

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Lakeside Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA



CITY of OAKLAND

OFFICE of PARKS & RECREATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 14, 2011 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Co-Chair, Commissioner Hammock, convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Gail McMillon of OPR conducted the roll call.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Judy Belcher, Osagie Enabulele, Wade Finlinson, Michael Hammock, Howard Matis, Barry Miller, Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor, Calvin Wong, Ellen Wu arrived at 6:00pm.

Excused: Susan Montauk

Staff Present: Dana Riley, Gail McMillon, Diane Boyd,

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of March 9, 2011

MOTION: Commissioner Hammock, Co-Chair, entertained a motion to review the minutes at the end of the meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Miller, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Belcher, **Motion: Approved.**

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

None

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

A. Commissioner Report Update, Commissioner Taylor:
Pending

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION: Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion move Item 11A up on the agenda after Item 6. **Moved by:** Commissioner Taylor: **Seconded by:** Commissioner Richards: **Motion Passed.**

MOTION: Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion move Item 11A up on the agenda after Item 6 and speakers would be given 2 minutes each. **Moved by:** Commissioner Taylor: **Seconded by:** Commissioner Richards: **Motion Approved.**

Commissioner Hammock authorized a 5 minute recess at 5:10pm. The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

9. **PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None

10. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

A. Commissioner Matis unable to reach staff at Montclair via telephone or email. Will forward email to Director Jones-Taylor

11. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:**

A. **Recommendation Concerning the Proposed Amendment to the Master Plan for the Oakland Zoo (Major conditional Use Permit No. CM09085):** This item was continued from the March 9, 2011, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting. Darin Ranelletti from CEDA Planning and Zoning Division presented the staff report via interoffice memorandum dated March 14, 2011 and reviews the proposed revisions to the approved master plan referenced on pages 1 thru 7 of the report.

The Commission received comments from the public:

Speakers included members of Friends of Knowland Park, the Sierra Club, neighbor and employee's of Oakland Zoo.

In this section, a Friends of Knowland Park member made a Power Point presentation on the Proposed MND/Addendum Decision Re: Oakland Zoo Expansion.

Members of the community opposing the plan sited concerns regarding the gondola lift and earthquake safety. Some suggested the City of Oakland maybe in violation of CEQA laws by not providing an EIR. Preservation of open air space and a hiking trail approved by City Council in the 1998 master plan not depicted in the current proposal was reported. General concern regarding the rapid paces of the process, improper public notification, adverse impact to native wildlife, overuse of Knowland Park resources were of issue. Supporters of the plan agreed that Oakland Zoo is a thoughtful caretaker of Knowland Park and responsible observer of wildlife and public educator. The proposed veterinary hospital was raised as an important addition for local and Bay Area wide conservation and educational efforts. The gondola lift was considered vital to the park experience for the elderly and other visitors with mobility challenges or who are wheel chair bound.

Motion: Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion. Commissioner Enabulele made a motion to approve the recommendation for the proposed amendment to the Master Plan for the Oakland Zoo (Major Conditional Use Permit No. CM09085).

Moved by: Commissioner Enabulele. **Seconded by:** Commissioner Taylor

Friendly Amendment: Commissioner Matis made a friendly amendment that the Oakland Zoological Society shall report annually to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) on the status of its work to protect the habitat of the native species in Knowland Park. This document should include its efforts to preserve the Bristly Leptosiphon and to remove invasive plants from the park.

Motion: Commissioner Hammock entertained the Friendly Amendment from Commissioner Matis. Commissioner Enabulele accepted the friendly amendment to the motion to approve the recommendation for

the proposed amendment to the Master Plan for the Oakland Zoo (Major Conditional Use Permit No. CM09085). And that the Oakland Zoological Society shall report annually to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) on the status of its work to protect the habitat of the native species in Knowland Park. This document should include its efforts to preserve the Bristly Leptosiphon and to remove invasive plants from the park.

Moved by: Commissioner Enabulele. **Seconded** by Commissioner Taylor
Motion: Passed Unanimously

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Request made to place timeline for committee and liaison assignments on the April agenda
- B. The month of May is being considered for the tour of Oakland's parks.

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

None

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. The Grand Opening of the East Oakland Sports Center will be held on July 2, 2011

15. OPEN FORUM:

None

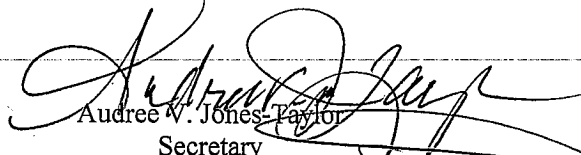
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- B. Planning Commission meeting will convene on March 16 and will be shown on KTOP


17. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary



Diane Boyd
Recording Secretary