



CITY of OAKLAND
OFFICE of PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

City of Oakland
Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 4:30 P.M.
Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. ROLL CALL: ARCENEUX, ENABULELE, HAMMOCK, MATIS, MONTAUK, RICARDS, SCOTT, TAYLOR, WONG
3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:
 - A. Minutes of the March 11, 2009 Meeting
4. SPECIAL ORDERS:
5. PRAC PENDING LIST:
 - Commissioners Report Update
 - Nominations for two vacant seats
6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:
7. COMMUNICATIONS:
8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:
 - A. Report minutes submitted for approval
 - B. Post-Event Report – Commissioner Ricards
9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:
10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

N/A
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recommendations for the two vacant PRAC Commissioners seats.
12. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Request for Permission for the Friends of Faith, Inc. to Collect Entry Fees and Donations and Sell Event Related Items at the Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge Walk/Run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 8, 2009: Staff received a request from the Friends of Faith, Inc. to collect entry fees and donations and sell event related items at the Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge Walk/Run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 8, 2009. The Friends of Faith, Inc. was founded in 1997 as a non-profit organization of professional women dedicated to fighting the breast cancer epidemic through the power of information and by providing funds to local organizations to help provide direct assistance to underserved and under-insured women in their battle against breast cancer. The organization is in memory of Faith Fancher, local media personality, who lost her fight

against breast cancer in 2003. This is the fifth year of the Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge event. The Friends of Faith, Inc. hosted a walk/run at Lakeside Park in 2005 and in 2008. They came before the commission in 2008 with a similar request and was granted approval. The organization has raised and donated more than \$700,000 for individuals with breast cancer and has donated to the following breast health organizations: Charlotte Maxwell Clinic, Alameda County Medical Center Cancer Navigator Program, American Cancer Society and the Women's Cancer Resource Center Emergency Fund.

- B. Request for Permission for the Eastside Arts Alliance to Have A Community Non-Food and Food Vendors at the Malcolm X Jazz Festival at San Antonio Park on Saturday, May 30, 2009:** Staff received a request from the Eastside Arts Alliance to have a community non-food and food vendors at the Malcolm X Jazz Festival at San Antonio Park on Saturday, May 30, 2009. This is the 9th year that Eastside Arts Alliance (ESAA), has held the Malcolm X Jazz Festival at San Antonio Park. The last event was held on May 17, 2008. Elena Serrano, Program Director, came before the Commission for the last two years requesting to have food and non-food vendors during the event and was granted permission. The event is free to the community. Many of the vendors were community based organizations and local community artists who offer for sale arts and crafts that reflect their ethnic heritage.
- C. Request for Permission for 10,000 Steps to Place One or More Medallions in Each of the Four Squares: Lafayette, Jefferson, Lincoln and Madison Square Parks:** Staff received a request from the 10,000 Steps for a community park project to draw attention to four historic parks in downtown Oakland through on-site stewardship and a self guided walking tour. The tour will be marked with 12-50 (pending funding) permanent sidewalk medallions in downtown spanning west to east of the four squares: Lafayette, Jefferson, Lincoln and Madison Parks. We are seeking PRAC's endorsement of the project. The final plans for any medallions that are within the boundaries of the parks would be brought back to PRAC for final design approval.
- D. Request for Permission for Maxwell Community Park Mosaic Design Team to Implement a Mosaic Mural Design During Summer of 2009:** Staff received a request from Maxwell Community Park Mosaic Design Team to implement a mosaic mural design during the summer of 2009. In June 2008, Maxwell Community Park started a park improvement process that began with a community survey and consequent meeting which included city staff that will culminate on a broad, multi-year redesign of Park property. A positive, short term objective of the work planned consists of the implementation of mosaic murals around the bath room walls which will mitigate graffiti and attract more users to the park. The mosaic project will turn a longstanding park eyesore into a permanent park asset. Such colorful and visible success will provide park visitors, supporters and renovation organizers with some of the energy required for the successful completion of the larger project improvement process.
- E. Request for Permission of Proposed Facilities at 25th Street and M.L. King Jr. Mini Park:** Staff received a request for review and approval of design plans for restoration and enhanced facilities at the quarter-acre 25th Street and M.L. King, Jr. Mini-park ("the park"). The proposed facilities consist of replacing a central concrete space with lawn (natural or artificial), installing two new childrens' play structures, adding half a dozen trees, rading lighting and fences and related improvements. The park is currently closed for repairs. Funding would be provided by Measure WW and other sources. Construction would begin and conclude during 2009.


13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

15. OPEN FORUM:

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

17. ADJOURNMENT:

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

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