52	52
Hours	12,688	16,821	37,518	45,604	30,672	15,566	9,761	21,216

### ❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	134
Hamilton	42	42	41

❖ **Contract Classes**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Youth & Adult Totals:	369	291	319	381	282	199	337	290

- New classes for November: Fit First Floor Hockey, Dog Flyball – Beginning
- New classes for December: Winter Break Skateboarding Camp
- New classes for January: Sport Dog

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The February 2025 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4323 members. This is an increase of 71 members since January 2025.
- Through a partnership with AARP, the Costa Mesa Senior Center's annual tax aide clinic began on February 6 and will run through April 10. The tax preparation is provided at no cost to adults with low to moderate income

Senior Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,582	4,216	1,627	1,268	1,384	1,234	1,250	1,297
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,493	2,202	1,519	1,154	1,291	1,169	1,235	1,130
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	405	430	422	379	420	208	395	367
Wellness Calls	2,118	1,692	2,111	1,790	1,903	1,769	2,179	1,868
Transportation Program Trips	2,413	2,147	2,517	1,829	2,252	2,082	2,101	2,149

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Drop-In Participants	174	265	124	141	124	87	87	98
Total Drop-In Visits	678	961	549	534	482	326	322	363
Instructional Class Participants	516	782	429	238	9	0	6	5
Instructional Class Attendance	1,705	1,697	1,192	502	78	0	27	31

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	February	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	160	721
Youth Open Gym	86	198
Basketball	43	91
Volleyball	115	190

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Number of Rentals	41	45	31	42	30	32	34	35



❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration days on November 9, December 14, January 11, and February 8 in partnership with Fairview Park Alliance. The next Second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **Permits**

February - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location
Del Mesa	7		Shiffer
Estancia	2		Smallwood
Harper	1		Tanager
Heller	4		TeWinkle
Marina View	1		Vista
Pinkley	1		Wakeham

Film Permits	
	February
Permits Issued	5
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	5
Pending Permits on TESSA	2
Total Permits Issued for 2024/2025	7

Special Event Permits	
	February
Permits Issued for October	2
Permits at City Facilities	2
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	5
Total Permits Issued for 2025	8

❖ **Youth Programs**

- **L.E.A.P. Program**
  - August 19, 2024 – May 23, 2025
  - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
  - Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	Feb.
3-5 year old	40	36

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

- August 19, 2024 – June 6, 2025
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	Feb.
Adams	30
California	118
College Park	56
Davis	188
Killybrooke	564
Paularino	30
Sonora	44
Victoria	36
Whittier	38

- **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	Feb.
Monday	Shalimar Park	10
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	20
Wednesday	Shalimar Park	13
Thursday	Shalimar Park	9
Weekends	City Events	N/A

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Futsal**

- Inaugural season
- Free program teaching fundamentals of Futsal in an eight-week session
- Split into three (3) divisions, with practices held at Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: October 15 – December 14, 2024

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	20	20
B. 4th - 5th Grade	20	16
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	20	27

○ **BeFIT Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: January 14 – March 15, 2025
- Due to an extensive waitlist, there are two C-Division groups

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	29
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	31
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	40/40

○ **Cheer**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
- Season: January 13 – March 15, 2025

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	13
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	16
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	45

● **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades from August 19, 2024 – June 5, 2025
- 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	Feb.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	144
TeWinkle Middle School	223
Excursions	42
Shuttle Service	Feb.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	223
Save Our Youth (SOY)	95
Teen Camp (February 18-21)	Feb.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	44

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Teen Event: Color Rush! Capture the Flag	Saturday, March 15	Downtown Recreation Center
Access Costa Mesa   Wild, Wild West Dance	Friday, April 11	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Restoration Saturday	Saturday, April 12	Fairview Park



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**CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR COSTA MESA SKATEPARK EXPANSION**

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATION

**PRESENTED BY:** RAJA SETHURAMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** RAJA SETHURAMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (714) 754-5343

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests that the Parks and Community Services (PACS) Commission review and recommend the conceptual design plan for the proposed expansion of the Costa Mesa Skatepark located at 900 Arlington Drive.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Costa Mesa currently has one of the most popular skateparks in Orange County. The success of the existing skatepark is demonstrated by the significant number of users who frequent the park. It provides a total skateboarding area of approximately 15,000 square feet and features a combination of street elements, bowls, and transition areas.

