

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

City of Oakland

Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 4:45 P.M.

Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland, CA



CITY of OAKLAND  
OFFICE of PARKS & RECREATION

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road in Oakland. Commissioner Taylor convened the meeting at 4:53 p.m. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Secretary to the Commission conducted the roll call. A quorum was eventually present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Osagie Enabulele (Late), Howard Matis, Brad Ricards, Benjamin Scott (Late), Jeff Taylor, Calvin Wong

Absent: Victor Arceneaux, Michael Hammock, Susan Montauk

Staff Present: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Toni Martinez-Villarante, Gail McMillon, Dana Riley

Guests: Dr. Joel Parrott, Nik Haas, Brett Spencer, Jean-Pierre Sighe, Bianca Sighe

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Moved by: Commissioner Taylor; Seconded by Commissioner Matis; **Motion: Passed, 4 Ayes**

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

N/A

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

Commissioners Report Update – Commissioner Taylor will be sending the completed report to Toni Martinez-Villarante the week of June 15, 2009.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Item 12C was moved up until a quorum was present.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

The new Post Event Report was presented to Commissioners and changes that were proposed from the last PRAC meeting were made (e.g. put this form on electronically on the OPR website, the OPR address was added and a timeframe to turn the form back in was changed (within 30 days after event). The Post Event Report will be put on next month's agenda to be voted on.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

N/A

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

N/A

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PRAC Report pending by Commissioner Taylor.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Request for Permission from Oaklandish Innovators Award Winners to Collect Money from Silent Auction and for Oaklandish to Collect Donations and Sell Oaklandish Apparel at the Radio Regata Event at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House on August 23, 2009:**

Gail McMillon read the staff report from the Oaklandish Innovators award winners to collect money from a silent auction and for Oaklandish to collect donations and sell Oaklandish apparel at their Radio Regatta event on Sunday, August 23, 2009. The money from the auctions would go to support the work of the organizations. The donations collected from Oaklandish would go towards recovering some of the money that went towards the Radio Regatta event.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained the motion to approve The Oaklandish Innovators to collect money from a silent auction and sell Oaklandish apparel that the Radio Regata event at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House on August 23, 2009. Along with approval for a 2 drink minimum with insurance approved by the City of Oakland Risk Management Department; if insurance is not obtained then there would be no alcohol to be served.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Scott, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Enabulele, **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

B. **Request for Permission for Tango Magdalena for a Fee Waiver to Host Open Dancing at the Lake Merritt Bandstand on Saturday, August 22, 2009, Saturday, September 22, 2009 and October 17, 2009:**

Staff received a request from Tango Magdalena for a fee waiver request to host open dancing at the Lake Merritt Bandstand on Saturday, August 22, 2009, Saturday, September 22, 2009 and October 17, 2009. Gail McMillon read the staff report and Jean Pierre Sighe answered questions from Commissioners. Commissioners were concerned that if they passed this request to waive fee's for a permit on the bandstand that this would be setting a precedence. At this time with all the cut backs in OPR it is not possible to waive the fees for the bandstand. The Commissioners did suggest that Tango Magdalena talk to OPR and see how they could partner with OPR at future OPR events to teach the tango.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained the motion to have Tango Magdalena enquire with OPR partner at future OPR events and not approve the fee waiver to host open dancing at the Lake Merritt Bandstand on Saturday, August 22, 2009 and October 17, 2009.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Ricards, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Scott, **Motion Denied Unanimously.**

C. **Request from The Oakland Zoo to Give an Update on the Zoo's Master Plan and Give the Commissioners a Site Tour of the Proposed Master Plan.** Dr. Joel Parrott gave a history of how the Zoo was structured and talked about what the new proposal for the Master Plan would be. After PRAC ended at 6:29 pm. the Commissioners, Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Director, Toni Martinez-Villarante, Recording Secretary, Dana Riley, Assistant to the Director, Dr. Joel Parrott, and Nik Haas-Dehejia, Director, Strategic Initiatives were taken by bus to the proposed site where the Zoo would like to expand. Everyone walked around the proposed site and Dr. Parrott talked about how the Zoo would like to expand the future site and where the campgrounds and proposed animal enclosures would be built. Since this was only a tour there was no motion.

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:  
N/A

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:  
N/A

15. OPEN FORUM:  
N/A

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
N/A

17. ADJOURNMENT:  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audree V. Jones-Taylor  
Secretary

Toni Martinez-Villarante  
Recording Secretary