



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 4:30 P.M.
Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Co-Chair Commissioner Hammock convened the meeting at 4:35pm. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, OPR Director, conducted the roll call:

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Wade Finlinson, Michael Hammock, Barry Miller, Susan Montauk, Marsha Peterson, Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor, Calvin Wong, Ellen Wu,

Excused: Howard Matis and Judy Belcher

Late Arrival: Jeffrey Taylor (4:50pm)

Staff: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Gail McMillon, Diane Boyd, Dana Riley, Mark Hall, Christina Ferracane, Ed Manasse

3. **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of November 9, 2011

Motion: Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 9, 2011.

Moved by: Commissioner Ricards, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Miller, **Motion: Passed.**

4. **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

None

5. **PRAC PENDING LIST:**

None

6. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

7. **CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:**

None

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Request the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission accept the informational report on the Park and Open Space chapter of the *Lake Merritt Station Area Preferred Plan*. The City of Oakland Strategic Planning Division of CEDA, community members, BART, and the Peralta Community College District are developing the Lake Merritt Station Area Plan (Area Plan) and would like to solicit preliminary input on the Lake Merritt Station Area Preferred Plan (Preferred Plan) which contains proposals related to parks and open space from the PRAC. The Preferred Plan has been developed with community input during the last two years, and suggests long range improvements and future development in the neighborhoods (including Chinatown) which are within a half mile of the Lake Merritt BART station. Staff prepared and distributed a Power Point presentation to the Commission.

Community Comments:

- Current park space is insufficient for tots
- Research needed to reflect population growth
- Designated park space is needed for tots
- The Joint Use with OUSD and Laney is not in close approximation to where youth gather in Chinatown
- Plan does not meet the needs of Oakland youth
- Estimated 200 to 300 seniors use park daily
- Local Adult Day Center maybe closed – local seniors will need a place to congregate.

Commissioners Comments:

It was suggested that street closures be considered as an option addressing traffic and safety concerns rather than the reduction of car lanes.

- Requiring charter schools to create open space/playgrounds when going through the permit process.
- Commissioners want historic recognition/relevance of the Lincoln and Harrison Squares.
- Impact fees were discussed as related to “bedroom” taxes to OPR
- City should review other types of impact fees including long termed maintenance fees for new developments
- “Parkletts” (parking spaces turned into mini parks/cafes) may create more congestion in the area
- Inclusion of “parkletts” considered to be a good idea - should to be self sustaining.
- Plan is transit oriented and not neighborhood oriented
- Parking structure is needed to address the issue in the
- Roof gardens and a site for a dog park should be included in the plan
- Plan is a sub-set study opportunity for a master plan.

Director suggested that one of the PRAC sub-committees review the staff report and evaluate and prioritize the Commission’s concerns and submit the information to project staff in order to ensure that community and OPR goals are met when the actual development takes place.

Staff will return in the summer or fall of 2012 with a draft plan.

No vote was taken on this item as this was an information report.

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Montauk provided information from OSCAR stating that Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (FHOP) was designated as Open Space Special Use. Parks and Recreation appeared before PRAC on June 9th, 2004. Hours for FHOP were set for 6:00am – closure at 10:00pm. Overnight camping is not allowed in Oakland unless by special permit issued thru OPR. Standard park hours are set at 6:00am – 10:00pm.

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

None

15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Director Jones-Taylor announced that the Annual PRAC Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 2012 at 9:00am at the East Oakland Sports Center located at 9161 Edes Avenue in Oakland.
- B. The Annual Holiday Tradition and Tea was announced and sponsorships \$25:00 per youth attendee was requested. The Tea will to take place on December 17th and 18th at the Dunsmuir Hellman Estate beginning at 11:15am.
- C. Mobile Food Vending Pilot Program will be discussed at the February 8th meeting.
- D. Interview for potential Commissioners are ongoing. New Commissioners will be attending the January Retreat. Commissioners terming out in January 2012 include Hammock, Montauk, Wong, Taylor and Ricards. Commissioner Matis' term expires in March 2012.
- E. Dover Park Update - Dana Riley: Sarah Herbelin will make a presentation on the design phases of the project - date to be determined. No minor CUP is required as the area is zoned residential and gardening is considered permitted use. Planning are not involved at the phase of the project.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Motion: Commissioner Hammock entertained a motion move Item 17 up to 16.

Moved by: Commissioner Montauk, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Wu, **Motion: Passed.**

- A. The OPC will hold its Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 5:30pm in the Vista Room at the Lake Merritt Garden Center located at 666 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland.

18. ADJOURNMENT:


The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audree Jones-Taylor
Secretary

Diane Boyd
Recording Secretary

***Next Meeting: Special Meeting - Saturday, January 7, 2012; 9:00a.m.
 Lakeside Garden Center
 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA***

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