The existing skatepark is frequented by the local skating community and is enjoyed by skaters of all ages. A great need exists for a dedicated area for beginning skaters and an expanded area for new elements. The ultimate goal is to expand the current skatepark facility by approximately 15,000 square feet to ensure that it remains a modern, top-notch, and state-of-the-art skate park facility that can serve as a signature destination in the region and cater to users of all ages and skill levels.

In Fall 2022, Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley contacted the City regarding the availability of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that may be allocated for City projects and authorized an amount of \$2 million towards the Skatepark expansion project. The City Council at their meeting of December 6, 2022, approved the projects for funding and authorized the City Manager to execute necessary agreements.

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A first community outreach meeting was held on April 24, 2024, to obtain input on features they would like to see in the new expansion. The community expressed interest in a pump track, bowls, ramps, and a variety of beginner to intermediate elements in the expanded skatepark. A virtual survey was also conducted to solicit input. A total of 49 surveys were returned expressing the need for similar

improvements and design, to minimizing overcrowding of skating features. A summary of input from the outreach meeting are included in Attachment 1.

### **ANALYSIS:**

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### **ALTERNATIVES:**

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### **CONCLUSION:**

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# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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**File #:** 25-222

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## SUMMARY OF VIRTUAL SURVEY #1 RESULTS

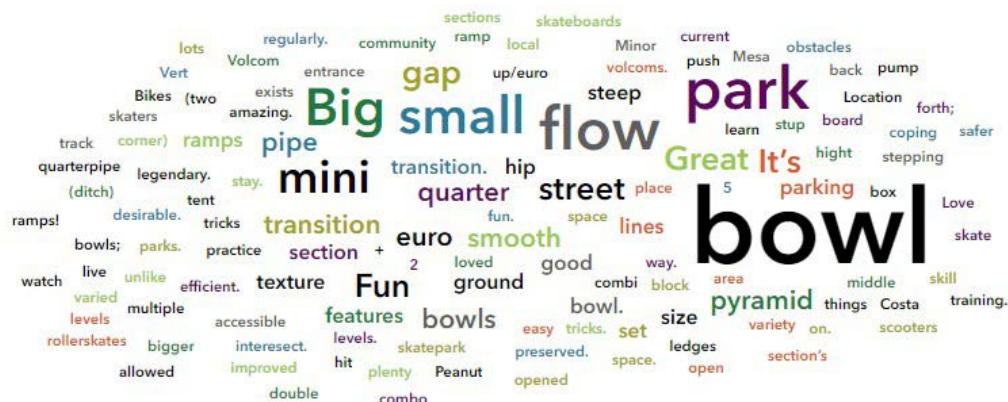
A total of 49 virtual surveys were submitted while the survey was open from 5/8/2024 to 5/29/2024.

Most respondents are adults or seniors (aged 35-50) who are intermediate / advanced skateboard users. Most users drive themselves to the skate park in the morning and visit a few times a week.

The respondents' top preferences for the skate park are a 50% street and 50% transition terrain ratio, a mix of circular and rectangular grind rail style, a 4'-6' transition / bowl height, and a mix of steel and concrete pool block for the transition / bowl coping.

Survey respondents shared open-ended information about what is important to them. The following summarizes these results in no particular order:

- The small and big bowls, the smooth flow of the park, and the euro gap are all existing elements that are well liked.
- Many expressed that they believe the skatepark is currently too narrow and small, so it easily gets crowded.
- The frequent lessons and large groups of children overcrowding the facility is a big concern for most users.
- Many dislike the existing fence and square rails and want the coping at the mini bowl to be replaced.
- Many want a solid ledge or more elements to practice on because they feel like it is currently not beginner-friendly.
- Many want to see an addition of a pump track and manny pad.
- Many of the respondent's favorite parks have a variety of features and a larger terrain with a good flow.





