

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland, California
Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue in Oakland, California. Commissioner Taylor convened the meeting at 5:02p.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Victor Arceneaux, Osagie Enabulele, Michael Hammock (arrived late), Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor, Calvin Wong

Absent: Valerie Abad, Howard Matis, Susan Montauk, Junaid Mohiuddin, Benjamin Scott

Staff Present: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Gail McMillon, Toni Martinez

Guests: Gillion Clarke, Emad Mirsaed, Nader Rabahat, Lawrence Dunnigan, Ceola Richardson, Tom Baily, Mary McAllister, Keith McAllister, Liza Frolkis, Mac Lejersky, Ed Holm, Anna Voorthuijsen, Ellen Gierson

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

- Skip

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

- Skip

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

None

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Ricards talked about Bushrod Parent Advisory Council. Center Director, Myka Hammock, was requesting jump ropes for the recreation center. Ms. Jones-Taylor said the recreation centers have a budget for things like this and they should not be requesting equipment like this to PRAC. Commissioner Hammock said he would be glad to purchase the jump ropes as a private citizen.

Commissioner Arceneaux attended the Midnight Basketball and was very impressed since he was a former coach and he's glad to see it's back.

Commissioner Wong asked if each Recreation Center had some kind of council. Ms. Jones-Taylor said that each center should have an advisory council. OPR is addressing the problem to make sure each recreation center has an advisory council. Manzanita and Arroyo do not currently have advisory councils because the Center Directors are new and are in the process of recruitment.

Commissioner Enabulele requested that all commissioners call the office of OPR if they are unable to make the PRAC meetings three (3) days before the meeting. He also requested that everyone be on time. If the meeting is going to be at a location other than the Lakeside Park Garden Center then the meetings will start 15 minutes later.

Commissioner Taylor requested that PRAC start to enforce the required attendance for these PRAC meetings or replace the commissioner if he/she misses more than the allowed meetings.

THE BOOK GUIDE SAYS: Ordinance 8065, Section VII Appointment (D): Removal. To assure participation of Commission members, attendance by the members for the Commission to all regularly scheduled and special meetings for the commission shall be recorded, and such record shall be provided semi-annually to the office of the Mayor for review. A member may be removed pursuant to Section 601 of the City Charter. Among other things, conviction of a felony, misconduct, incompetency, inattention to or inability to perform duties, or *absence from three (3) consecutive regular meetings except on account of illness or when absent from the city by permission of the commission, shall constitute cause for removal.*

June meeting we will discuss the rest of the calendar for the year. Commissioner Hammock would like the September or October meeting at the Senior Center. June meeting we will come forth with the rest of the calendar for the year.

9. ADVISORY COUCIL REPORTS:

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- 12-A. Request from the San Francisco Mime Troupe to collect donations and sell Mime Troupe merchandise in Mosswood Park on July 12, 2008; Ed Holmes for the San Francisco Mime Troupe requested to collect donations along with the sale of tee shirts and dry goods.

MOTION: To accept the request for the San Francisco Mime Troupe to collect donations and sell dry goods at Mosswood Park on July 12, 2008.

Moved by: Ricards; Seconded by Enabulele: the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- 12-B. Request from the Breast Cancer Fund to collect registration fees for the 5th annual Bike Against the Odds at Lakeside Park on August 23, 2008; Anna Voorthuijsen from the Breast Cancer Fund requested to collect registration fees for the 5th annual Bike Against the Odds at Lakeside Park on August 23, 2008.

MOTION: To accept the request for the Breast Cancer Fund to collect registration fees for the 5th annual Bike Against the Odd at Lakeside Park on August 23, 2008.

MOVED by: Enabulele; Seconded by Ricards: the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- 12-C. Request for temporary use of Dimond Park during seismic retrofit construction of the Leimert Bridge over Sausal Creek; Emad Mirsaeidi from CEDA and Tom Bailey with the Environmental Construction requested for temporary use of Dimond Park during seismic retrofit construction of the Leimert Bridge over Sausal Creek. Commissioner Ricards asked if the pathway and Leimert bridge would be impacted, wheelchair access, and if there was some kind of traffic control plan.

MOTION BY: Michael Seconded by Hammock: the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- 12-D. Request for temporary use of Pocket Park near the intersection of 23rd Avenue and East 12th Street during seismic retrofit construction of 23rd Avenue; Emad Mirsaeidi from CEDA and Tom Bailey with the Environmental Construction requested for temporary use of a pocket park near the intersection of 23rd Avenue and East 12th Street during seismic retrofit construction of 23rd Avenue. Commissioner Ricards also asked about 23rd street bridge if there was any coordination with OPR to run the programs if there are any. There are presently no OPR programs at the site.

**MOTION by: Ricards; Seconded by Hammock: the MOTION PASSED
unanimously.**

- 12-E. The Port of Oakland is requesting to install a plaque at Lakeside Park on June 4th, 2008: Lawrence Dunnigan with the Port of Oakland request to install a plaque at Lakeside Park on June 4th on one of the large rocks by the big red tall gate. There would be no financial impact on OPR.

**MOTION by: Taylor; Seconded by Enabulele: the MOTION PASSED
unanimously.**

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Jones-Taylor welcomed the interim Executive Assistant Toni Martinez. She informed the attending commissioners of the Mayor's Summer Program and we have sent out hire letters for the Rec Leader II PPT positions. Mrs. Jones-Taylor made the announcement about the loss of yet another OPR staff member, Maceo Smith.

15. OPEN FORUM:

Commissioner Arceneaux is requesting an informational report regarding concerns about the homeless, drug dealings at the 20th & San Pablo Park.

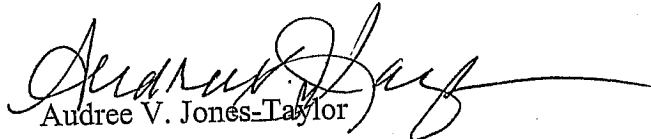
16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Jones-Taylor will have PWA and the Rangers present at the June 11th meeting to discuss Commissioner Arceneaux's concerns.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary

Toni Martinez
Recording Secretary