

November 28, 2023
City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comment

Jennifer Connally

From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 7:21 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

What a gift, especially during this holiday season, for a neighboring city along the Santiago Creek to provide residents and visitors with a newly-renovated park that can be duplicated or enhanced here in Orange as part of our grand central park. The City of Santa Ana recently hosted a grand re-opening of its \$3.5 million Santiago Park, the only wilderness park in that city. Shaded by large oak and sycamore trees, Santiago Park joins Hart Park in Orange with bike and walking trails along the Santiago Creek.

Trees and other green vegetation help to clean and cool the air that we breathe, which here in Orange is often poor quality, starting out fair in the morning but becoming more polluted throughout the day. Members of our newly-created Santiago Creek Commission are tasked with suggesting ways to protect and preserve the creek, which can also improve our air and water quality. In addition to the commission members, neighborhood associations adjacent to Santiago Creek may be able to offer input to plans as was done in Santa Ana.

That city applied for and received a \$1 million grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy to support the renovations in Santiago Park, which has been drastically impacted by encampments, drought and invasive pests. The State agency was established in 1976 to protect and improve natural lands and waterways with an emphasis on helping people access and enjoy the outdoors. One of its many grant opportunities focuses on funding projects along the Santa Ana River and its tributaries, which includes Santiago Creek.

Part of the Santiago Park project, which took two years to complete, included transforming a formerly empty dirt area into one that can now become alive with park users. New accessible concrete walkways around the park provide a walking loop and also connect a series of new amenities: multi-level playground, group picnic areas, amphitheater, site furnishings and lighting, riparian landscaping and renovated restrooms. The existing nature center will be completely renovated into the Santiago Creek ECO Center to Empower Communities Outside through citizen science programs. Visitors will become scientists by discovering and connecting directly with nature and can look forward to guided nature walks, bird watching, nature story programs, mini-hikes and park pop-up programs. Residents will be offered guided tours twice a month by City staff to learn about the local watershed, observe nature, meet neighbors and share stories.

Public Comments

Item 4.1

Pamela Coleman

Subject: FW: Regimes museums - tonight's council meeting

From: Eliezer Gurary
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:48 PM

Subject: Regimes museums - tonight's council meeting

To whom it may concern,

I recently met with Marc Voss and was impressed by his work and vision. I believe it would be a great resource for the city of Orange to have his museum displayed for all to see and experience first hand.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Eliezer Gurary



Rabbi Eliezer Gurary
Co-Director
Chabad at Chapman University

Item 9.1

Ordinance No. 14-23 Lobbyist Registration and Reporting

Jennifer Connally

Subject: FW: eComment for City Council

eComment:

I will be speaking tonight to the Anaheim City Council regarding their Campaign Ordinance and adoption of a Gift Ban Ordinance. Therefore I am unable to attend the Orange Council meeting. Here are my comments regarding Item 9.1:

1. Definition of Lobbyist and Lobbying Firm, Sect. 2.13.020:

"Lobbyist" or "Lobbying Firm" means any person or firm that receives compensation for engaging in lobbying activities. Lobbyist includes, but is not limited to Lobbying Activities engaged in on behalf of another Person including contingency compensation agreements. Both outside paid lobbyists and those lobbyists who are employed by or work directly for a company or entity on whose behalf they are advocating, are included in this definition.

2. Section 2.13.030, Subsection 2.d.:

Reference to "gifts" in the first sentence could imply gifts as defined by the Political Reform Act. However, Orange's Gift Ban Ordinance regulates gifts from Lobbyists and Lobbying Firms and is more restrictive than the Act. The word "gifts" should be removed from the first sentence to avoid this potential conflict.

3. Add Subsection 2.e to Section 2.13.030:

Add "e. Lobbyists and Lobbying Firms are subject to the provisions of Orange Municipal Code Section 2.15 GIFTS TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS"

I 100% support deleting the requirement for Quarterly Reports -- too burdensome for both filers and the City Clerks office..

Shirley Grindle

City Council

Meeting Time: 11-28-23 18:00

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council	11-28-23 18:00	47	3	3	0	0

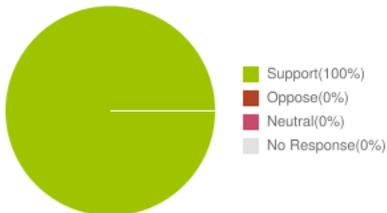
City Council

11-28-23 18:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
3.4. First Amendment to Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for environmental, hydraulics, geotechnical and survey services for the Santiago Bike Trail Phase IV Project.	1	1	0	0
7.1. Agreement with Kosmont & Associates, Inc. for economic development services.	1	1	0	0
7.2. Agreement with Kelly Associates Management Group LLC to facilitate and update the City's Strategic Plan.	1	1	0	0

Agenda Item: eComments for 3.4. First Amendment to Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for environmental, hydraulics, geotechnical and survey services for the Santiago Bike Trail Phase IV Project.

Overall Sentiment



Reggie Mundekis

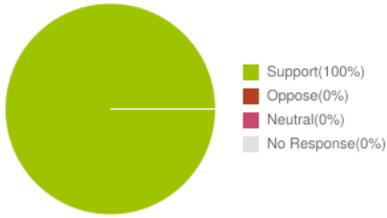
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Submitted At: 10:25am 11-28-23

I support this project.

Agenda Item: eComments for 7.1. Agreement with Kosmont & Associates, Inc. for economic development services.

Overall Sentiment



Reggie Mundekis

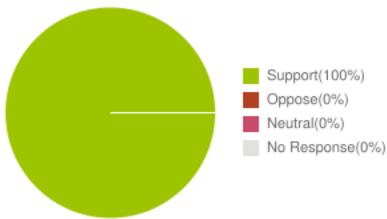
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Submitted At: 10:28am 11-28-23

I support economic development and this contract.

Agenda Item: eComments for 7.2. Agreement with Kelly Associates Management Group LLC to facilitate and update the City's Strategic Plan.

Overall Sentiment



Reggie Mundekis

Location:

Submitted At: 10:29am 11-28-23

Kelly Associates Management Group LLC uses former city department heads and managers as consultants which gives the team knowledge about what can work for cities. I have seen their work on a prior engagement and was impressed. I support this contract.