- Participants had the opportunity to vote on their preferred elements
- Ramps and bowls seemed to be among the most popular
- Rails were also commonly voted on





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- Mix of intermediate and beginner skate elements

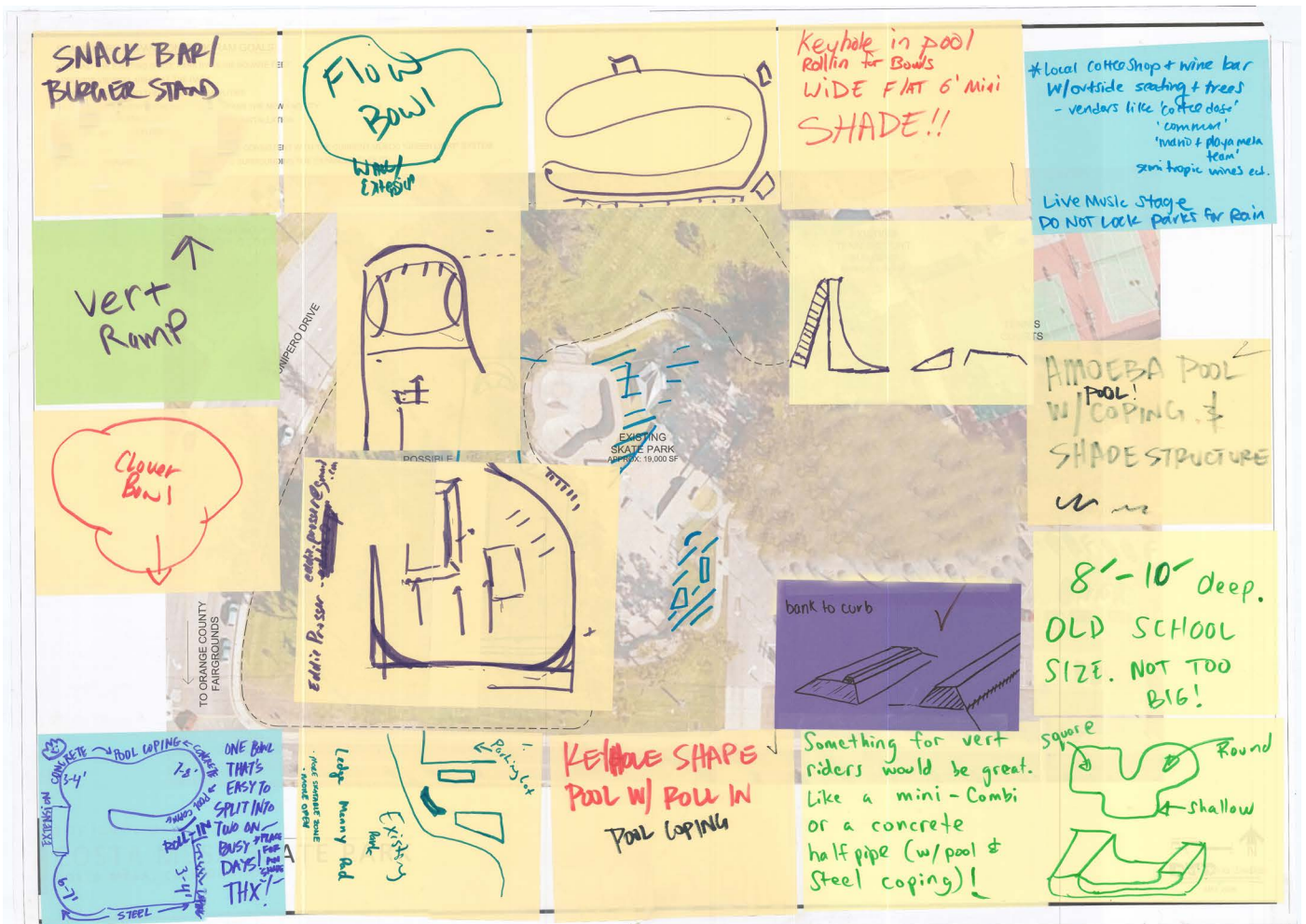


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- Pump track was the most popular element on this board
- Beginner to intermediate elements are preferred





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ATTACHMENT 2

# COSTA MESA SKATEPARK EXPANSION

CONCEPT DESIGN // MARCH 12, 2025





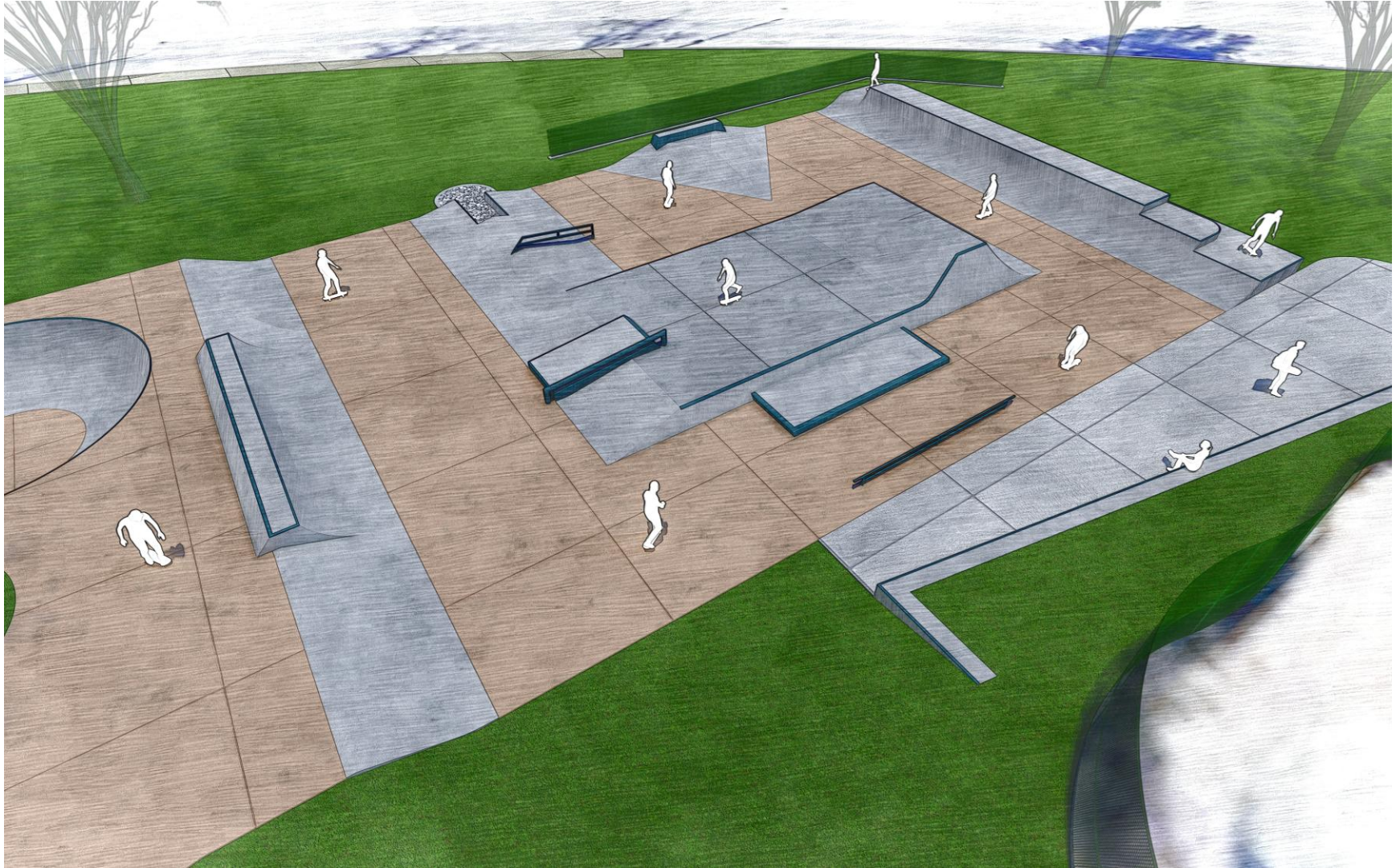


























## ELEMENT LEGEND

- 1 EXISTING SKATEPARK
- 2 ACCESS POINT
- 3 SPECTATOR SEAT WALL
- 4 FENCE (4')
- 5 CLOVER POOL (9')
- 6 PUMP TRACK
- 7 SNAKE RUN
- 8 HUBBA LEDGE
- 9 BANK RAMP
- 10 QUARTER-PIPE
- 11 MANUAL PAD
- 12 FLAT GRIND RAIL
- 13 A-FRAME
- 14 PYRAMID HIP
- 15 EXISTING TREE





# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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**File #:** 25-225

**Meeting Date:** 3/13/2025

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**TITLE:**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PARK PROJECTS UPDATE**

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Parks and Services Commission receive and file the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) parks projects update.



## Agenda Report

Parks and Community Services Commission

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**File #:** 25-225

**Meeting Date:** 3/13/2025

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**TITLE:** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS

**PRESENTED BY:** ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** ROBERT RYAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER (714) 327-7499

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Parks and Services Commission receive and file the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) parks projects update.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Each year, the City Council reviews and adopts an annual CIP to allocate funds for essential public improvements. A number of those CIP projects are related to city park improvements. The Commission has requested at prior meetings an update related to approved CIP park projects.

### **ANALYSIS:**

In previous fiscal years, City Council has approved various CIP park projects which included \$14.4 million in grant funds for various park improvements. The CIP Park Improvements Chart (Attachment 1) provides a status update on the current park improvement projects.

### **FISCAL REVIEW:**

There is no fiscal review at this time.

### **LEGAL REVIEW:**

There is no legal review is required since this item is administrative in nature.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends the Parks and Services Commission receive and file the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) parks projects update

## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Park Improvements

*Note: This is a tentative schedule for discussion purposes only. Dates are subject to change.*

**DRAFT**

Phase 1 – Grant Funded Projects					
PROJECT	PROJECT MANAGER	PHASE	FUNDING	STATUS AND SCHEDULE	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION
<b>Ketchum Libolt Park Expansion</b> – this project will expand the existing footprint of the park by incorporating the parkway between the park and the Victoria Street sidewalk. The expansion will allow for additional play elements.	Rob Ryan & Raja Sethuraman	Final Design	City CIP funds and Grant Funds from State Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris	<p>The consultant is preparing construction documents for the bidding process.</p> <p>The construction documents are currently being reviewed by City's Building Division and various utility companies.</p> <p>Anticipated release for bidding is April 2025.</p>	<p><b>Bidding and Award of Contract – Spring 2025</b></p> <p><b>Construction start in Summer 2025</b></p>
<b>Shalimar Park Improvements</b> – This project will add additional play elements to the park and potentially increase park space.	Rob Ryan & Raja Sethuraman	Final Design	State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min	<p>The consultant is preparing construction documents for the bidding process.</p> <p>The construction documents will be submitted to City's Building Division and utility companies in April 2025.</p> <p>Anticipated release for bidding is late May or Early June 2025.</p>	<p><b>Bidding and Award of Contract – Summer 2025</b></p> <p><b>Construction start in Fall 2025</b></p>
<b>TeWinkle Athletic Complex Improvements</b> – This project will add highly desirable batting cages to the complex	Rob Ryan	Contracting	State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min, City Funds	<p>The award for the purchase of materials was approved by Council on February 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>A separate contract will be awarded for construction/installation. All documents have been submitted to Purchasing.</p>	<p><b>Bidding and Award of Contracts – Spring 2025</b></p> <p><b>Construction – Spring 2025</b></p>

## Phase 1 – Grant Funded Projects Cont'd

<b>TeWinkle Athletic Complex Improvements Drainage –</b> This project will address ongoing drainage issues on the fields.	Rob Ryan	Design	City Funds	Design completed by a Civil Engineer.  Additional funds requested for Fiscal Year 2025/26 CIP Budget.  Consultant will draft construction documents for review.	<b>Bidding and Award of Contract – Winter 2025</b>
<b>TeWinkle Park Lake Repairs –</b> This project will replace damaged shoreline and lake liner, provide a water treatment system, upgrade the pump system and enhance landscape and surrounding environment.	Rob Ryan	Bidding and Contracting	City CIP funds and State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min	The most recent bid is under review.	<b>Bidding and Award of Contract – Summer 2025</b>  <b>Construction - Fall 2025</b>
<b>TeWinkle Skate Park Expansion –</b> This project will expand the footprint of the existing skate park. Goals for the project include: providing a dedicated area for young and beginning skaters and add new elements.	Irina Gurovich	Concept Design	Grant funds from OC Supervisor Katrina Foley	Final outreach meeting scheduled for March 12, 2025.  Design will be presented to PACS on March 13, 2025.  Consultant will begin drafting construction documents.	<b>Design – Spring 2025.</b>  <b>Bidding and Award of Contract – Summer/Fall 2025</b>  <b>Construction – Winter 2025</b>

