

# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 4:30 P.M.

Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland



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, April 15, 2009 at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland. Commissioner Taylor convened the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Secretary to the Commission conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

### 2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Victor Arceneaux, Brad Ricards, Michael Hammock, Susan Montauk, Benjamin Scott, Jeff Taylor  
Absent: Osagie Enabulele (excused), Howard Matis (excused), Calvin Wong (excused)  
Staff Present: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Toni Martinez-Villarante, Gail McMillon, Dana Riley  
Guests: Roberto Costa, Bonnie Henriquez, Nedamu Khuthaza, Gail Murphy, Susan Scolnick, Elena Serrano, David Valeska, John Ward and Family, Ada Williams,

### 3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Montauk had a question regarding The Directors Report. She requested to elaborate on the budget portion of the Directors Report.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Moved by: Commissioner Ricards; Seconded by Commissioner Hammock; **Motion: Passed Unanimously**

### 4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

N/A

### 5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

Please send names of possible nominee's to Toni Martinez-Villarante.

### 6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Items 12A, 12B, 12C, 12D and 12E were moved up.

### 7. COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Taylor is in the process of compiling the report and will e-mail it to Toni Martinez-Villarante when it's complete.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Post Event Report – Commissioner Ricards said in the interest in streamlining special events permits a report of events must be submitted to the sub-committee in lieu of the PRAC Meeting. The goal is to minimize going over permit requests and the Commissioners are able to focus on other PRAC issues.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained a motion to review the Post Event Report and submit questions to the May 13, 2009 next PRAC meeting. Toni Martinez-Villarante will be sending out the revised report for all the PRAC Commissioners to review and bring their suggestions to the next PRAC meeting. **Moved by:** Hammock; **Seconded by:** Scott; **Motion** Passed Unanimously

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

N/A

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PRAC Report pending by Commissioner Taylor.

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 22, 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 22, 2009. 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. Aida Williams, Executive Director and CEO spoke about this annual event and answered questions from the Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained the motion 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 22, 2009.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Hammock, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Arceneaux. **Motion** Passed: Unanimously

- 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:** Gail McMillon Recreation Supervisor read the staff report 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 9<sup>th</sup> year that Eastside Arts Alliance (ESAA), has held the Malcolm X Jazz Festival at San Antonio Park. Elena Serrano, Program Director, came before the Commission and answered questions.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained the motion 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.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Montauk, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hammock, **Motion Passed:** Unanimously.

- 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:** Dana Riley Assistant to the Director read the staff report 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. Bruce Douglas spoke about the project and how 10,000 are working with the parks for a year collecting stories and information about the parks.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained the motion to allow 10,000 Steps to place one or more medallions in each of the four squares: Lafayette, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Madison Square Park. 10,000 will come back at a later date to have PRAC review the size of the medallions.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Scott, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Ricards, **MOTION:** Passed Unanimously.

- D. **Request for Permission for Maxwell Community Park Mosaic Design Team to Implement a Mosaic Mural Design During Summer of 2009:** Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Director read the staff report 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 met with 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. Laura Hernandez is a member of the Maxwell Project. She talked about the project, donations and funding and answered questions from the Commissioners. Roberto Costa spoke on the murals and addressed the maintenance issues. No tiles will be protruding about the surface of the mural. There will be a protective coating for graffiti.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained the motion for Maxwell Community Park Mosaic Design Team to implement a mosaic mural design during summer of 2009.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Montauk; **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hammock. **MOTION:** Passed Unanimously

E. **Request for Permission of Proposed Facilities at 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 children's 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.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained the motion for David Valeska with CEDA to come back before the PRAC Committee and with the following reports: OPD Report for statistics on the park, Community Support to establish that the community would help with the upkeep of the proposed park, Maintenance Report from PWA, Statistical and Demographics Report from Census to establish the number of young park users and a Hazmat Report to disclose cleanup / closure information. Commissioners would like to review the reports before the Commissioners can make a decision to approve the original request to approve design plans for restoration and enhanced facilities at the quarter-acre 25<sup>th</sup> Street and M.L. King Jr. Mini-park.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Montauk; **Seconded by:** Hammock. **Motion:** was Unanimously Denied.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**

N/A

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

OPR still needs the support of the PRAC Commissioners to go to the Council meetings and speak on our behalf at the next budget hearing on April 20, 2009.

Wednesday, May 16, 2009 – at 8:00 a.m. Metro Golf Course will be hosting the breakfast for the First Tee Program Launch which will be honoring legends and will serve as a fundraiser.

April 27, 2009 – Lakeside Garden Center the Mayor and Council Members will host the Finance Budget Hearing and share the challenge to balance the budget.

In regards to the Stimulus Package – OPR is trying to get a piece of it but we are running into difficulties.

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

Nadamoo Kootaza came before PRAC and asked if he could have the African Liberation Day event at the deFermery Recreation Center on May 30, 2009. He gave a background of the proposed event. He apologized to the Commissioners for not going before the Advisory Council sooner. This event would consist of various African speakers, dancing and band performances along with the sale of food and clothing vendors. This is the first time this event will be held in Oakland. Because this request was not submitted in writing and no permits have been issued the Commissioners could not take any action on this request.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
May 16, 2009 – Stewardship Oakland Park Coalitions RE: Maintenance Problems

17. ADJOURNMENT:  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Audree V. Jones-Taylor  
Secretary

Toni Martinez-Villarante  
Recording Secretary