

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002
Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland, CA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California. Chairperson Webb convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Jim Ryugo, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL: (three vacancies)

Present: Valerie Abad, Dinah Fischbach-Bensen, Yvonne Myers, William Patterson, Elba Sanchez , Matthew Webb, Jeffery Wong

Excused: Theresa Nelson

Staff Present: Jim Ryugo, Mary Perisic, Dan Gallagher, Jennifer Koney, Kerry Ricketts-Ferris

Visitors: Toan Nguyen, Geraldine Martinez

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of December 12, 2001 regular meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved approval. Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS: None

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Item 12B, Upcoming Bond Measures, will be rescheduled for January 23, 2002.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

7. COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A Golf Committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS: None

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. PRAC Long Term Project: No report

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appeal of Tree Removal Permit ND01-169, 3016 Minna Avenue: Tree Supervisor Dan Gallagher gave a report and provided photographs. It is the opinion of the Tree Section that the palm tree should be removed because of its proximity to power lines. The tree has been pruned back on one side to prevent the fronds from contacting the power lines. This type of pruning typically causes palm trees to become weakened as it grows back in a distorted shape. Ms. Geraldine Martinez, the appellant, stated that she believes that the tree is not a hazard. Mr. Toan

Nguyen, the owner, stated that PG&E had ordered him to prune the side of the tree facing the power lines.

MOTION: Commissioner Fischbach-Benson moved to deny the appeal and to allow removal of the tree. Commissioner Wong seconded. The motion failed (5 ayes 2 noes).

The owner has the right to return at any time with another tree removal permit and come before the Commission again for a vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the Commission voting on a motion. The current opinion is that a vote of six (majority vote based on a full Commission of eleven members) is required to pass a motion, even if there are less than eleven members present. Staff will seek the opinion of the City Attorney on 1) how many affirmative votes is required to pass a motion assuming there is a quorum present, and 2) in the event the motion is phrased in the negative and the motion fails, what does that do to the pending matter?

- B. Upcoming Bond Measures: Moved to January 23, 2001.
- C. School Link Program: Ms. Jennifer Koney reported on this item. Councilmember Danny Wan proposed the School Link resolution and asked for an informational report as to the impact the resolution would have on OPR. The resolution proposes that by the end of 2009 there will be an after school recreation program at every public elementary and middle school site. Funding was not included in the proposal. OPR staff did an assessment of what is needed. Currently there are 23 school sites that do not have after school programs, and that will increase to 29 sites by next year. An afterschool program offered three days a week with multiple classes and youth development services at 23 sites would cost from \$784,000 to \$2,850,000. OPR previously had after school programs, but due to budget reductions there are no programs left at the school sites.
- D. Lake Merritt Master Plan: Ms. Kerry Ricketts-Ferris, Planner for the City, gave a presentation on the Lake Merritt Master Plan (LMMP). The City has been working on a plan for over ten years. A technical advisory team of 26 members has been meeting monthly. There have been four community stakeholder meetings, which have included members of the community from a wide range of areas and interests. A web site of the LMMP will be available through the City's web site in the next few weeks. There are temporary displays and survey forms at the Library which will be moved to the Museum and then to City Hall. There have been four charettes and other public participation. A web site of the LMMP will be available through the City's web site in the next few weeks. There are temporary displays and survey forms at the Library which will be moved to the Museum and then to City Hall. The draft plan will go before several commissions for review and recommendations, should come back to the PRAC in late May and then go to City Council for adoption in July. Ms. Ricketts-Ferris described some of the features of the plan, including improvements on 12th Street, Lakeside Drive, Bellevue Avenue, better access to the Lake, and improved recreation programming. A copy of the staff report to Council which contains more detailed information will be provided to the Commissioners. The next stakeholders meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 6-8pm at the Sailboat House, and the final public meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 6-8pm at the Sailboat House. Commissioners Wong and Webb commended Ms. Ricketts-Ferris for her work.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**

- A. A report and recommendation from the City Manager, regarding Fiscal Year 2001-02 First Quarter Performance Measures: There is a complete hiring freeze in place. The City is looking at a budget deficit of \$30-\$40 million that will need to be closed by June 30. There may be city-wide reductions as early as March.
- B. A resolution authorizing the official naming of the Jack London Aquatic Center in Estuary Park: Noted.
- C. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand five hundred twenty dollars (\$15,520) in monthly license fees for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza Park Project: Noted

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

- Commissioner Patterson announced that there will be a commemoration of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15, 12:00 noon, at the Elihu Harris Building, 1515 Clay Street. During the program they will announce the "Voter Education Federation of Oakland, Inc." that will be named after William B. Patterson.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary