

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 4:30 P.M.

Lakeside Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA



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OFFICE of PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Vice Chair Commissioner Montauk convened the meeting at 4:38 p.m. Audree Jones-Taylor, OPR Director conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Montauk will be leaving at 5:30 pm and Commissioner Ricards will chair the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Osagie Enabulele, Howard Matis, Barry Miller, Susan Montauk, Benjamin Scott, Brad Ricards, Ellen Wu, Calvin Wong

Excused: Judy Belcher, Michael Hammock, Jeffrey Taylor

Staff Present: Audree Jones-Taylor, Gail McMillon, Dana Riley, Mitch Thomson-PWA-Parks, Maribel Corral,

Guests: Damon Charles, Joel Hamburger, Jeanine Griswa, Sealli Moyenda, Stefanie Gandolfi

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting.

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

Moved by: Commissioner Wu, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Scott, **Abstain:** Commissioner Ricards and Commissioner Enabulele. **Motion: Approved.**

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

None

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

A. Commissioner Report Update, Commissioner Taylor – Still pending.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appeal of Tree Removal Permit for 5710 Margarido Drive:
Postponed.

B. Appeal of Tree Removal Permit for 5452 Carlton Street:
Postponed.

C. Appeal of Tree Removal Permit for 12550 Skyline Boulevard:

Mitch Thomson, PWA Tree Division, presented the staff report. The Tree Services Division denied the tree permit to remove two Monterey cypress trees and one Birch tree. One Monterey tree is growing in the front yard, the other on the west side of the home. The Birch tree is growing in the backyard, overhanging the corner of the carport. Mr. Thomson indicated that the trees are in good shape and well taken care of. The trees are affecting the

house, there's dry rot and problems with mold. The Tree Ordinance says tree removals are a last resort but there are several alternatives to removing trees. The ordinance requires PRAC to make that alternative. Tree Services is proposing that if you going to replace a board and fix whatever work is proposed to the house, to do it with materials that are able to handle moisture and able to deal with the environment. Mr. Thomson asked the Commission if it is reasonable to require some additional expense of the owners to do construction work and buy more expensive materials that are moisture resistant? Owners can spend money to upgrade and replace deck roof with better more expensive materials that can resist dry rot and sustain wet weather. Damon Charles, property owner/applicant, appealed staff's decision and spoke on behalf of the tree appeal. Mr. Charles said that there are no branches or limbs hanging over the property. He has spent over \$10,000 in the last few years just trimming the trees. Moisture from the trees fall and dump on a certain area of the house. The appellant commented that he does not have the money to make any upgrades. The house was initially built as the Skyline Community Church and was not designed to be built as a house. There were concerns from the Commission that there appears to be faulty construction and that there are water problems. The side where there's more water damage and where the tree is located never gets sunlight. Mr. Thomson said PRAC has authority to make recommendation of replacement trees even though ordinance does not direct tree staff.

Commissioner Montauk entertained a motion to reject staff's recommendation of appeal denial and allow removal of one cypress tree closest to the deck/house to be replaced with one 24" box tree within 90 days of removal of existing tree, that will grow to equal or higher height at maturity to be planted at a location of owner's choice.
Moved by: Commissioner Ricards, Seconded by: Commissioner Wu, Motion: Unanimously Passed.

Commissioner Montauk left for a previous commitment (excused) and Commissioner Ricards took over as Interim Chair.

D. Request from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to Collect and Sell Event related Items On-site at the Community Out of the Darkness Walk at Lakeside Park on Saturday, October 16, 2010

Gail McMillon presented the staff report. Teresa Ferguson, AFSP representative, spoke on behalf of the event. Proceeds from the event will go towards suicide prevention and awareness. This is the group's second year. KTVU will be a sponsor this year. It was requested that a Post Event Report be attached from the second year. The only difference from last year's event was that they collected on-site donations. This year they are asking to collect on-site donations, t-shirts and rubber bracelets.

Commissioner Ricards entertained a motion to approve the request from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, to collect and sell event related items on-site at the Community Out of the Darkness Walk at Lakeside Park on Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Moved by: Commissioner Wong, Seconded by: Commissioner Scott, Motion: Unanimously Passed.

E. Request from the Oakland Black Cowboys Association for Permission to Have Vendors and Sell Event related Items at the Annual Black Cowboys Festival at Defremery Park on Saturday, October 2, 2010:

Gail McMillon presented the staff report and Post Event Report. Due to the organization coming before PRAC over three times, there was no representative present. A comment was made that the vendors listed were 'for profit'. Need to know if the vendors are Oakland-based vendors. It was directed to staff that 1) Post Event Reports be done immediately after the event or applicants will have to come before the PRAC, 2) Food vendors should be Oakland vendors if not uniquely specific to event, 3) Staff to note on the Post Event Report if there were damages and condition of park after event. Staff will add notes on the permit about no parade in the park for the horses.

Commissioner Ricards entertained a motion to approve the Oakland Black Cowboys Association request for permission to have vendors and sell event-related items at the Annual Black Cowboys Festival at Defremery Park on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Moved by: Commissioner Enabulele, Seconded by: Commissioner Matis, Motion: Unanimously Passed.

F. Request from the African People's Education and Defense Fund to Have Vendors at the Uhuru/Wellness Festival at Arroyo Viejo Park on Saturday, October 9, 2010:

Maribel Corral, Arroyo Viejo Center Director, presented the staff report. Vendors requested will sell food and

non-food items to include jewelry, art. The organization is requesting to have vendors to offset their cost for the event. Ms. Corral indicated that the organization is a 501c3 (non-profit organization). Joel Hamburger, Coordinator of the event, spoke on behalf of the African People's Education and Defense Fund. Mr. Hamburger is to provide documentation of having non-profit status (501c3) to the Central Reservations Unit. The vendors that are participating are from the community. They currently have three food vendors. It was asked if they are funding the event by charging the vendors. Mr. Hamburger said they are having ten booths that are service information for a \$10 donation, eight merchants, and six food vendors. They are also trying to get sponsorships from the community. The APEDF will use the Muslim security and will be meeting with OPD to finalize security for approval of the OPD Special Event Permit.

Commissioner Ricards entertained a motion to approve the request from the African People's Education and Defense Fund to have vendors at the Uhuru/Wellness Festival at Arroyo Viejo Park on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Recreation Advisory Manual Report - Commissioner Miller reported that the sub-committee has drafted the new guidelines based on all the feedback for the Recreation Advisory Council manual. The manual is circulating within the sub-committee for further review and will include all updates. He will email to all commissioners and present at a future meeting.

10. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

None

11. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

None

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Intimate Evening was a huge success. There were approximately 2,500 to 3,000 people. OPR cleared enough money to pay back owed deposits to individual customers left by Dunsmuir Hellman Board of Directors non-profit. We made \$30,000 from the event and cleared \$16,000.
- B. Great Gatsby Picnic was a wonderful event. We should all support the event next year.
- C. Significant improvements have been made at Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate and continue to make improvements.
- D. The Director encouraged PRAC to continue to come out and play the OPR way where we play with a purpose to expose, to enlighten, to empower, to encourage educational excellence through recreational programs.
- E. Sundays in the Redwoods begins this Sunday, September 19th. We have a good line-up. The first Sunday will be Pete Escovedo as the headliner, the second show will be a collaboration with Michael Morgan and Goapele, third show is Angie Stone as the headliner and the last show is the Flavors of Jazz with George Duke as the headliner. This is our fifth year. The shows start at 2:00 pm and are over at 6:00 pm – 6:15 pm. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 this year.
- F. Thursday, September 16th is the pre-event kickoff sponsored by KBLX and Lexus, 6:00 pm at Coliseum Lexus. Director Jones-Taylor encouraged PRAC to attend the event. To date, only one Commissioner had RSVP'd. Other Commissioners commented that they did not realize that the invite came from OPR. The logo was not there, so they ignored the invite. Director Jones-Taylor will email the KBLX event invite to Dana Riley to forward to PRAC.

15. OPEN FORUM:

A. Stephanie Gandolfi, from Friends of Knowland Park, spoke on the Oakland Zoo expansion at Knowland Park regarding development and improvements that was previously approved by PRAC. Commissioner Ricards commented that there is nothing PRAC can do unless the Planning Commission sends it back to PRAC. Commissioner Matis is the PRAC liaison to the Oakland Zoo. Ms. Gandolfi should work with Commissioner Matis.

B. Elections for chair, vice chair and tree committee are due. Some commissioners are approaching term limits. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed and present to the commission next month as an item on the agenda. The subcommittee for nominating the elected positions will be Commissioner Matis and Commissioner Scott. Commissioner Matis will not be at the October 2010 meeting. They will meet with Dana Riley for Chair and Vice-Chair. Dana will email a current roster to Commissioner Scott.

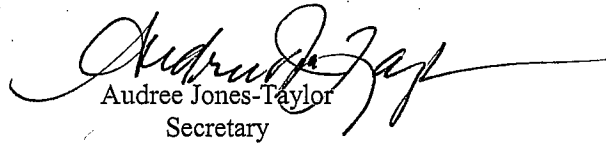
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

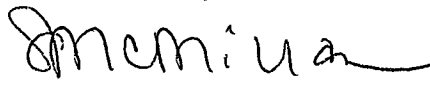
17. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Audree Jones-Taylor
Secretary



Gail McMillon
Acting Recording Secretary