

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 4:30 P.M.

Chiodo Art Development, 1933 Peralta Street, Oakland, CA



CITY of OAKLAND  
OFFICE of PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Chiodo Art Development, 1933 Peralta Street, Oakland, CA. Commissioner Hammock convened the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Audree Jones-Taylor, OPR Director, conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Judy Belcher, Michael Hammock, Howard Matis, Barry Miller, Susan Montauk, Brad Ricards, Calvin Wong

Absent: Susan Montauk (excused), Jeffrey Taylor (excused), Benjamin Scott (absent)

Staff Present: Gail McMillon, Dana Riley, Mark Hall, David Ralston-CEDA Redevelopment Project Manager

Guests: Megan Hess, Mario Chiodo, Joe Haraburda, Jackie Pugh

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Miller; **Seconded by:** Commissioner Wong and Commissioner Belcher;

**Motion: Approved**

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

None

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

A. Commissioner Report Update – Still pending.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Request for Approval to 1) Rename Fox Square Park Located at 1900 Rashida Muhammad Street For a Ten Year Period With the Option to Revisit the Naming Rights for an Additional Ten Years, to the Henry J. Kaiser Memorial Park in response to a Significant Donation From Kaiser Permanente for the Completion and Installation of the 'Remember Them: Champions for Humanity' Monument; and 2) Approval of Proposed Design and Installation of Visually Impaired Artwork as a Component of the Remember Them Project.**

The Office of Parks and Recreation will go forward with the renaming of the park. The presenter showed designs for the visually impaired and a display of the park with the location of the name of the park and the placement of the monument that will be displayed on the side of the street. The blind and wheelchair-impaired people will be able to experience the monument. There will be a hone finish or polish finish to protect the monument from graffiti. The hone finish is a smoother finish. The graffiti piece is part of the maintenance. The approximate weight of the monument is 60,000 pounds. The monument will be bolted to the ground. There will be a place for a story of each visually impaired artwork as well the name of the monument and the name of the park. When the

monument is placed at the park, there will be a 'Friends of the Monument' established.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Enabulele, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Ricards, **Motion: Unanimously approved**

**B. Request from the Friends of Sausal Creek for Approval to Extend the Shade Growing Structure at the Joaquin Miller Native Plant Nursery:** Dana Riley presented the staff report and introduced Megan Hess. Megan Hess spoke on behalf of the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) for approval to expand the existing shade growing structure by adding a 15' by 60' section to meet the City's restoration project demands for shade plants. The shade cover is made with plastic material. There was a concern of how flammable the shade cover is. It was recommended that the FOSC consult with the City Fire Marshall about the plastic material. The FOSC clean the overgrowth area and are constantly removing vegetation. The FOSC installed new irrigation valves and water spray set up that will cover the larger area. Commissioner Ricards commented that he hopes the lease says that the structure be dismantled and removed if the FOSC leaves the nursery. Ms. Hess was not sure if the lease has that information but will review the agreement.

Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion to approve the request from the Friends of Sausal Creek for approval to extend the shade growing structure at the Joaquin Miller Native Plant Nursery.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Matis, **Motion: Unanimously Passed.**

**C. Request for Approval of a Community Design-Build Improvement Project at Tassaforanga Park Funded by the Coliseum Redevelopment Green Works Development Program.**

Mark Hall presented the staff report. David Ralston-CEDA, was available to answer questions from the commissioners. The design calls for the augmentation of a community garden park located within the northern under-utilized section of Tassaforanga Park adjacent to the newly remodeled Oakland Housing Authority residences and two blocks away from the new Acorn-Woodland Elementary School and 81<sup>st</sup> Street Library. It was recommended that there is some alternative to the proposed plan be made to make it compatible with the location. There were concerns with the location of the design build of the community garden park which is adjacent to the field. Some of the designs need to be flushed out. The CEDA has 40 young people ready to start working on the project on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Mr. Ralston requested that the third component be approved so that the young people can start working on July 5<sup>th</sup>. CEDA will come back to PRAC on July 14 with changes on the remaining components.

Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion to approve the third component from the Project Description-A small 15 ft. x 25 ft. permeable patio seating area with installed bench with shade trellis and seating and to come back to PRAC with some new designs.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Miller, **Motion: Passed with 5 Approved and 1 Denied.**

**D. Request from the Friends of Faith, Inc. for Permission to Collect Entry Fees and Donations and Allow Vendors to Sell Event Related Items at the Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge Walk/Run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 21, 2010.**

Gail McMillon presented the staff report. Jackie Pugh spoke on behalf of the Friends of Faith, Inc. Most of their vendors are giving away items or providing information for services, i.e., American Cancer Society and other non-profit organizations. Ms. Pugh indicated that there will be no vendors selling. Faith of Fancher, Inc. will be selling t-shirts from previous events.

Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion to approve the request for permission to collect entry fees and donations and allow vendors to sell event related items at the Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge Walk/Run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 21, 2010.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Miller, **Motion: Unanimously Passed.**

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. Advisory Board Sub-Committee: Commissioner Miller reported that the Advisory Council Report Draft is not finished. Should be finished by the end of the week.

10. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

A. Commissioner Belcher reported that she went to the Mosswood Advisory Council meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. No one showed up.

11. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

None

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Dates for the Oakland Community Budget Hearings have been set by the Council Office. The first hearing is this evening, June 9, 2010. Other dates are Monday, June 14 at the Eastmont Police Station and Thursday, June 17 at Peralta Elementary School. Councilmember Brunner recommended a 1.2 million dollar cut to OPR in management. OPR has no management. The 1.2 million dollars covers Dana Riley, Assistant to the Director, Jason Mitchell, Fiscal Manager, and all staff in the Accounting & Payroll Units and elimination of the Director's Unit. Their calculations are based on the 12 million dollar budget that we continue to say our baseline includes the Internal Service Fund, the Zoo, Jack London Aquatic Center and Fairyland subsidies and OPR's insurance. The City cannot go below 6 million dollars without impacting the Kids First measure. Our total operation budget is 8.8 million dollars that includes what OPR is budgeted for that includes 44 vacancies.

B. PRAC please come out and support OPR at City Council on June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

C. June 26<sup>th</sup> is OPR's campout at Joaquin Miller Park.

D. June 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop at Castlemont High School from 9 am to 4 pm.

E. June 11 – Wine tasting at Lake Chabot for Imagine That.

F. June 10 – Sundays in the Redwood Golf Tournament at Metropolitan Golf Course

G. July 23 - Intimate Evening at Dunsmuir. This year is a major fundraiser for the restoration and operation of Dunsmuir for a small fee of \$25. Gates open at 6 pm.

H. July 9 – 11 – Defremery Recreation Center's 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration

15. OPEN FORUM:

Mario Chiodo provided an overview of how the Remember Them Project was started.

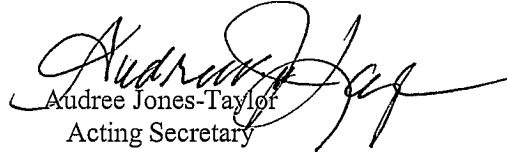
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

17 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Acting Secretary

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Gail McMillon  
Acting Recording Secretary