## Phase 1 – Fairview Park Grant Funded Projects

<b>Fairview Park Mesa Restoration &amp; Cultural Resource Preservation –</b> This project consists of native habitat restoration on the Fairview Park Mesa and surrounding area, while preserving the site’s cultural resources.	Kelly Dalton	Design	State Grant Funds from Senator Dave Min	Design and planning completed.  Staff is working on award of contract pending approval from regulatory agency.  Construction anticipated to begin in Fall 2025.	<b>Construction – 7-year plan. Completion 2032.</b>
<b>Fairview Park West Bluffs Stabilization and Restoration-</b> The project involves repairing and stabilizing the west bluffs of Fairview Park and restoring areas of disturbed vegetation to provide quality native habitat for birds and wildlife.	Kelly Dalton / Hector Soriano	Design	State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min	RFP for engineering design, environmental planning, and restoration design scheduled to be released in Spring 2025.  Design is anticipated to take up to one year including outreach meetings.	<b>Design – Spring 2026</b>
<b>Fairview Park – Pump Station &amp; Wetlands Recirculation System –</b> This project will design and implement water supply, water quality, and recirculation improvements the Fairview Park constructed wetlands system.	Kelly Dalton	Design	State Grant Funds from Senator Dave Min	This project is currently in the planning phase.	<b>TBD</b>

Phase 1 – CIP Funded Projects					
<b>Brentwood Park Improvements</b> – This project will upgrade the playground equipment, provide additional play elements, provide walkways, replace the existing shelter, upgrade park lighting to LED and add site furnishings.	Rob Ryan	Planning and Design	City CIP funds	Developing the scope of work and preliminary design with the official design phase to begin in early-2025.	<b>Design - Spring 2025</b>  <b>Construction – Fall 2025</b>
COMPLETED PROJECTS					
<b>Costa Mesa Tennis Center – LED Lighting Improvements</b> – This project will convert existing lighting to LED lights by installing new poles and using existing infrastructure. The project will improve lighting and safe play.	Rob Ryan	Completed	State Grant funds via Senator Dave Min	The purchasing of the lights was approved by City Council on September 19, 2023.  The contractor for the installation of the lights was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024  Installation began mid-April.	<b>Summer/Fall 2024</b>  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Jack Hammett LED Lighting Retrofit</b> – This project will convert existing lighting to LED lights utilizing existing poles and infrastructure. The project will improve energy efficiency, reliability and field safety while reducing operating costs.	Rob Ryan	Completed	State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min	The purchasing of the lights was approved by City Council on September 19, 2023.  The contractor for the installation of the lights was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024  Installation began in August 12, 2024	<b>Summer/Fall 2024</b>  <b>Completed</b>



## COMPLETED PROJECTS Cont'd

<b>TeWinkle Park LED Retrofit</b> – (Athletic Complex, Bark Park and Tennis Center) - This project will convert existing lighting to LED lights utilizing existing poles and infrastructure. The project will improve energy efficiency, reliability and field safety while reducing operating costs.	Rob Ryan	Completed	State Grant funds from Senator Dave Min	<p>The purchasing of the lights was approved by City Council on September 19, 2023.</p> <p>The contractor for the installation of the lights was approved by City Council on January 16, 2024</p> <p>Installation began August 12, 2024.</p>	<b>Summer/Fall 2024</b>  <b>Completed</b>
<b>Costa Mesa Tennis Center Improvements</b> – This project will make other improvements to the tennis center including resurfacing of courts.	Rob Ryan	Completed	City CIP Funds and State Grant funds via Senator Dave Min	<p>Courts 7 - 12 are scheduled for resurfacing. Courts 11 and 12 will be converted to eight (8) regulation pickleball courts.</p>	<b>December 2024</b>  <b>Completed</b>